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### STOCKTAKING.

It is a customary task with the first issue of a journal in a new year to do a little stocktaking, and to hazard a guess as to the future. While the former may be of use, if it reveals our weaknesses, and may give us satisfaction, if it shows us any gains, the latter is generally a rather profitless speculation, albeit one which is difficult to resist. Looking back over the year which has just closed, we think it may safely be said that, on the whole, 1924 was a period of general progress in the ringing Exercise. In the practice of our art there were features which mark a general forward tendency. There has been an 'expansion,' if one may use the term of twelve-bell ringing, if not in the actual number of peals rung, at any rate, in the number of ringers who have been able to participate in twelve-bell ringing, which in the past used to be reserved for a much narrower circle than is now the case. Opportunities are still somewhat limited, but we believe an analysis of the twelve-bell peals rung this year would show that more individuals and more towers were included than in almost any past year. There has not, perhaps, been much expansion on other numbers, but a useful standard has been maintained, with a band at Willesden breaking new ground with plain Major methods—an example which many more might follow with advantage.

For the most part the meetings of the various associations have demonstrated a sustained interest on the part of members, but there have been instances in which a slacking off of enthusiasm has called forth comment. The apparent loss of interest by ringers in the doings of their own association is, of course, a matter for regret; but so long as those in office realise the position and take steps to revive the flagging zeal of the members, there is no cause for despair. At the same time facts should be looked in the face, and, as this is a time for good resolutions, it is an opportunity for special effort to pull things together. Without doubt there is room for increasing the attractiveness of the average meeting, and unless the arrangements are adequate there is always the risk that they may be a disappointment to many, from the sheer lack of opportunity for ringing which a large attendance may impose.

There is still much in front of our associations to be done. Although they may be counted successful from the point of numbers, they have not accomplished their mission by just adding to their membership, and we are not sure that they are all sufficiently well organised to carry on efficiently the work which should be theirs. There is spade work to be done everywhere, both in re-

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gard to ringers and bells, and associations might do more than is often done at present in getting dilapidated rings restored and preventing others from reaching the last stages of deterioration. It ought to be the business of each association to see that all the rings of bells in its area are maintained in good ringing order, but it must be admitted that the efforts made in this direction are not always as definite and determined as they might be. It is in this direction, particularly, that we should like to see more enthusiasm displayed in the coming year. Where the policy of 'drift' has been permitted to creep in let it be exchanged for a campaign attacking all those centres where neglect and indifference prevails in regard to the belfry. Energy in this direction would bring its reward in more ways than one. It would stir members to new effort, bring in more ringers, and awaken a wider interest in the association's doings. It is a policy that would pay good dividends, and we hope that some of the results of its more general adoption may be seen in the year 1925.

### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Treble | *THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 7      |
| HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 2      | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 8        |
| *THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3     | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 9    |
| *WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 4   | FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 10      |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5    | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 11       |
| *THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. 6   | ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First 12-bell peal. First peal of Maximus as conductor. The conductor has now called peals on all numbers from five to twelve inclusive. Rung on the 30th anniversary of Mr. C. R. Lilley's first peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY LE BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5081 CHANGES;**

Tenor 53 cwt. in C.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. Treble | *JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 7     |
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2     | *DANIEL COOPER ... .. 8       |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 3    | *CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 9     |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 4       | GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 10      |
| ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 5    | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 11   |
| *FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 6       | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal on twelve bells by the above association. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all the band. \* First peal on twelve bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, REDCLIFFE.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 50 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. Treble | PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 7  |
| FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 2     | HENRY PRING ... .. 8       |
| †ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3    | *GEORGE TREW ... .. 9      |
| *RICHARD C. TAYLOR ... .. 4   | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 10  |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 5      | *FRANK J. DAVEY ... .. 11  |
| EDWIN JOHN BROWN ... .. 6     | *URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Cinques. † 250th peal. Arranged for Mr. Davey, of Exeter Cathedral, who was elected a member of the above association previous to starting for the peal.



## LONDON.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. Treble | FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... 7    |
| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2      | HENRY G. MILES ... .. 8      |
| WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 3        | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 9 |
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 4        | JAMES BOLLOCK ... .. 10      |
| HERBERT LANGDON ... 5           | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 11  |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6          | WALTER PRIME ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. W. Prime.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

## BEDFORD.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in D.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *HERBERT J. HARLOW ... Treble | *HORACE H. SMITH ... 6       |
| HARRY TYSOE ... .. 2          | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7      |
| *CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... 3      | HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 8      |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4       | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 9        |
| JOSEPH CHURCH ... .. 5        | *WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

\* First peal on 10 bells. First peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringer of the 2nd. First as conductor on 10 bells.

## EPSOM.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5160 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E,

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Treble | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6   |
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2   | WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 7    |
| DANIEL COOPER ... .. 3       | ALFRED H. WINCH ... 8      |
| FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 4      | *CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 9  |
| JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 5     | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor |

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5175 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 10 lb. in B.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Treble | WILLIAM J. TEYNG ... 6    |
| ARTHUR CRAVEN ... .. 2         | WALTER ALLWOOD ... 7      |
| RALPH S. LONG ... .. 3         | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 8 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 4        | JOHN THORPE ... .. 9      |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 5        | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by J. THORPE.

## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble | *WILLIAM DUDLEY ... 6    |
| *LIONEL H. PAGE ... .. 2    | *HENRY T. WILSON ... 7   |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3      | WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 8   |
| WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 4     | ALBERT W. COLES ... 9    |
| *CYRIL C. PEASE ... .. 5    | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Royal in the method. First peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal on the bells, and by the association.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *MRS. W. H. THOMAS ... Treble | WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 6   |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2     | JAMES R. JONES ... .. 7   |
| MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3      | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 8   |
| EDWIN J. RIDLER ... .. 4      | JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9     |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 5      | URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cave.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| THOMAS NEWMAN ... Treble  | WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 5    |
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... 2    | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6  |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3 | GEORGE M. KILEY ... 7    |
| WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 4  | HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. V. EBBERSON.

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

## SHOREHAM-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| WILLIAM C. HART ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... 5     |
| EDWARD C. MERRETT ... 2    | JOHN DEARLOVE ... 6     |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 3   | ALBERT D. STONE ... 7   |
| ALFRED W. GROVES ... 4     | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN GRAVE ... Treble   | JAMES INGHAM ... 5            |
| WILLIAM CARTER ... .. 2 | ERNEST HELLOWELL ... 6        |
| JOHN WILCOCK ... .. 3   | ARTHUR BOTTONLEY ... 7        |
| ARNOLD ROBINSON ... 4   | WILLIAM H. MARSLAND ... Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by W. H. MARSLAND.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. R. V. Sellars, M.A.). Also on the first anniversary of the dedication of the recast and augmented bells. First peal for all except the ringer of fifth. All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY, SALFORD,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| WALTER BROWN ... Treble  | SAMUEL HOLT ... 5       |
| JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... 2  | ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 6    |
| JAMES ADAMS ... .. 3     | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7    |
| WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4 | BEN THORPE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by BEN THORPE.

Rung as a farewell peal for Mr. James Adams, who, after an extended holiday of several months, sails for Sydney, New South Wales, on January 3rd. Also as a compliment to Mr. Edward Clegg, one of the local ringers, on his attaining his 21st birthday. The ringers of the 2nd, 6th and 7th hail from Worsley; 3rd, 4th and tenor from Ashton-under-Lyne; 5th from Middleton; the treble is a local man.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | JAMES BOLTON ... .. 5           |
| FRED ABBOTT ... .. 2           | PETER CROOK ... .. 6            |
| JOHN POTTER ... .. 3           | GEORGE PINGOTT ... .. 7         |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 4        | TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by J. POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the 6th ringer.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5504 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble | ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 5         |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2      | WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. 6         |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3            | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... .. 7 |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 4       | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, No. 354.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

The composition contains the extent of 3-4-5 and 6 in 6th's place without the 2nd there, and is now rung for the first time.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *ERNEST H. KILBY ... .. Treble | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5      |
| HARRY KILBY ... .. 2           | ROBERT FARDON ... .. 6          |
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3       | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 7    |
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 4      | PERCIVAL W. NORTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Rung on the eve of Christmas for the midnight service. \* First peal.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS AND EDMUND,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. Treble | BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. 5     |
| JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 2        | CHARLES WALTHMAN ... .. 6        |
| WILLIAM STRINGER ... .. 3           | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7            |
| RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 4          | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles Walthman.

## CHARD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *PERCY SPARKES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM COLES ... .. 5    |
| †SIDNEY WYATT, JUN. ... .. 2 | JAMES HUNT ... .. 6       |
| SIDNEY WYATT, SEN. ... .. 3  | PERCY MERSON ... .. 7     |
| ALFRED WYATT ... .. 4        | HENRY NORMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by P. MERSON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples 'inside.' First peal on the bells since having new bearings put in by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The 'go' of the bells gave every satisfaction. The band wish, through this medium, to give their hearty thanks to the Vicar for permission to ring, and to the local conductor for having everything in readiness.

## LINTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble | HARRY BAKER ... .. 5         |
| MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2        | THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3    | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 7 |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 4    | LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

## MARDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble | †REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 2 | THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 6       |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 3 | CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 7      |
| THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 4   | LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob with a bob bell.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN FLINT ... .. Treble      | BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2      | *J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 6  |
| *J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 3 | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 7 |
| EDWARDS ROBBINS ... .. 4      | JESSE J. MOSS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

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

## ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ 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 CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

\* 50th peal.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CYRIL J. JENNINGS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM FOYSER ... .. 5    |
| *ALFRED MOULD ... .. 2          | WILFRED H. BUXTON ... .. 6 |
| JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 3           | HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 7    |
| *JACK BAILEY ... .. 4           | JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by G. WILLIAMS.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the third.

# THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWIN WIFFEN ... .. Treble | WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5       |
| CYRIL PEASE ... .. 2       | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7    |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4   | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CHARLES W. PARKER... .. Treble | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... .. 5        |
| ALBERT A. FLEMING ... .. 2     | WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 6          |
| HARRY ROPER ... .. 3           | FREDERIC J. TILLET ... .. 7       |
| JAMES DURRANT ... .. 4         | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER (12-Part). Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

This is the quickest peal ever rung on these bells.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.  
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION AND  
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS, SEN. ... Treble | WALTER THOMAS... .. 5         |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2         | JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6        |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3         | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 7 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4        | JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor   |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Major by Mr. Geo. Williams, the esteemed tower-keeper of this church, who is 75 years of age. The band wish to thank him for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GODMANCHESTER, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5136 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. Treble | T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 5 |
| CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2   | A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. 6  |
| *MISS CATHERINE FIELDS... .. 3 | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7 |
| JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... .. 4     | HERBERT FIELDS... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is only the third peal rung on the bells, which were opened on May 6th, 1795, with a peal by a band of Cambridge and Soham Youths. A centenary peal was rung in 1895 by a band of Royal Cumberland Youths. \* First peal of Bob Major.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WALTER SPARROW ... .. Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 2    | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 6   |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 3     | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7    |
| GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4     | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in a Surprise method by the treble man, to whom the thanks of the band are due for taking a rope at short notice. First peal of New Cambridge by ringers of 3rd, 6th and 8th. The above is the 50th peal this year by George H. Cross.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *MISS M. STEPHENSON ... Treble | GEORGE H. CORNER... .. 5     |
| ALFRED E. OXLEY ... .. 2       | †JOHN W. WATERS, JUN. ... 6  |
| GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... .. 3   | THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 7     |
| ALBERT V. COATES ... .. 4      | FREDERICK TOWNSEND ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. OXLEY.

First peal as a conductor. \* First peal, and first lady to ring a peal on the above bells. † First peal away from the tenor.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *GEORGE PETTER ... .. Treble | HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 5         |
| RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. 2    | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6      |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 3    | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| *ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method, and first in the method on the bells. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss I. Charman (daughter of Mr. W. Charman, conductor of the local company) and Mr. P. Cooper.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 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 | *WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 5     |
| ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN... .. 2      | GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6       |
| *JOSEPH BARRETT ... .. 3       | ALFRED PYE ... .. 7          |
| *ERNEST FORBANK ... .. 4       | HENRY T. WILSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

MALPAS, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... Treble | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 5  |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2        | HARRY OVERTON... .. 6        |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3        | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7   |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4       | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal in the method, and first peal since 1912. First peal in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the tower, and Mr. Mercer for his attention to the bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 5  |
| *FRED BOWDEN ... .. 2          | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6 |
| ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3      | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7   |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 4      | RICHARD HAYES ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt. Rung after unavoidably meeting short for London Surprise.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE. — On Saturday, December 21st, at St. Nicolas' Church, 1,312 London Surprise Major: O. H. Giles 1, R. Brown 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, T. R. Taylor 5, F. W. Rogers 6, D. C. Williams 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

## BORDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5 |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 2    | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6  |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3    | HARRY PARKES ... .. 7       |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4    | JOHN EXCELL ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY,

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 5      |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... .. 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3      | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7       |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4      | STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

## OSPRINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. Treble | HARRY PARKES ... .. 5           |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6          |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3      | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7      |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 4      | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

## FAVERSHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 5         |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 2    | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6    |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3    | HARRY PARKES ... .. 7          |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4    | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Treble | HARRY PARKES ... .. 5        |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2        | THOMAS JULL ... .. 6         |
| EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. 3         | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 7       |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... .. 4 | GEORGE H. SPICE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This was Thomas Jull's 50th peal in this tower.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## WHITMINSTER GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... .. Treble | JESSE GILLET ... .. 4        |
| WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 2       | ALFRED HANNIS ... .. 5       |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 3             | HERBERT BECKETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

These bells have just been rebung and the tenor recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the 'go' of the bells is all that could be desired.

## TIMSBURY, BATH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 30 of Grandsire Doubles.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| W. A. YOUNG ... .. Treble | WM. YOUNG ... .. 4        |
| F. J. L. BROWN ... .. 2   | R. T. CLARK ... .. 5      |
| J. FEAR ... .. 3          | G. M. HASELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. C. R. Meade-King, M.A.), on the occasion of his 25th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry.

## LEIGH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHN WORMAN ... .. Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2  | JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... .. 5 |
| JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 3  | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## FULBECK, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOSEPH NORTH ... .. Treble  | HARRY BARNES ... .. 4         |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE SCOTT ... .. 3       | CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. Treble | *FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 4 |
| ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 2         | *GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 5       |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 3       | ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

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

## BURSLEM, STAFFS.

## STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Duke of York, Violet and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HAROLD WHITFIELD ... .. Treble | *HARRY BOX ... .. 4          |
| ERNEST GATER ... .. 2          | THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. 5     |
| THOMAS HURD ... .. 3           | *PHILIP KELSALL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by T. HURD.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob rung at this church by an entirely local band. \* First peal with a bob bell.

## A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, on Tuesday, Dec. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. B. Cartwright 1, G. E. Large 2, B. W. Witchell 3, L. S. Griffiths 4, A. T. Scrivens 5, W. C. Dowding 6, James George (composer and conductor) 7, S. Coley 8. Rung specially in honour of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger's actual birthday.



**FIVE BELL PEAL.**

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHAMPTON.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Treble | CYRIL MALTBY ... .. 3    |
| THOMAS WISE ... .. 2      | *HORACE G. JOHNSON ... 4 |
| †RAYMOND MALTBY ... Tenor |                          |

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal on a bob bell.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes.

At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2      | WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6    |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4 | *H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 7-8 |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

\* First peal on handbells.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on December 20th. The attendance was very poor, the towers represented being Rawmarsh, Killamarsh, Handsworth, Doncaster, Conisboro', Headingley, Arksey and Rotherham Parish Church. A short meeting was held in the ringing chamber, at which Messrs. A. Stamp and J. Adams, of Rotherham, and P. Gledson, of Conisboro', were elected members of the association, and an invitation to hold the annual meeting of the division was received from All Saints', Sheffield. This was accepted, the date being fixed for March 21st.

**PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT WEST WYCOMBE.**

CEREMONY PERFORMED BY THE MAYOR.

At West Wycombe Church, on Sunday, December 21st a board was unveiled and dedicated, commemorating the first eight-bell peal rung in the tower—Stedman Triples on December 16th, 1923. The ceremony was performed by the Mayor of High Wycombe, in the presence of a large congregation which gathered to honour the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Martin, who devoted a long life to public work in the parish. The board was presented by his son in memory of his father, and is a handsome piece of work carved out of fine old English oak. It is surmounted by eight bells, and the inscription in gold letters is as follows:—

'Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. This tablet commemorates the first eight-bell peal rung in this tower, 16 December, 1923. 5,040 Stedman Triples, Thurstan's Four-Part: Fred Hayes Treble; G. Twitchen, 2; Ralph Coles, 3; Arthur J. Hoing, 4; Edward Markham, 5; Sidney T. Goodchild, 6; John Evans, 7; Wm. Coles, tenor. Conducted by John Evans. Presented November, 1924, by Thomas G. Martin, in memory of his father, Thomas Martin, of Downley. Ob.: August 30th, 1919. Rev. H. Pickles (Vicar), Sir John Dashwood, Bart., W. A. Day (churchwardens).'

The Mayor eulogised the work done for West Wycombe by the late Mr. Martin, who, he said, spent a good and profitable life devoted to the service of doing his best for his fellow men.

The Vicar (the Rev. Harold Pickles) also referred to the great esteem in which Mr. Martin was held, and remarked that it was a coincidence that the last two bells added to their tower were dedicated to the memory of the Mayor's ancestor, and now the peal tablet to the memory of Thomas Martin. They would notice that at the top of the peal board there were carved eight bells, representing the number which they had in their tower, and he had no hesitation in saying that the whole was a splendid piece of workmanship, and the gift, unselfishly made, would be a credit to their belfry. He saw there that day members of the High Wycombe belfry, and many others would have been present had it been possible. But the presence of that great congregation showed that the memory of Thomas Martin still lived amongst them. They had been privileged to take part that afternoon in the dedication of a memorial not only to their Parish Church, but above all to do honour to the memory and unselfish spirit of Thomas Martin.

The Vicar then recited the dedicatory prayers, and after the service many of the congregation inspected the tablet as it stood in the chancel.

# JOHN TAYLOR & Co.,

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The old Union Youths' jug which played a conspicuous part of the old Bristol Union Youths Society will be on view at the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Dinner on January 10th by kind permission of the owner. Those who desire to attend this dinner should make immediate application, as there are only a few tickets left.

At the advanced age of 75 years, Mr. George Williams, senr., the towerkeeper at Gresford, Denbighshire, has rung his first peal of Major. In ringing, it is never too late to begin, and it would be interesting to know if anyone else has rung his first peal of Major at this age.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Sheffield Cathedral on Boxing Day was rung after short for Treble Bob Maximus. The band, through some oversight, also had the novel experience of ringing the peal by candlelight, as all the other lights had been switched off in the Cathedral, which was locked up.

A peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hours 24 minutes on January 4th, 1784.

St. Martin's Youths rang a round 8,000 of Grandsire Major, at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, on January 4th, 1794.

January 4th is the anniversary of the death of James Barham, the famous old ringer of Leeds, Kent, who died in 1818 at the age of 93 years.

The first 'John' peal was rung on January 2nd, 1904. It was a peal of London Surprise Major at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, London.

On January 6th, 1851, a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques, then the longest length, was rung at Cripplegate, London.

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

The first peal on the bells (Grandsire Cinques) at Cirencester was rung by the College Youths on January 7th, 1767. Cirencester's bells were the second ring of twelve in the country.

## THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your 'Leader' of this week's issue on the above subject you state, 'The further alternative of Kidlington has been put forward.' I would like to point out that Kidlington was the original suggestion by Mr. W. Brown on February 22nd.

With reference to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn's letter: Had the decision of the committee met with anything like the unanimous approval of the large number of fingers interested, 'no good purpose could have been served' by my previous letter.

Banbury.

MAURICE SMITH.

## SHUNTING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At last the murder is out. And it is neither caused by loss of blood, nor, I hope, by a 'cut.'

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies says that from the days of his boyhood he has 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.

But this is not a shunt at all, the right name for it is 'switching.' A 'switch' is a piece of parallel rails hinged at one end, and with points at the other. As these points are 'switched' or moved on their hinges, from one pair of lines to the other, so the train running over them is switched over, or left to run straight on. If the new pair of rails is another line, there is no shunt at all. If, however, they lead only to a siding, then a train, diverted by the switch, is shunted, in order to let something else pass.

It will be seen that there are three essential parts to the idea of a shunt. (1) That which is shunted must have its course broken, but not altered or transferred to another line; (2) something else must be allowed to pass; (3) that which is shunted must resume its former course, after the shunt, exactly as it would have done had there been no shunt.

No explanation of a shunt that has yet appeared in your columns fulfils any of these requirements. It is clear that Mr. Davies is thinking of something quite different. Mr. Powell says the shunted train is ready as a whole to start off 'on another set of rails.' And Mr. Baker says, 'We are doing the same thing all the time.' How can a train be shunting 'all the time'?

I do not think Mr. Davies can be really blamed, as he modestly calls it his 'private name,' showing some doubt as to its correctness. And I think he would be the first to agree, that if he really meant a 'switching Bob' when he wrote a 'Shunting Bob,' on page 196 of 'Grandsire,' he describes actually a different operation from that which he intended to explain.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## TEN BELL TOWERS.

## STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

[By J. R. JERRAM.]

The tower contains a peal of ten bells, tenor 24 cwt., note E. They were given by Theodore Eccleston, of Crowfield Hall, in 1742, but several of the bells have been since recast. Their history is fully set forth in the inscription on the ninth bell. These bells bear the following inscriptions at the present time:

- Treble, Second and Fourth.* T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1826.  
*Third.* DANL. WADE. AGED 80 YEARS. WM. LAST, TWO OF THE PARISH RINGERS. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1826.  
*Fifth.* WM. BANYARD & SAML. DAVIE. CH: WARDENS. PACK & CHAPMAN OF LONDON FECIT, 1770.  
*Sixth.* JOB ROPER, JOHN BLONFIELD. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1826.



STONHAM ASPAL CHURCH.

- Seventh.* REVD. THOS. METHOLD. RECTOR, WM. TAYLOR & SAML. FORD, CHURCHWARDENS. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1826.  
*Eight.* THOMAS LESTER MADE ME, 1746.  
*Ninth.* IN THIS TOWER HUNG 5 BELLS, THE TENOR WEIGHING 10 HUN. 2 QRS. 0 LB. IN THE YEAR 1742 THEY WERE TAKEN DOWN & WITH YE ADDITION OF 3 TONS 10 HUN. OF METTLE WERE RECAST INTO TEN AT YE EXPENCE OF THEODORE ECCLESTON, ESQRE., OF CROWFIELD HALL, AGED 27 YEARS. HE GAVE ALSO A NEW FRAME ATT YE SAME TIME, 1742. THOMAS LESTER MADE US ALL.  
*Tenor.* THEODORE ECCLESTON, ESQRE., GAVE ME, 1742. THOMAS LESTER OF LONDON MADE ME, 1745. JOHN WILLIAMS HANGED ME. THE END CROWNS THE WORK.

Theodore Eccleston also gave several, if not all, the bells at Coddendenham; also two bells to Fulham, and two to Winchester Cathedral.

The Rev. W. C. Pearson published a short sketch of his life in 'The Ringing World' in August, 1912, from which it appears that he was born September 11th, 1715. He was married at Mortlake to Catherine Jacomb, on April 24th, 1746. They had only one child, who died in infancy.

He was a member of the Society of Eastern Scholars, and rang the tenor at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters on November 28th, 1735; just after the new peal of twelve, cast by Samuel Knight, had been hung there. He was elected a member of the College Youths in 1744, and served the office of Master in 1750.

His name appears on an old peal board at Coddendenham in a peal of 5,040 Bob Major, November 9th, 1742. He died in 1753, and was buried at Mortlake on January 14th in that year.

It may be added that he also gave a treble and second to Mortlake Parish Church in 1746, thereby augmenting the peal to eight. The treble was afterwards recast by Robert Catlin in 1784.

I have no record of any peal boards at Stonham Aspal. If there are any it would be interesting if some correspondent would furnish copies of them.

## DEATH OF MR. W. CRANE, Jun., OF BANGOR.

It is with deep regret we record the death of Mr. William Crane, junr., which took place on Sunday, December 7th, at 2, Lanygraig Glanadda, Bangor, North Wales, at the early age of 40 years. Deceased was the son of Mr. W. Crane, an esteemed member of St. David's Society. In his early days he was a member of the Cathedral

choir, and was 'top boy' for many years. From his early days he was interested in bells, and was a regular member in the belfry. His peals, numbering 41, comprised Grandsire Doubles, 1; Minor in 4 methods, 1; Grandsire Triples, 16; Stedman Triples, 6; Bob Major, 7; Treble Bob Major, 6; Double Norwich Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 2. He was of a quiet and unassuming disposition, and will be sadly missed in the belfry.

He leaves a widow and two sons, with whom much sympathy has been shown.

The funeral took place on December 11th, at Ginnadda Cemetery. His fellow workmen were the bearers from the house to St. David's Church, while the ringers carried the coffin from the church to the cemetery. The Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., Vicar, and the Rev. W. M. Morgan Jones, officiated at the impressive choral service, at which the Nunc Dimittis was sung to a chant composed by the Vicar. The organist played the Dead March in 'Saul' at the conclusion of the service; at the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by W. T. Pegler 1-2, J. H. Midwinter 3-4, A. J. Hughes 5-6, A. E. Pegler 7-8. Afterwards, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells failed, after one hour's ringing, owing to a miss call. The whole 'pull and stand' was afterwards rung. The bells were also rung muffled for the services on the following Sunday, and reference was made to the deceased by the Rev. W. M. Morgan Jones in his sermon at the English service at 7 o'clock.

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Cardiff on Boxing Day, when the bells of St. John's were available for ringing from mid-day, full advantage being taken of the opportunity thus afforded. The committee meeting took place in the vestry prior to the service at 4 o'clock, the latter being conducted by the curate, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

The business meeting followed in the Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. D. McGregor (curate). After the minutes had been read, he mentioned that he regretted having to leave to keep an appointment. Mr. Evan Davies, the first Master of the Association, who was on a visit from Carmarthen, was, therefore, unanimously voted to the chair.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: Mr. W. Phillips, of Newport, Master; Mr. J. W. Jones re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. Atwell and Greedy, auditors; Mr. F. Atwell, Mr. W. Bolton, Mr. G. Cooke, Mr. R. Cooke, Mr. R. Evans, Mr. S. Jones, Mr. A. Lewis, Mr. S. Rackham and Mr. Taylor, were elected on the management committee.

Meetings were arranged as follows: The annual to be at St. Woolos, Newport; the Llandaff Archdeaconry quarterly meeting to be held at Gantwit Major; the Monmouth Archdeaconry quarterly meeting to be held at Trevechin, Pontypool.

Instructors' reports were dealt with, good progress being reported from Machen, where Mr. A. Slatter is the instructor.

It was reported that the necessary renovation had been carried out at Merthyr, and all was now in first-class order.

Quite a number of new members were elected. The visitors included Mr. Geo. W. Stokes, of Eastbourne.

The Hon. Secretary then introduced the question of the proposed memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook, and after a few remarks touching on the extraordinary abilities of Mr. Washbrook, read out the circular letter sent out by the Oxford Diocesan Guild. It was unanimously carried that the sum of five guineas be subscribed to the fund.

The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****A BOXING DAY MEETING.**

The ringing meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks branch on Boxing Day was favoured by the weather, the sun being very much on the scene. Old Windsor, Clewer, Braywood, Bray, White Waltham and Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, were visited, and the following methods were rung and well struck: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Spliced Minor, Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major, Double Norwich, and Superlative Surprise Major.

That great explorer and tenor historian from 'somewhere in Wilts' was present, and his infectious chuckle was greatly in evidence, after his first touch of Spliced Minor.

An exceptionally well-laid table awaited the party at Boyne Hill, and tea was served by Mr. L. W. Copsey, ably assisted by his youngest daughter.

After ringing, the company returned to the hall, where the remainder of the provisions were disposed of, and an impromptu concert was kept going for about two hours. The excellent singing of the Cookham band was a great feature, whilst the handbell ringing of the Stoke Poges party 'passed with a push.'

Those members who were unable to be present missed a most enjoyable day.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Brentwood on Saturday, December 13th, about 40 members attending from the following towers: Prittlewell, Romford, Efield, Bentley, Braintree, Maldon, Leytonstone, and the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Lees), who also took the chair at the tea and meeting which followed at the Church Hall. Two ringing members were elected and one honorary life member.—The election of three non-resident members previous to a peal was confirmed.—The Vicar was elected an hon. member.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at West Ham.

Mr. A. Prior was re-elected Master, and Mr. E. J. Butler was elected secretary for the ensuing year.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, and for presiding at the meeting. He also thanked the retiring officers for their services during the past year.

The retiring Secretary moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. F. G. Ringe for arranging the meeting, and to Miss M. Crow for the excellent tea which was provided.

The tower was again visited, and various touches were brought round, including a course each of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

**THE TASK OF THE INSTRUCTOR.  
HELPING YOUNG BANDS.**

The monthly 'fraternal' and smoking concert of Devon ringers took place on Saturday, December 13th, at Franklin Hall, Exeter, after the Cathedral Guild practice. This was the third of the series, which Mr. W. J. Southwood, hon. secretary of the Exeter district, has organised, and these gatherings have met with great success. The Rev. K. A. Luke (Vicar of Heavitree) presided, and an enjoyable programme of music was provided, Mr. H. E. Kingdon contributing some Devonshire yarns and ditties. Mr. T. Laver opened an interesting discussion on 'How best can we instruct our young bands?' and some most helpful suggestions were put forward out of the experiences of the speakers. The chairman ably summed up the discussion from his own standpoint, adding some useful advice.

The debate was opened by Mr. T. Laver, honorary secretary of the Exeter Cathedral company, who dealt with the difficulties of teaching change ringing to the two classes of beginners; the existing round ringers with their prejudice against scientific change ringing; and the young hand who come fresh to the belfry without any such prejudice. He urged the necessity for breaking the 'round ringers' of their hurdy-gurdy style, which gave no open leads, the advantage of black-board illustration on the methods of producing changes and of handbell practice, although, he added, that if one had to start from the beginning with the handbell ringing it would probably not be worth doing, for round ringers did not take readily, as a rule, to handbells. Lads of 14 to 16 gave an instructor a better chance of turning out a good band, as they had nothing to unlearn, and were generally more tractable and willing to be taught than older men. Handbells could be made a great help in the instruction of lads.

With round ringers, a good deal of persuasion and coaxing would be necessary on the part of the instructor, but with youngsters a more peremptory manner was possible, although with all it was necessary to have tact, and make a careful study of the temperament and ability of the pupils. Practice should be made as attractive as possible, because nothing hindered progress so much as irregular attendance, and at certain stages one absentee could spoil a night's practice for all the others. Mr. Laver went on to emphasise the importance of impressing pupils with the necessity of regular attendance in the belfry, and the steady of change ringing at home. The instructor's task would not always be an easy one, but if he carried on his work impartially and considerably many of his difficulties would smooth themselves out. He would need to be endowed with much patience and discernment, and should not too hastily form an opinion as to the ability of an apparently backward pupil. Seemingly dull-witted ones have been known to blossom out all at once into quite brilliant ringers, as if a sudden revelation had come to them, like a dream or the opening up of a dormant brain cell. Therefore, the instructor should not be too ready to reject a dullard as a useless adjunct to his band, without giving him a fair trial. There were, however, some who could never make ringers, although they did not generally realise their disability themselves, and it would only be wasting time to go on trying to teach them. The instructor must use his discrimination, and if he could afford to do so, give such a one a hint to drop out of the band. The instructor would meet with disappointments and set-backs, but should not be discouraged. If he kept steadily on he might have the satisfaction of turning out a band who were a credit to his Guild, and when the day came that he could hear his pupils striking a touch faultlessly, then he might well be proud of the result of his efforts—something akin to the pride a gardener might feel when he got a good crop from his own efforts at cultivation. Even if the band never reach fruition, but only got so far and then became dispersed, he might have been the means of turning out one or two ringers who might go away and be a help in some other tower.

**LADIES' GUILD.**

The Midland district of the Ladies' Guild had a very good meeting at Coseley on Saturday, December 13th. Members were present from Smethwick, Solihull, Netherton, Old Hill and Handsworth. The local ringers had the bells going when the visitors arrived, and helped the ladies to keep them moving throughout the afternoon. Mr. E. T. Allaway and Mr. J. E. Groves also helped to give the ladies some practice.—The Vicar (the Rev. Jones) gave a very helpful address at the service, at which the Guild's form was used. Afterwards a rush was made to the Schoolroom, where a splendid tea was waiting, and to which ample justice was done by the company of 35 who sat down.

A new life member was elected, in Mrs. J. Price, of Coseley.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and Miss Law for her service at the organ to Mr. and Mrs. Gough, and the other ladies, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Monday December 8th, on the occasion of a wedding at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. J. Symons 1. T. R. Taylor 2. C. Graves 3. J. Topp 4. W. Tate 5. R. J. Stone 6. F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7. E. J. Harding, senr., 8.



## METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. S. Powell is wrong once again. If he will look up what I have written of London Surprise Royal and Maximus he will find I have stated that London Royal is a seven-part touch, London Maximus a five-part touch, and I can prove the truth of these facts just as easily as I have proved that the Minor and Major are one and the same method.

Some methods will extend with coursing order lead heads, some will not, and the most that I have ever claimed is, to have discovered the nearest possible to what London Royal and Maximus should be, and I have still another method that more nearly approximates to the real method, than anything discovered previously.

I am pleased that Mr. Trollope agrees I am wasting my time in arguing with people of the calibre of the great little We. This being mutually understood, I shall now have leisure to give the Exercise some results of my discoveries during the past thirty years, and these will be practical results, not theoretical.

When your readers have scanned what follows, I think they will realise, if my opponents do not, that the poor ignorant 'Mr. —', who has just brains enough to write down figures, and no eyes to see anything further, is not quite as ignorant as he has been made out to be.

The great little We, the clever men with logical minds, they make mystery where there is no mystery, they formulate arbitrary definitions, and then talk and write of mathematical truth and progression, of the cyclical path of the treble among the working bells, of coursing order, of constructional shunts, etc., etc., they have studied double shunts to the exclusion of single shunts, and they have but a very vague idea of how the double shunts are produced.

The following 6 shunts can be made in the Quick Principle or in the Treble Bob Principle, either as single shunts or in pairs:—

Lead head.

Quick 4th's over the Treble going up produces 12547386  
Quick 3rd's under the Treble going up produces 16325478  
Slow 5th's over the Treble going up produces 12547683  
Slow 4th's under the Treble going up produces 18325476  
Quick 6th's over the Treble going up produces 12547638  
Quick 5th's under the Treble going up produces 17325486

If we want to find the result of pairing the single shunts all we have to do is to transpose the first by the second, the third by the fourth, the fifth by the sixth.

12547386 transposed by 16325478 produces 13527486  
12547683 transposed by 18325476 produces 13527486  
12547638 transposed by 17325486 produces 13527486

The above double shunts are those that produce the first half-lead of Double Dublin Court Bob.

When the great little We reach this far they come to a full stop, and they think and say they have discovered all there is to be discovered in the matter of method construction; in some curious fashion of their own they want to treat every method as though it were produced by double shunts, whether there are any double shunts in it or not.

Have they discovered all? We shall see. We will take the first two shunts again.

12547386 transposed by 16325478 produces 13527486  
12547386 transposed by 13567284 produces 15738264  
12547386 transposed by 15738642 produces 17856342  
12547386 transposed by 17854326 produces 18674523  
12547386 transposed by 18472563 produces 16482735  
12547386 transposed by 14286735 produces 14263857  
12547386 transposed by 12643857 produces 12345678

If the first transposition 13527486 is a constructional shunt, perhaps the great little We will explain to the Exercise the category the remaining five coursing rows come under?

The two following rows 15327486 and 12537486 are the 10th and 12th shunts of first variation of London that I gave, they are also the 10th and 12th shunts of London Surprise Major and London Thorpe.

15327486 transposed by 12537486 produces 15738264, so we only require two shunts out of twenty-two to bring up the lead head of the first Variation of London given, but 15738264 is not the only coursing row that can be got by transposing 15327486.

15327486 transposed by 13245678 produces 13527486  
15327486 transposed by 12537486 produces 15738264  
15327486 transposed by 15728364 produces 17856342  
15327486 transposed by 17856243 produces 18674523  
15327486 transposed by 18674532 produces 16482735  
15327486 transposed by 16483725 produces 14263857  
15327486 transposed by 14362857 produces 12345678

Again, I have no doubt the Exercise would like it explained, if the first row is a constructional shunt, what category do the remaining five coursing rows come under?

Here is something for the great little We to ponder over; there is not a single shunt that can be made in the Primary Principles or the Treble Bob Principle that cannot be transposed similarly. —

Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE BAKER.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**—On Christmas morning, at 6.30, 720 Oxford Delight: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, A. Woolston 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

**HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas morning, for the 8 a.m. service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: L. Lammond 1, W. Pierce 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Barber 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.—For the 11 a.m. service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples.—For the carol service, on Sunday evening, December 28th, 252 Stedman Triples and 168 Grandsire Triples.

**CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Christmas Day, after morning service, several six-scores of Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. Also for afternoon service, on December 28th, 960 April Day, Grandsire and Bob Doubles: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, T. Crane 3, F. Peck 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Jolly 6.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Christmas morning, for service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): V. W. Rigg 1, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 2, G. A. Martineau 3, Stan. Bragg 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, J. Brass 7, S. Bragg 8, R. Bragg 9, A. Bragg 10.

**BROSELEY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Christmas Day (in the afternoon), in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (being ten and a half 120's each called differently): J. Smith 1, W. Garbett 2, A. J. Garbett 3, W. Saunders (conductor) 4, B. Meredith 5, J. Hartshorn 6. Also 120 with B. Garbett and W. D. Wase taking part. Also two 120's on handbells: W. Wase 1—2, Wm. Saunders 3—4, Bert Meredith (conductor) 5—6; and a plain course of Grandsire Triples.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Christmas morning, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, W. H. Lidbetter 2, T. Beadle 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, E. F. Cole 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Brook 8.

**STAFFORD.**—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: B. A. J. Yeates 1, R. J. Warrilow 2, J. Warrilow 3, A. H. Taylor 4, W. H. Jones 5, W. G. Curtis 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, R. B. Siberry 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, on Christmas Day, for 11 o'clock service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, G. Large 3, W. Richards 4, E. Slitch 5, E. Coombes (conductor) 6, A. Parnell 7, John Bovey (first quarter-peal) 8.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Christmas Day, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: W. A. Hunnisett 1, J. H. Hunnisett 2, H. A. Harding 3, A. J. Moore 4, A. M. Stacey 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. This was the 100th quarter-peal rung in the tower since the present band was formed.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Christmas Day, at St. Andrew's Church, for early Communion service, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, A. J. Le Clercq 4, E. Clapham 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Prior 4, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

**PAIGNTON, DEVON.**—On Christmas Eve, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. Allwood 1, S. H. Ward 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collings 4, F. E. Parnell 5, F. T. Gover 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, L. Payne 8.

## OLD CUSTOM AT DARLINGTON.

On Christmas Eve a very old custom of ringing the bells of the Parish Church of St. Cuthbert (which is situated in the market-place) while the townspeople are marketing and shopping, was kept up. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round, and also 840 Stedman Triples. The following ringers took part: T. Clark and L. Venus (St. Cuthbert's), W. Oliver, W. H. Porter, G. W. Park, W. N. Park and R. Park (Holy Trinity), W. D. Lister, A. Hunter and H. Taylor (St. John's), and E. Titt. The touches were conducted by T. Clark (Grandsire), W. N. Park (Bob Major), and W. H. Porter (Stedman).

## REDENHALL BELLS RE-OPENED.

On Boxing Day, the eight bells of Redenhall Church were open for ringing, after rehanging by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. About 50 ringers were present from Alburgh, Bungay, Cratfield, Chediston, Dickleburgh, Diss, Eye, Framlingham, Fressingfield, Finborough, Halesworth, Mendham, Pulham, Norwich, Stowmarket, Thornham, Tibenham, South Cross, Westminster, Wingfield and Wissett, and touches were rung in various methods. The visitors were all pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and the tone of the recast third and fourth.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, December 28th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Prior 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Kemp ringing the 6th; the rest standing as above.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Peter's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, December 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Sibley 1, W. H. Austin 2, F. Hopper 3, W. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. First quarter of Stedman by the ringer of the treble.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday morning, December 28th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, T. Beadle 2, A. Harding 3, E. F. Cole 4, A. Beckensale 5, W. H. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, W. H. Hollier 7, H. Brooks 8.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: J. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Cutmor 3, H. G. Owen 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Folkard 8, J. A. Trollope 9, H. Page 10.

**KELVEDON.**—On Sunday, December 28th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: F. Dale, senr., 1, F. Dale, junr., 2, W. Keeble 3, J. Elliott 4, L. Clarke 5, W. Elliott (conductor) 6.

**MILTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, December 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Original Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings: J. Townsend (conductor) 1, W. Stackford 2, A. Turner 3, C. Yates 4, T. Tebbutt 5. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, December 21st, at the Church of St. Stephen-the-Martyr, 1,299 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: A. E. Reeves 1, W. A. Cave (conductor) 2, E. J. Riddler 3, G. Gilbert 4, C. H. Gordon 5, C. H. Jennings 6, W. Knight 7, F. J. Davey 8, J. A. Burford 9, U. Braven 10. Also two courses, with H. Bennett 1, C. H. Tomkins 2, A. E. Reeves 10, the rest as before. Arranged for Mr. Davey, of Exeter Cathedral.

**GRAVESEND.**—At St. George's Church, on Sunday evening, Dec. 21st (St. Thomas's Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Avis 1, Miss D. Tall 2, R. J. Tall 3, P. Graves 4, R. Smith 5, W. J. Beer 6, R. Constant 7, E. Hadlow 8. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Canon E. L. Gedge (Rector), who on St. Thomas's Day, 1884, was ordained priest at Rochester Cathedral.

**ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Dec. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Vale 1, H. Kemp 2, T. Napper 3, W. Colwell 4, H. Taylor 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6, A. Bushnell 7, J. Bushnell 8.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, Dec. 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Small 1, D. Booth 2, E. Mills 3, F. Morgan 4, C. Creasey 5, G. Mills 6, T. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. King 8.

**PORTMADOC, N. WALES.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on December 21st, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Richards 1, R. McMillan 2, J. V. Humphreys (conductor) 3, H. Roberts 4, J. Owen 5, F. J. Williams 6, H. McMillan 7, P. Roberts 8. Also 168, conducted by J. Owen.

**HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, December 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for evening service, rung in 46 mins.: H. Sargeant 1, S. Sargeant 2, P. A. Dale 3, F. E. Fardley 4, H. Allcock 5, J. Prophett 6, S. Cardell (conductor) 7, W. H. Degg 8.

**PRESTON.**—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: G. Hewitt 1, R. Clayton 2, T. Lucas 3, J. H. Gartside 4, F. Rigby (conductor) 5, W. Blackledge 6, H. Southworth 8. This is the first 720 in the method, for service, by the local band.

**HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—At the Parish Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent, on Sunday, Dec. 14th, 435 Stedman Caters and 324 Grandsire Caters: H. Sargeant 1, H. Allcock 2, S. Sargeant 3, E. Eardley 4, P. Dale 5, H. Cordall 6, G. Jones 7, J. Prophett 8, S. Cardell (conductor) 9, W. Degg 10.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—For Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday, on Monday, December 1st, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise (1,284 changes): S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. A. Poulson 3, L. Poulson 4, E. F. Mortlock 5, F. A. Turner 6, A. Symonds 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Monday, December 23rd at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: L. T. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, E. Jeffery (first quarter in method) 3, G. Cook 4, G. Wiggins 5, H. Egby 6, E. Humphrey 7, H. Osborne 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. R. W. Carew Hunt, who was Vicar of St. Giles for eight and a half years, and whose death took place at Tiddington, near Oxford.

**BOSTON, Lincs.**—On Wednesday, Dec. 17th, in 49 mins., at St. Botolph's Church, 1,380 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: J. M. Rylatt (conductor) 1, C. Wright 2, F. Dewey 3, J. Norton 4, S. Jessop 5, F. Battle 6, R. Howard 7, F. Blanchard 8. Longest touch by all except ringers of 1 and 2 on these bells.

**PRITTEWELL, ESSEX.**—For evening service, on Wednesday, Dec. 16th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Belcham (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Dudley 2, L. Baybut 3, S. Baybut 4, J. Barrett 5, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 6, E. Furbank 7, L. H. Page 8. First in the method by ringers of 3rd 4th and 5th.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—On December 10th, for confirmation, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): E. Heath 1, F. Radford 2, E. Etheridge 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden 4, E. Radford 5, G. J. Nichols 6, G. Tomsett 7, C. Hazelden 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10.

**UXBRIDGE.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Wednesday, Dec. 17th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Lucas 1, H. H. Chandler 2, Miss P. Moss 3, F. Corke 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphries 8.

## GREAT TEW BELLS RE-OPENED.

## RETUNED AND REHUNG.

An impressive service took place at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Great Tew, on Sunday, December 21st, when the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, Archdeacon of Oxford, rededicated the bells.

The beautiful peal of eight has been retuned and rehung in a double tier of cast-iron and steel frames by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, under the able superintendence of Mr. Jesse B. Tyler. The work has been carried out according to the most approved and up-to-date principles, the ball bearings, which have been fitted, making the ringing of the bells much easier.

It is interesting to note that the greater number of the bells were cast in 1709 (in the reign of Queen Anne), a time noted in church history as being full of promise for the spiritual life of the church until the deadening effects of the Whig administrations under the early Georges cast its blighting effects on the Church of England, suppressing her vocations and paralysing her efforts.

The dedication of the bells took place after the second lesson, which was read by Canon Carrol, of Barton, the service being intoned by the Vicar, and prayers read by him. The Bishop, preceded by the two churchwardens (Mr. Singleton and Mr. Legge), then proceeded to the base of the tower, where the bell ropes were hanging. Mr. Tyler, representing the firm of Mears and Stainbank, then handed the ropes to the churchwardens, who, in their turn, handed them to the Bishop with a request to dedicate the bells to God's service. The Bishop, after the prayers of dedication, placed the ropes in the hands of the incumbent, giving the bells into his charge.

This part of the service was immediately followed by the ringing of the bells for two or three minutes, in the presence of the congregation.

The Bishop took for his text, 'Rejoice in the Lord always,' from Philip. iv. 4, being part of the epistle for the day. The Bishop said it was not only at Christmas and other great festivals they were told to rejoice, but always. The work of the Redeemer should always give us cause for thanksgiving and rejoicing. They especially rejoiced that day because of the restoration of the tower and the rehanging and retuning of their splendid peal of bells. They possessed a beautiful church in a picturesque village. The ringing of those bells reminded them of their duty as Christians to assemble together and rejoice in their public worship. The bells awoke pleasant memories, and though they were also used on sad occasions, yet their prevailing notes were those of joy and gladness. The work they had undertaken to bring about such a happy result had, he said, been a considerable effort for a small place; £1,100 had been required, and there yet remained £180 to complete that sum. They fortunately had been greatly assisted by kind benefactors living outside the parish.

After the service, some change ringing was carried out by visiting ringers, including members of the Chipping Norton band.

## BLACKPOOL RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to report the death, at Blackpool, on December 15th, of Mr. J. R. ('Joe') Winter, at the age of 74 years.

Mr. Winter had been a ringer at St. John's Church, Blackpool, for 53 years, and will be well remembered by a large number of the ringers who have visited Blackpool. He always rang the tenor bell, and so recently as August, 1923, he rang his first peal. He continued to take an active part in ringing until about a month before his death. Mr. Winter was not a noted peal ringer, but nevertheless, his heart was in the pursuit. He will be much missed by his brother ringers at St. John's Church.

A wreath in the form of a bell was sent by the wardens, sidesmen, and ringers of St. John's. The ringers also attended the funeral, and a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside.

## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

Dear Editor,—I trust you will not be 'exceeding wroth' with ye graceless one, and I venture again to trespass on your space to publish my best wishes for '25, and my hopes that for the whole Exercise it will prove a glorious vintage. I did discuss ye vintage '24 with ye Bests of Spouses, and ye battles fought and won in its course, and did hope for more progress in '25. But ye goode Dame did but opine—Yes, Peppery, you have walked many distances after your bent, but an ye get some of your friends, one at least, to show you how to call Sledman Cinques for Miles it would save your legs an aching. Ye have done some trifling things no doubt, so just get someone to show you how to Peck big lumps off Twelve Bell records, and indeed 'twould be to your benefit if someone will Nudge your ability to ring light bells through long peals without getting the Umph! And let ye year of grace '25 bring its own reward to those who remember that years only make men older. 'Tis great doers that make years memorable, so this coming year—

Here's twall on us;  
May we niver want nowt,  
Noan on us,  
Nor me noalther.

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

## BELL RESTORATION AT HORBURY, YORKS.

On Saturday, December 13th, the bells of SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, Horbury, were again set in motion, after a silence of about six months. They have been thoroughly overhauled, put on latest type of ball bearings, and all modern improvements installed. In the carrying out of this work, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have upheld their reputation.

A service of thanksgiving was held in church, when the Vicar (Canon Hill) gave a most interesting address, showing how a modern peal of bells could well be the ideal of all mankind, that is each being strictly in tune and true to itself, and also just as strictly in tune and true to its neighbours.

This was preceded by some excellent ringing by the Batley company. Tea followed in the Parish Hall, of which about 70 partook. Ringing in various Major and Minor methods was the order until half-past nine, ringers from Sandal, Kirkthorne, Huddersfield, Crofton, Wath, Pontefract, Wortley, Rawmarsh, Osselt, Mirfield, and the local company, all of whom expressed their approval of the excellent 'go' of the bells.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees to-day, Jan. 2nd. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available from 1.30 p.m. —A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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.

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.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—The annual meeting of the above society will be held on Saturday, Jan. 3rd, at the County Tavern, High Pavement, Nottingham, at 7.30 p.m., for the election of officers, etc., for 1925. The bells of St. Mary's will be available from 4.30 to 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

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. Botolph, 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.

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: Southwark Cathedral on Jan. 6th; St. Magnus on the 8th and 22nd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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 Browndge, 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. Meeting to follow tea.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at the Mitre Hotel at 5.30. Please send word not later than Jan. 6th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above will take place at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 10th, bells being available 3 p.m. Service. Tea, free to those notifying not later than Wednesday, Jan. 7th.—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross, Hereford.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—The fourth annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. F. G. Leaker, Vice-chairman: Mr. W. Knight. Ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells), 2.30 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas (10 bells) 4 to 5.30 p.m. Stedman Caters and Double Norwich peals arranged (2.30 p.m.) for all who notify me early. There are only a few tickets left (6s.), and these can only be obtained from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Cross Keys Cafe. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 6th. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual, but please let me know by the 7th those requiring same.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Rector of Mereworth, after service. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Jan. 6th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Foundry bells open from 3 o'clock. Election of officers for the ensuing year and general business, 4.30 p.m.; also other important business. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Jas. Graunds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on 17th January. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend coming please notify me by 15th January?—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Iron Room. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Jan. 16th?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me? All members and friends are earnestly asked to attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who notify me of attending not later than Jan. 14th. The business meeting will commence at 7 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. Expecting a good muster of members to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Cradley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Jan. 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.



**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.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 1925, at 7.45. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672.—The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. Tickets (3s. 9d. each) can now be obtained from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The Annual dinner will be held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Jan. 12th. Applications for tickets (3/-) should be made before January 8th to A. Gwynne, Hon. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

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**TWICKENHAM.**—On Saturday, Oct. 11th, for the annual rural deanery service, when the preacher was the Bishop of London, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. H. Harding 1, F. Goddard 2, E. V. Beadle 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, F. Goodfellow 5, J. H. Hunnisett 6, J. Milner 7, A. A. Folkard 8.

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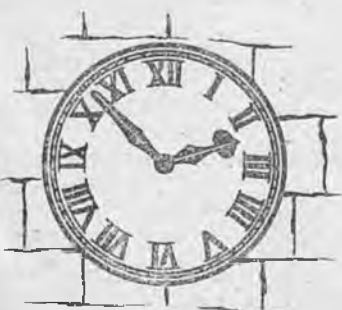
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### RINGERS AND CHURCH COUNCILS.

A letter which appears in another column, from the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council (who, all will hope, will have a speedy recovery from the results of his recent accident), is a reminder to ringers of their duty to ensure that their names are on the electoral roll of their respective parish churches. Since the passing of the Act, which set up the new representative organisations of the Church, the management of church affairs has become much more a matter for the laity, who now have a greater voice in the concerns of the church than formerly, and as ringers are responsible for what is recognised as an important piece of church work, and have charge of valuable church property, it is wise that they should be represented on the Parochial Councils.

This matter has been urged before, but it needs emphasising again, for there are doubtless many parishes where no representative of the ringers has a place upon the Council. It is true that the appointment of ringers to the belfry is still a matter entirely in the hands of the incumbent—it was specially so left by an amendment to the original Bill—but that does not alter the fact that important matters affecting the belfry may come before these Councils, and unless the ringers are directly represented their point of view may be entirely lost sight of.

Another reason why ringers ought to be directly represented on these Councils is that those responsible for the affairs of the church would thereby be reminded that the ringers are a recognised part of the church organisation—a point which is apt to be overlooked. A representative on the Parochial Council would add dignity to the ringers' position. It is also the first step towards securing that in all matters in which the bells or the ringing are likely to be affected, the voice of the ringers shall be heard in the Ruri-Decanal and Diocesan Conferences, and, indeed, in the National Assembly itself. But the primary essential is that ringers should see that their names are on the electoral roll of their parish, and Mr. Young's letter comes as a timely reminder that the opportunity for doing so is before Easter.

Another subject indirectly connected with this matter is that of securing representation on Diocesan Advisory Boards. The Central Council took this matter up at their last meeting, but it is not at all certain that in every diocese there is a person with a knowledge of bells and ringing sitting on these important bodies. By working through their Parochial Councils and Ruri-Decanal Conferences, ringers can help to bring about such an appointment where it has not already been made.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

DENBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALBERT H. WARD ... .. Treble | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 6  |
| FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 2  | WALTER WALLACE ... .. 7      |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 3      | G. CECIL WALLACE ... .. 8    |
| A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 4 | WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 9      |
| ERNEST H. CLARKE ... .. 5    | GEORGE H. ROBINSON ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. F. SMALLWOOD.

Rung as a compliment to J. F. Smallwood on the 15th anniversary of his wedding.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HENRY PRING ... .. Treble     | CHARLES H. GORDON ... .. 6 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2     | JAMES R. JONES ... .. 7    |
| * MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 3 | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 8    |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 4    | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9   |
| EDGAR GUISE ... .. 5          | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor  |

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SALFORD.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.**

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| WALTER BROWN ... .. Treble | SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5     |
| JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 2 | ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 6  |
| JAMES ADAMS ... .. 3       | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 7  |
| WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4   | BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. James Adams, who was returning to Australia on January 3rd, the ringers wishing him godspeed. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. Walter Brown.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HERBERT W. HIEBERT ... Treble | HARRY H. MANCE ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2     | ALBERT E. DARNELL ... .. 6 |
| JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3     | JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 7 |
| HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4     | HARRY MANCE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

This is the first peal of Surprise upon these bells.

WYRARDISBURY, RUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE KILBY ... .. Treble  | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5        |
| CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 2 | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6      |
| CECIL MAYNE ... .. 3        | HARRY KILBY ... .. 7          |
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 4     | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.



## FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| HARRY KILBY ... .. Treble | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5 |
| GEORGE KILBY ... .. 2     | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6       |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3 | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 7   |
| CECIL MAYNE ... .. 4      | FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. Treble | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 5 |
| ALBERT D. STONE ... .. 2      | HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 6  |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3     | WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 7   |
| FREDERICK ROGERS ... .. 4     | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5  |
| GEORGE HUGHES ... .. 2          | FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 6   |
| JOHN PERRY ... .. 3             | HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 7     |
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 4       | WILLIAM FISHER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.  
A birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

## STAFFORD.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
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.

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| †BERT A. J. YEATES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. JONES ... .. 5       |
| †RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 2       | WILLIAM G. CURTIS ... .. 6      |
| JOHN WARRILOW ... .. 3           | JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. 7         |
| ARTHUR A. TAYLOR ... .. 4        | *ROBERT B. SIBERRY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples with a bob bell. The age of the tenor ringer is 17 years; treble, 2nd and 4th are each 15 years old. The whole are Sunday Service ringers.

## KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 5      |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 2             | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6    |
| ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 3      | JOHN SMITH ... .. 7         |
| WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 4     | JOHN WOODBERRY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

## MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HENRY CHANCE ... .. Treble | ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2   | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 6     |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3    | CHARLES CAMM ... .. 7        |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4 | ALBERT RICHINGS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. CAMM.

## LYMINGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| ALBERT CASTLE ... .. Treble | STEPHEN BAKER ... .. 5 |
| FREDERICK CASTLE ... .. 2   | FRANK VERNEY ... .. 6  |
| CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 3      | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7    |
| GORDON WEBB ... .. 4        | ALEC WEBB ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung in honour of the tenorman's engagement to Miss Ambridge, of Lyminge.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. Treble | PERCY C. WILLIAMS ... .. 5   |
| FREDERICK W. WADE ... .. 2   | ISAAC LONG ... .. 6          |
| SAMUEL JONES ... .. 3        | JAMES R. JONES ... .. 7      |
| FREDERICK E. TYLER ... .. 4  | HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by H. T. HOWELL.  
Arranged for Mr. S. Jones, of Newport, and rung as a compliment to Mr. P. Williams on the anniversary of his wedding.

## BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 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   | FRANK VOYCE ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2   | ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6  |
| EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 3 | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7     |
| ALLEN E. GWYNNE ... .. 4     | ROBERT SUMMERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for Messrs. Gwynne (Hereford), Poulton (Much Marcle), Voyce (Hentland) and Williams (Newent). The conductor's 100th peal, and 75th as conductor.

## DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *DAVID SHATFORD ... .. Treble | †WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 5    |
| BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 2      | CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 6      |
| HARRY BAXTER ... .. 3         | †TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7         |
| †SAMUEL BURDITT ... .. 4      | †ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First attempt for peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. ‡ First attempt as conductor of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

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WINGHAM, KENT.—On Wednesday evening, December 10th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes, by F. D...ch), in 48 mins.: F. W. Elliott 1, W. E. Pitman 2, W. Wenban 3, L. Honess 4, C. R. Millway 5, R. H. Stevens 6, C. R. Walker 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells since they were rebung.

BIRMINGHAM.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At Bishop Ryder's Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Dexter's Variation. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble | JAMES F. CLARKE ... 5         |
| JAMES GEORGE ... 2             | RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 6       |
| WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3       | FREDERICK CLAYTON ... 7       |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 4       | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor |

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., Vicar of this church.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four 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.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... Treble | *ERNEST MORRIS .. 5         |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2      | †HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6      |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3    | ‡WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7    |
| EDGAR VALLANCE ... 4         | §EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* 60th peal this year. † 50th peal this year. ‡ First peal of Stedman. § 70th peal.

PRESTWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| SAM GREENHALGH ... Treble | FRANCIS BIBBY ... 5      |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... 2       | TITUS BARLOW ... 6       |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 3   | HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7      |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4       | EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| HENRY TODD ... Treble | WILLIAM CLOVER ... 5     |
| ALPHAUS BERRY ... 2   | WILLIAM BURROWS ... 6    |
| ERNEST F. POPPY ... 3 | FREDERICK BRUNNING ... 7 |
| HOBERT J. DAY ... 4   | DAVID WHITING ... Tenor  |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the youngest daughter of the late Mr. Fredk. Day, the band afterwards being entertained at the residence of Mr. H. Day.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHN E. BEAMS ... Treble | AMOS W. CLARK ... 5      |
| CHARLES E. READ ... 2    | JOHN BEAMS ... 6         |
| JOHN CRAWFORD ... 3      | GEORGE MARRINER ... 7    |
| EDWARD T. GROVE ... 4    | WILLIAM FOLETT ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Colonel Norbury Pott, who was churchwarden at the above church for many years. He was also an hon. member of the Surrey Association.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.—On Saturday, Sept. 13th, after meeting too late to start for a peal of Double Norwich, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Thurstan's 4-part), in 48 mins.: R. D. Marshall 1, C. H. Kippin (cond.) 2, A. J. Trappitt 3, F. G. Woodiss 4, J. E. Cooper 5, D. Cooper 6, G. H. Daynes 7, J. Dobinson 8.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble | WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 5    |
| WILLIAM H. WOOD ... 2          | FRANK BENNETT ... 6      |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3         | WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 7 |
| JOSEPH HERBERT ... 4           | ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This composition contains the 6th 24 courses each way in 5—6, and is now rung for the first time. It was the conductor's 1,000 peal, and was also a birthday compliment to Mr. F. I. Hairs.

RIPON, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| †THOMAS INGLEBY ... Treble | ALBERT HUNTER ... 5     |
| *FREDERICK TINGLE ... 2    | *RICHARD DUFFIELD ... 6 |
| GEORGE WELLING ... 3       | THOMAS METCALFE ... 7   |
| †WILLIAM DIXON ... 4       | *JOHN ROMBOLD ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. First peal in the method on the bells, it being over 17 years since the last peal was rung upon them.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble | WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 5    |
| *ERNEST PARSONS ... 2       | HARRY ENTWISTLE ... 6      |
| RENNIE HARTLEY ... 3        | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7 |
| †JAMES SMITH ... 4          | JOHN WATSON ... Tenor      |

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

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

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN FITTON ... Treble  | WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 5      |
| MRS. WM. CRABTREE ... 2 | JAMES H. LEES ... 6         |
| GEORGE STAFF ... 3      | JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7     |
| MISS R. A. BELL ... 4   | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

Rung as a compliment to John Fitton for his 70th birthday; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Bell and Mr. Massey.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E,

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble | GEORGE WILSON ... 5         |
| EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 2        | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 6       |
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... 3        | CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7       |
| JAMES G. ROMSEY ... 4        | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Allen F. Bailey, who was on holiday from Manchester; also a birthday peal for the conductor.

FEERING.—On Sunday, October 5th, for harvest festival, evening service, 720 Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, R. Fisher 3, W. Knopp 4, J. Elliott 5, G. Hayward 6, W. Elliott 7, W. Arnold 8.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Treble | GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5      |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... 2         | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 6      |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... 3            | ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 7       |
| ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 4        | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to L. G. Brett and L. C. Wightman. First attempt for a peal as conductor.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble | GEORGE R. PYE ... 5       |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... 2      | HARRY KILBY ... 6         |
| CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 3    | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7      |
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... 4       | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

\* First Surprise peal on eight bells.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble | JAMES GROUNDS ... 5      |
| FRED ABBOTT ... 2           | GEORGE PINCOTT ... 6     |
| JOHN BOOTH ... 3            | PETER CROOK ... 7        |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4     | ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

## GREENWICH, LONDON.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHAGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 25 cwt.

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... Treble | WILLIAM BERRY ... 5       |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2     | WALTER N. ASHEY ... 6     |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... 3       | THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 7      |
| ALFRED E. BACON ... 4    | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor |

Composed by I. G. SHADE. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

Rung for the Watch-Night service at this church, at which the Bishop of Woolwich officiated

## ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *CHARLIE DENYER ... Treble  | †ALBERT J. CROUCHER ... 5      |
| †MISS NANCY DENYER ... 2    | MISS HILDA M. MILLS ... 6      |
| †MISS ADDIE A. FISHER ... 3 | C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 7 |
| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 4  | *GEORGE T. PETO ... Tenor      |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung by an entirely local band. \* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal of Triples. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the Watch-Night service. It was also the conductor's 100 peal. The ringers of the treble and 2nd are respectively 13 and 14 years of age, and great credit is due to them for the masterly way in which they handled their bells throughout the whole of the peal.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| *CECIL HALLOWS ... Treble | FRANK FOX ... 5           |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... 2     | GEORGE R. JONES ... 6     |
| HARRY LEWIS ... 3         | ARTHUR NEWALL ... 7       |
| EDWARD HARRISON ... 4     | ARTHUR HARRISON ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal.

## WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| JOHN DENNER ... Treble | SAMUEL OAKES ... 5      |
| ALFRED POTTER ... 2    | JAMES BOLTON ... 6      |
| *BEN WELSHY ... 3      | JOHN POTTER ... 7       |
| JAMES DENNER ... 4     | ARTHUR BURTON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. The ringers were invited to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Burton, who were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

## BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Four Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8064 CHANGES;  
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| LEONARD SHAW ... Treble | ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 5      |
| SAMUEL HARRISON ... 2   | JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... 6 |
| JNO. A. BREARLEY ... 3  | JNO. R. BREARLEY ... 7     |
| ALBERT HELLIWELL ... 4  | WM. HARRISON ... Tenor     |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JNO. R. BREARLEY.

This is the longest peal in the method by the Yorkshire Association.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven 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.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *GEORGE PETTER ... Treble | HENRY HUTTON ... 5            |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2    | HARRY BURDOCK ... 6           |
| †GEORGE W. STEERE ... 3   | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7 |
| †JOHN A. COLE ... 4       | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor   |

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, for the Watch-Night service.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. ‡ 200th peal.

## DARLINGTON, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10 cwt.

|                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| W. BROADLEY ... Treble | *ROLAND PARK ... 5  |
| *R. H. JOHNSON ... 2   | N. W. PARK ... 6    |
| F. W. JOHNSON ... 3    | *A. F. WEST ... 7   |
| W. DOWSON ... 4        | H. TAYLOR ... Tenor |

Composed by HY. JOHNSON.

Conducted by H. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. A. F. West elected a member of the above association before starting the peal.

LONDON. — On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Parrott (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Marlin 2, G. W. Harris 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, L. Hills 6, J. R. Gammon 7,

## CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble | FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 5     |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 2  | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 6 |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3     | HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4     | EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 4). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time. This was Mr. Harry Chapman's 500th and Mr. W. Bibby's 100th peal. The heartiest congratulations of the band were tendered to them after the performance.

## BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *HARRY L. SMITH ... .. Treble | ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 5   |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2     | WILLIAM H. CLARK ... .. 6 |
| †ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 3        | WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. 7  |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4     | FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by W. H. INGLESAINT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Major, first in the method, and first attempt. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells since they were re-hung. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5 |
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2  | CHARLES DEAN ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE SHUKER ... .. 3      | WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 7  |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 4  | HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Marshall was elected a member of the association before starting. The above was rung after meeting short for a ten-bell peal, and was the first peal of Triples on the bells.

## LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

## PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEORGE H. CHARLES... .. Treble | JESSE GILLET ... .. 5      |
| OLIVER THOMAS ... .. 2         | JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6     |
| CHARLES GOULDING ... .. 3      | JOHN W. DAVIES... .. 7     |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4           | HENRY CHRISTIE... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Arranged specially and rung as a compliment to the father and mother of the ringer of the 2nd, who have just celebrated their golden wedding.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. O. LANCASHIRE'S VARIATION OF J. W. WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.  
Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble | GEORGE CHAPLIN ... .. 5  |
| GEORGE H. PEERS ... .. 2       | ARTHUR J. MARKS ... .. 6 |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3      | JAMES PRATT ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES CHAPMAN ... .. 4       | CYRIL PRATT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. John Jagger, of Oldbury, and Charles Chapman.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.†

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| BENJAMIN PATMORE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 4    |
| HENRY WALLACE ... .. 2         | NATHAN PATMORE ... .. 5      |
| GEORGE H. CARTER ... .. 3      | BARNARD PATMORE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

Rung upon the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. N. Patmore, parents of the Brothers Patmore. It was W. H. Lawrence's 150th peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, and two 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES NUNN ... .. Treble | ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 4       |
| JAMES BETTS ... .. 2       | FREDERICK HAYWARD... .. 5      |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... .. 3  | GEORGE CATTERMOLLE... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday peal to F. Hayward.

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

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## 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 12 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROBERT HARRIS ... .. Treble | JAMES ATTWOOD ... .. 4     |
| FRANCIS MILES ... .. 2      | FREDERICK W. HARRIS ... 5  |
| THOMAS HARRIS ... .. 3      | OLIVER ATTWOOD... .. Tenor |

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble | GEORGE ADDISON... .. 4     |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2  | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 5    |
| *JOHN MATTHEWS ... .. 3    | ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal in the method on the bells.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## EAST HAGBOURNE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE FLEUR DE LYS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES BUTLER ... .. 1—2      | *JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 5—6   |
| WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3—4 | *WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... .. 7—8 |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Witnesses: R. G. RICE and E. E. NAPPER.

\* First peal of Major, and first peal in hand.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *FRED HODGSON... .. 1—2     | WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5—6 |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3—4 | JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7—8    |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by W. BARTON.

Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

\* First handbell peal.



**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**

A most interesting gathering of ringers took place at Ordsall and East Retford on Boxing Day, to keep up the old custom of ringing these bells for the Christmas festival. Ringers attended from Auston, Workson Sutton-on-Trent, Scotter, Gainsborough, Stockwith, Rotherham, Ordsall and East Retford. Five from Gainsborough, with the writer of these notes, met early at Ordsall for the purpose of attempting a 5,040 on the bells in honour of the hon. secretary's 31st wedding anniversary, this being his birthplace. In consequence, however, of a wedding taking place at 10.30 a.m., and having to wait 90 minutes, the attempt was abandoned. Nevertheless, a nice 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung, commencing as the newly-wedded couple were leaving the church. The following methods were rung up to 12.30 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal: Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise. A visit to East Retford at 1.30 p.m. found Mr. J. Segar in attendance ready to welcome the visitors. He tapped a course of Bob Major and Grand-sire Caters on the handbells, and also took part in some touches of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal. Stedman Caters and Double Norwich refused to go, and the ten bells were lowered in peal. The members were pleased to welcome the appearance of two lady ringers, and Mr. Briggs, of Rotherham, and Mr. H. Warburton, late of East Retford, all of whom took part in the ringing. A most enjoyable day was spent, and the ringers accord their hearty thanks to the Vicar of East Retford and the Rector of Ordsall for placing the bells at their disposal. H.H.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of this Association was held at South Shields on Friday, January 2nd. Members were present from Sunderland, Gateshead, North Shields, and the local band.

Mr. J. W. Parker (in the absence of Mr. R. L. Patterson, vice-president) presided over a short meeting after tea, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of St. Hilda's for the use of the bells. Gateshead was suggested as the place for the next meeting.

**WEST HAM.**—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 512 Grandsire Triples: J. Waghorn (conductor) 1, A. Ssambler 2, J. Scholes 3, — Easter 4, F. Newman 5, A. Baynes 6, G. Hayden 7, G. Potter 8.

**MR. W. POSTON'S 100 PEALS.**

Mr. W. Poston has rung his first century of peals, chiefly as the result of pioneer work for the Hereford Diocesan Guild in the Ross district, where formerly the mere idea of turning the tenor in to Minor was looked upon as absurd by the majority of ringers. In the 75 peals conducted, 19 ringers have been put through their first peal of Doubles, 35 through their first peal of Minor, and 10 through their first peal of Triples. At Bridstow, in 1910, the scheme for adding a 6th bell and recasting four old bells was initiated, and all the funds personally collected. All the band at Bridstow were taught from handling a rope to ringing a 14 method peal, including London and Cambridge Surprise. In 1924 the scheme for adding two trebles to complete the peal of eight was initiated, and has been successfully carried through.

|                         | Rung. | Conducted. |                        |
|-------------------------|-------|------------|------------------------|
| Doubles: 1 method ..... | 16    | 12         |                        |
| 3 methods .....         | 1     | —          |                        |
| 4 methods .....         | 1     | —          |                        |
| Minor: 1 method .....   | 37    | 34         | On handbells, cond. 2. |
| 2 methods .....         | 4     | 2          |                        |
| 3 methods .....         | 4     | 3          |                        |
| 4 methods .....         | 2     | 2          |                        |
| 5 methods .....         | 4     | 3          |                        |
| 7 methods .....         | 6     | 4          | 1 all-conducted.       |
| 9 methods .....         | 1     | 1          |                        |
| 10 methods .....        | 1     | 1          |                        |
| 12 methods .....        | 1     | 1          |                        |
| 14 methods .....        | 1     | 1          |                        |
| Triples: 1 method ..... | 18    | 11         |                        |
| Major: 1 method .....   | 3     | —          |                        |
| Total ...               | 100   | 75         |                        |

Rung in 29 towers, with 100 different ringers.

**CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR IN DEVON.**

At Holbeton Parish Church, on Saturday, December 27th, in 27 minutes, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by W. Richards 1, W. Wonnacott 2, T. Myers 3, W. Rundle 4, W. G. Hiscott 5, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in any Surprise Method by a band of ringers all members of the Guild of Devonshire ringers, and all resident in the county of Devon. Rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Guild.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A 'double-handed' peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was rung on Monday at Long Stanton, Cambs, in which the Vicar's two talented sons, John and Christopher Woolley, took part, with Mr. G. W. Cook.

The hon. secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. Alex. Young) is still in Lewisham Hospital as the result of his accident. His injuries, which were extremely painful, were caused through a plank giving way while he was inspecting a building, and precipitating him into a trench.

The accident happened at exactly twelve o'clock on the 12th day of the 12th month of '24—a singular coincidence—and a correspondent who has visited Mr. Young, and found him cheery and progressing favourably, hopes that he may be discharged from hospital on the 12th of this month.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Young is making good progress, although it will probably be some time before he fully recovers from the effects of the accident.

The St. Mary's company of ringers, Durban, South Africa, of which Mr. C. Clarkson, of 78, Windermere Road, Durban, is secretary, will be glad to correspond with any ringer who contemplates going out to Durban.

A 'long' peal of Stedman Triples is contemplated. No one, let us hasten to say, has yet found more than 5,040 changes, and the 'long' refers to the ringers and not to the number. A band of 'six-footers' has been organised for a peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. It is not true, however, that some of the ringers are so tall that wells will have to be sunk in the floor for them to stand in so that their hands will not come in contact with the ceiling, when the bells go up at back stroke!

The Sheriff of Nottingham, a leading solicitor in the city, replying to an invitation to attend the W. D. Crofts Memorial Dinner, has written, 'I shall be pleased to take advantage of an opportunity of meeting the gentlemen who ring the changes much more pleasantly than is the case when I meet them professionally.'

Mr. Philip Hodgkin writes that the peal of Oxford 'Treble Bob Royal' at Maidstone, recorded in our last issue, was not the first in the method on the bells. The first was accomplished on Nov. 15th, 1784, when the College Youths rang 5,040 Old Oxford Treble Bob Royal in 3 hours 40 minutes.

The weight of Chard tenor is 28 cwt., not 23, as recorded last week.

Those who follow the development of change ringing in the West will read with interest of the first 720 of Cambridge Minor rung by a resident Devon band. This is a promising, if small beginning, for the 2nd half-century of the Guild's history, and is we hope, the precursor of a new development in ringing in the county of cream and cider.

Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, has the proud record of having now rung for 40 consecutive years (with one exception when D.O.R.A. was in operation) for the early celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day, and on New Year's Eve.

The first known peal on ten bells was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, London, on January 11th, either in the year 1716 or 1717. This was Grandsire Caters, but the ancient board recording the performance disappeared when the church was repaired in 1796. The peal was rung by the London Scholars, and was supposed to be the only peal of Caters rung while St. Bride's contained ten bells.

A peal of 6,048 'Imperial the Third' Treble Bob was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on January 13th, 1772.

Samuel Thurston, of Norwich, conducted a peal of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Redenhall, on January 13th, 1838, 'on the 102nd anniversary of the Ancient Ringing Society.'

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

On January 15th, 1774, a peal of 7,040 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

The dedication of the bells of St. Peter's Church, Burnley, which have been recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will take place on January 17th.

As far as records have been kept, we believe that Mr. Frank Bennett is the sixth ringer to reach the one-thousand-peal mark. The others were the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. William Pye, Mr. I. G. Shade, the late Mr. Ernest Pye, and Mr. George Williams.

Listeners throughout the British Isles, and, doubtless many on the continent, heard the New Year heralded by the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields. The ringing at this church, after midnight, was broadcasted very successfully, and although other things were superimposed upon it, the bells made a most appropriate background for the occasion. This was, we believe, the first time that St. Martin's bells have been broadcasted when actually rung, although their chiming has frequently been heard.

## RINGERS AND THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—At the last Central Council meeting, it was held to be very desirable that ringers should take every opportunity to secure that representatives, conversant with bells and their hanging, and also change ringing, be elected to the various Councils, conferences, etc., to do with the above.

As the time for action is between the New Year and Easter, organised ringing centres, throughout the country, should now take such steps as will attain the desired result.

The Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, 1919, provides for the administration and government of the Church. There are constituted three 'Houses,' i.e., Bishops, Clergy and Laity. In respect to the last named the following extracts may be of use, viz. :—

1.—The laity shall meet in Parochial Church Meetings, and be represented (1) in Parochial Church Councils; (2) in Ruridecanal Conferences, where they exist; (3) in Diocesan Conferences; and (4) in the House of Laity of the Assembly.

2.—All representatives must be actual lay communicant members of the Church of England of twenty-one years of age and upwards, but, except in the case of Parochial Church Councils, need not be qualified electors in the area by or for which they are elected. No candidate may be elected at any election who has not previously consented to serve in the capacity for which he or she is a candidate. All representatives may be of either sex.

Section 3 provides for an electoral roll, a copy of which should be fixed to the church door. On this roll all regular attendants at the church, whether resident or non-resident, are entitled to be placed (being over 18 years of age). Ringers should at least a fortnight before the annual parish meeting, see that their names are on the roll. They should then endeavour to elect some of their number to the Church Council, and further to see to be represented upon the Ruridecanal Conference. From these, latter members are elected to form the important Diocesan Conferences, and, again, from these latter are elected the members of the House of 'Laity.'—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

## MR. JOSEPH JOYNES.

## DEATH OF AN OLD EAST RETFORD RINGER.

By the death of Joseph B. Joynes, the ringers of East Retford and district lose one of the most amiable and the kindest of men that ever handled a bell rope. His uprightness and honesty of character, his bright and cheerful disposition, endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. The deceased was a ringer of marked ability. He joined the East Retford ringers in the early eighties, and confined all his good ringing to his own native town. His many ties caused him to give up ringing in the year 1911, when he conducted his last peal. In 1890, when the East Retford bells were rehung and two new trebles added to make a ring of ten bells, a new band of ringers was formed by the Vicar, the late Canon Elsworth, and Mr. Joynes became its first captain, a position he held up to 1893. Some of his best ringing performances on the bells he loved so well were the conducting of the first peal of Grandsire Caters by an East Retford company, and the funeral peals of Queen Victoria and King Edward VII.; also the conducting of Holt's Original, of which peal he was very proud. By his death, the Northern Rubber Company also loses one of its oldest employees, he having served them for over 47 years. He was a foreman in the lathe department, and was universally respected.

The deceased, who was in his 60th year, had taken a great interest in religious and social matters in the town, of which he was a native. As a boy he sang in East Retford Church choir. On the opening of the new church of St. Alban, London Road, where he resided, he became a sidesman, a teacher in the Sunday School, and a member of the Parochial Church Council. He belonged to the Victory Lodge of Oddfellows (M.U.), and was, up to his death, a sick visitor of the juvenile section. He was also a member of the old St. Swithin's Cricket Club, and had played for the club connected with the rubber works, while in later years he acted as an umpire in the Bassetlaw League. He leaves a widow and five sons and three daughters to mourn the loss of a good husband and loving father. The funeral took place at Ordsall on Monday week the Rev. A. Morris (assistant curate of East Retford Church) and the Rev. E. Collett officiating.

A muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells of East Retford Church by eight of his old colleagues: A. Swannock, E. Collingburn, R. Miles, H. Haigh (conductor), A. T. Winter, H. Warburton, T. Spurr, G. W. D. Metcalfe. The ringers named above, together with Mr. G. R. Winter and Mr. T. Hercy Denman, were all members of the old company formed in 1890, and Mr. Joynes's death is the first among the band of that day. link is broken. R.I.P.

H. H.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## MEMBERS' UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual report of Lancashire Association, which covers the year to the end of August last, is an interesting publication with a mass of information. There were on the books 1,332 members, including 84 honorary life; 21 honorary; 208 non-resident, and 1,069 performing members, of whom 109 were elected during the year.

The financial statement shows a loss on the year's working of £11 9s. 9d., the total receipts being £67 1s. 11d., and the expenditure £78 12s. 8d. The largest part of this is incurred in printing the annual report, £51 9s. 9d. The real cause for the deficit is, however, that a large number of nominal members fail to pay their annual subscriptions. Last year, out of 1,069 on the books, only 698 paid their subscriptions. The accumulated fund of the association is rapidly diminishing. The association now possesses a balance of £10 3s. 6d. in the bank and £20 in war script, besides a stock of diagrams, whose estimated value is £11 7s. 6d. The total worth is, therefore, £41 11s.

The number of peals rung was 117, one less than the previous year's total, but in variety of methods equal if not superior to any previous record. Forty-one members rang their first peal, and 164 their first in a method.

## DEATH OF MR. JAMES WOOD.

## FAMOUS PEALS RECALLED.

It is with regret that we inform the Exercise of the death of Mr. James Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, which occurred on Dec. 9th. He was in his 73rd year, and was Ashton's oldest ringer. A son of the late Mr. James Wood, and brother of Mr. Samuel Wood, also of Ashton-under-Lyne, the deceased commenced ringing at an early age, and had nearly 60 years' ringing to his credit. He had taken part in upwards of 200 peals, three of which constitute records. These were the famous long peal of Treble Bob Major at Mottram on May 18th, 1883, in 9 hours 48 minutes (16,608 changes); also a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Ashton Parish Church on May 29th, 1886, in 6 hours 55 minutes (10,075 changes), and the peal of Treble Bob Maximus also at Ashton Parish Church on April 17th, 1911, in 3 hours 39 minutes (12,240 changes).

Mr. Wood had a severe illness some five years ago, from which he never fully recovered. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family of four sons and five daughters.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. S. Lane, curate of Ashton Parish Church, and the coffin, over which were hung the handbells, was borne by his brother ringers. After the service, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave on the handbells by Joseph Mellor 1—2, James Adams 3—4, Samuel Wood (brother of deceased) 5—6, Benjamin Thorp 7—8, Samuel Booth 9—10.

With the bells deeply muffled, a touch of 571 Grandsire Cinques was rung at Ashton Parish Church after the funeral, by H. Stansfield 1, C. Bower 2, J. Mellor 3, W. Brammer 4, J. Shaw 5, G. Goringe 6, S. Wood (conductor) 7, B. Thorp 8, J. Leigh 9, A. Adams 10, S. Booth 11, T. Jackson 12.

## A CUMBERLAND EXCURSION.

On Saturday, December 27th, seven members of the Egremont (Cumberland) band visited Broughton-in-Furness and Millom. The previous evening a gale of wind and rain spread over the north-west of the county, and the outlook for the morrow looked anything but promising. Anyhow, all braved the elements at 6.30 a.m., the rain having abated somewhat, but the wind was so great along the sea coast that after a certain distance had been covered a second engine had to be attached to the train to help. Arriving at Broughton some three-quarters of an hour late, the party were met by Mr. J. P. Barker, who conducted them to the church, and pointed out various interesting old-time items. The belfry is beautifully painted, and the bell chamber scrupulously clean, no grease or even dust was visible. Great credit is due to Mr. Barker, who, it was learnt, is responsible for this. The bells (eight, tenor 10 cwt.) were soon going to Bob Major, 336 being rung, followed by 576 Kent Major, Mr. Barker taking a rope in both touches. Before leaving, 360 Woodbine was rung on the back six. The party then pushed on to Millom, where full justice was done to dinner, as the last meal the visitors had had was somewhere between 5 and 6 a.m. Wending their way to the belfry, where hangs a nice ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.), the party were met by some of the local men, and Bob Minor was attempted with some of them standing in. A 720 Woodbine was successfully brought round. Ringers from Broughton and Kirby had by this time turned up, amongst them being Mr. Clark, and 360 Kent Minor was rung. Touches of Plain Bob followed by ringers from Broughton, Millom and Kirby. Violet Minor was also attempted, but couldn't be persuaded to go, but 720 Bob Minor was rung, in which ringers from Broughton and Millom took part. This concluded the ringing for the day, and tracks were made for the station, home being reached about 8 p.m. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents of both Millom and Broughton for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Brown, of Millom, for making the necessary arrangements, and to all ringers who contributed in any way to making the outing one of the most successful they have had.

## NEW BELL AT EYTHORNE, KENT.

DEDICATION BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY.

An event of much importance to the inhabitants of Eythorne, near Dover, took place on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17th, when the Archbishop of Canterbury dedicated the new treble bell recently added to the old peal of four bells, the work having been carried out by Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., of Crayford, and the cost defrayed by public subscription of the parishioners and friends.

When the present Rector came to Eythorne, 30 years ago, one bell only, the tenor, was hung in the tower, two others being housed in outbuildings. In 1896, he had a new treble added, and the whole hung for ringing in a new frame, which was found large enough to take the new bell just installed.

The church was well filled for the dedication service, and probably no parishioner now living could remember any previous occasion when an Archbishop of Canterbury had taken part in a service in Eythorne Church.

A shortened form of service was used, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Basil Burrows), Miss Burrows presiding at the organ. Other clergy present were the Rev. Canon Thomas (Northbourne), the Rev. J. D. Bevan (Chillenden), and the Rev. A. T. Harre (Tilmanstone). At the conclusion of the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' the choir and clergy, followed by the Archbishop, moved in procession to the church porch, where the new bell was dedicated, and rounds were rung on the five bells by local men, whilst the procession returned. The hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' was sung, after which the Archbishop gave a short address. His Grace said that the bells of our churches were really more important to people outside the church than to those inside. Whether they came or neglected the summons to God's house to worship, they were reminded that prayers were being offered to Him who cared for them all. He said he had daily to deal with those who came from other lands, settlers from the Colonies, and elsewhere, and he was struck with the way they always said what they missed most was the sound of the bells on Sundays and days of public rejoicing, and how they welcomed them on their return.

The concluding hymn was 'Angel voices ever singing,' and the Archbishop concluded an impressive service with the Blessing.

As the congregation left the church, the bells were again rung by Messrs. H. Palmer, G. Merryfield, F. Brittenden, F. Windle and W. F. Elliott. In the evening, the first change ringing was performed by T. Groombridge, junr., W. E. Pitman, G. Merryfield, H. Palmer and W. F. Elliott.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows: Treble, weight 4½ cwt., 'Te Deum Laudamus,' Mears and Stainbank, 1924; 2nd, 5½ cwt., 'Venite Exultemus Domino,' John Warner and Sons, 1896; 3rd, 6½ cwt., Joseph Hatch made me, 1862; 4th, 8 cwt., 'Sancta Katherina Ora Pro Nobis,' W. Jordan, 1470; tenor (approximately 10 cwt. in A, 'Nomen Magdalena Campana,' W. Jordan, 1470.

It would be interesting to know if any two bells which have never been recast exist in any other tower of earlier dates.

## THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Referring to the correspondence which has appeared recently in your columns on the subject of the Washbrook Memorial, I was not aware, when I wrote to you three weeks ago, that the tower in which the memorial bells are to be hung had been definitely chosen. This knowledge might not, however, have prevented me from supporting Mr. Maurice Smith's suggestion, which I consider most appropriate.

I cannot help wondering if the suitability of Kidlington as the home of the memorial was considered by the committee, and I regret that I did not follow earlier developments which would have given me an opportunity of pressing the claims of Kidlington.

As the matter is irrevocably settled, I can only express my hope that all those who, like myself, would have preferred to see the memorial bells hung in another place, will sink their personal opinions and support to the best of their ability the fund, the object of which is to perpetuate the memory of one of our greatest ringers.—Yours truly,

HOWARD FREEBORN.

Chalfont, Dec. 31st, 1924.

## STONHAM ASPAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are no peal boards in the above tower, although, of course, several peals have been rung there in recent years. The earliest of which I have any account is a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on May 14th, 1894. I should say, however, that some were rung prior to this, and possibly Mr. Theodore Slater, of Glemsford, might be able to supply the information.

The bells are scarcely pealable at present, as the 8th goes very badly.—Yours sincerely,

W. C. RUMSEY.

## LANCASHIRE RINGERS' SOCIAL.

On Saturday, December 13th, the fourth annual social, held in connection with the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association, took place at Preston. In the afternoon, there was ringing at the Preston Parish, Preston St. Mark's, and Penwortham towers, where the following methods were rung: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Stedman.

Ringers and friends, to the number of 140, then had tea together in the Parish Church Schools, the catering being carried out by Mr. R. Broughton, who is also a Preston ringer. He was ably assisted by the Preston ringers, their wives, and lady friends.

After full justice had been done to an excellent meal, a slight alteration to the programme was made, as a Preston concert party who came to entertain the gathering, had another engagement later.

Immediately after tea, therefore, the quartette sang 'Comrades in Arms,' which they rendered in the best professional manner, and the party had to respond to an encore. This was followed by songs by Miss Heald, 'Another Day,' and 'A Devonshire Wedding,' which were sung in excellent style. Miss Heald is a daughter of the captain of the Preston ringers. The quartette then gave another item 'O peaceful night.'

Mr. E. R. Martin proposed that the heartiest thanks of the gathering be given to the party for their excellent entertainment, and this was carried with loud applause.

The gathering then divided, some taking part in a whist drive in an adjoining room, while the rest went on with the concert and dance, during which Mr. J. Watkinson delighted those present with humorous items, entitled 'The Egg,' 'The rest of the day's your own,' and 'Pilgrims of the night.' Mr. Wm. Nelson also sang.

The music for the dance and concert was provided by three of the Leyland Parish ringers, Messrs. W. Clements (pianist), J. Watkinson (violin) and P. Watkinson (clarionette).

Ringers were present from most of the towers in the branch, as well as Bolton and Wigan branches, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed. The thanks of the gathering are extended to the Preston ringers, the artistes, and all who in any way assisted in maintaining the high standard set at the previous socials.

## PRESENTATION AT SITTINGBOURNE.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Michael's Church, Sittingbourne, on Thursday evening, December 18th.

In the presence of a number of the ringers of the Sittingbourne district, Mr. William Spice who is well known in Kentish ringing circles, was presented with a case of pipes, a tobacco pouch, and a set of razors, 'in recognition of his untiring energy and valuable assistance towards the promotion and advancement of the art of campanology in the district.'

The presentation was performed by the captain of the Sittingbourne band, Mr. H. E. Simpson, who, in a few well-chosen words, referred to Mr. Spice's ringing career. He had known Mr. William Spice, he said, for over twenty years, and whenever he had needed any assistance he had found in Mr. Spice a ready and willing helper. They were indebted to him for having arranged for them many evenings of enjoyment, and in order to show their appreciation of his efforts among them, they had assembled to ask him to accept that tangible expression of their gratitude and esteem. They hoped that Mr. Spice would live many years to continue his work among them.

Mr. Spice was, of course, completely taken by surprise. Expressing his thanks for the handsome gifts, he assured them that all he had done for the advancement of bell ringing had been to him a real 'labour of love.' It was indeed pleasing to feel that what small assistance he had given was so much appreciated.

During the evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire were brought round, but in spite of repeated attempts, the ringers could not reach the end of a course of Cambridge Surprise, although that method is by no means 'foreign' to the ringers of the district to which Mr. Spice belongs.

## THE FIRST 'JOHN' PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your 'Belfry Gossip' of January 2nd, you state that the first 'John' peal was rung on January 2nd, 1904, at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, but in the old peal book of the Society of Bromley Youths there is a record of a 'John' peal as far back as 1828. The following is a copy of the entry:—

October 15th, 1828.

A select band, whose Christian names were John, rang at Lewis-ham Church a complete peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes), in 3 hours 12 minutes.

|                           |   |                            |       |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------------|-------|
| John Read, Deptford ..... | 1 | John Jones, Lewisham ..... | 5     |
| John Willis, Greenwich .. | 2 | John Allen, Bromley .....  | 6     |
| John Arnold, Deptford ..  | 3 | John Bray, Lewisham .....  | 7     |
| John Saunders, Bromley .. | 4 | John Green, Bromley ...    | Tenor |

Conducted by John Allen.

Yours faithfully,

ISAAC EMERY.



## ONE THOUSAND PEALS.

## MR. F. BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENT.

Mr. Frank Bennett, of Brighton, rang, on December 27th, at Chiswick, his one-thousandth peal, and thus became a member of that very limited band of men whose peals run into four figures. A thousand peals is a proud record, and as will be seen by the list given below, Mr. Bennett's collection covers a great variety of methods.

Mr. Bennett began his ringing at Basingstoke, Hants, where he was a pupil under the late Mr. Harry White, in 1885. In 1887 he removed to Guildford, where he rang at St. Nicolas' Church, and was one of the new company formed there in the following year. Mr. Bennett rang his first peal, with three others of the band, on March 2nd, 1889, this being conducted by Mr. George Williams, with whom he was later so closely associated at Brighton, and who, it may be remarked, is himself also one of the few to score a thousand peals. Mr. Bennett's first peal as conductor was a peal of Grandsire Triples on October 3rd, 1889—the first peal by the local band. In the following year the first local peals of Bob Triples, Bob Major and Union Triples were added to the list. In 1894 two new trebles were placed at St. Nicolas' tower, and a peal of Grandsire Caters rung on them. The following year Mr. Bennett went to live at Brighton, where he became a member of St. Peter's company, at that time one of the leading Surprise bands in the kingdom. During the twelve years he remained in Brighton, Mr. Bennett rang no fewer than 409 peals, including the first peals of Oxford, Norfolk, Westminster and Bristol Surprise ever rung.

In 1907, Mr. Bennett removed to London, where he organised a 'Surprise' band, which met with great success. Mr. Bennett was for some years hon. secretary of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths, which he represented on the Central Council. After a lengthy spell in the Metropolis, Mr. Bennett once more returned to Sussex, where he is continuing his peal ringing activities.

Appended is the list of Mr. Bennett's peals:—

## ON TOWER BELLS.

|                                      | Rung. | Conducted. |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| In 7 Minor methods .....             | 4     |            |
| Union Triples .....                  | 1     | 1          |
| Oxford Bob Triples .....             | 1     | 1          |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major .....      | 1     | 1          |
| Grandsire Triples .....              | 60    | 41         |
| Grandsire Caters .....               | 24    | 17         |
| Bob Triples .....                    | 6     | 3          |
| Bob Major .....                      | 67    | 44         |
| Bob Royal .....                      | 3     | 2          |
| Bob Maximus .....                    | 1     | —          |
| Kent Treble Bob Major .....          | 67    | 43         |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal .....          | 20    | 9          |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus .....        | 2     | 1          |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major .....        | 2     | 1          |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal .....        | 1     | 1          |
| Stedman Triples .....                | 184   | 109        |
| Stedman Caters .....                 | 60    | 32         |
| Stedman Chimes .....                 | 11    | 4          |
| Double Oxford Bob Major .....        | 2     | 1          |
| Waterloo Reverse Bob Major .....     | 1     | 1          |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Major ..... | 137   | 72         |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Royal ..... | 2     | 1          |
| Forward Royal .....                  | 3     | 3          |
| Duffield Royal .....                 | 1     | 1          |
| Norfolk Surprise Major .....         | 8     | 5          |
| Westminster Surprise Major .....     | 3     | —          |
| Oxford Surprise Major .....          | 3     | —          |
| Gloucester Surprise Major .....      | 3     | —          |
| New Cumberland Surprise Major .....  | 11    | 6          |
| Brighton Surprise Major .....        | 1     | 1          |
| Yorkshire Surprise Major .....       | 1     | —          |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major .....   | 8     | 5          |
| Superlative Surprise Major .....     | 127   | 61         |
| Cambridge Surprise Major .....       | 84    | 55         |
| Bristol Surprise Major .....         | 15    | 8          |
| London Surprise Major .....          | 45    | 5          |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal .....       | 5     | 1          |
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus .....     | 1     | —          |
|                                      | 976   | 536        |

## ON HANDBELLS.

|                             |       |     |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----|
| Grandsire Triples .....     | 3     | 1   |
| Grandsire Caters .....      | 4     | 1   |
| Bob Major .....             | 7     | 6   |
| Bob Royal .....             | 5     | 3   |
| Bob Maximus .....           | 1     | 1   |
| Kent Treble Bob Major ..... | 1     | —   |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal ..... | 1     | —   |
| Stedman Triples .....       | 1     | 1   |
| Stedman Caters .....        | 1     | —   |
| Total .....                 | 1,000 | 549 |

Rung in 298 towers, in 21 counties, and for 18 societies. This list does not include one peal of Grandsire Major, one of Kent Treble Bob Major, one of Waterloo Reverse Bob Major and four of Stedman Caters, the compositions of which were afterwards found to be false.

It must have been a matter of considerable pride and gratification to Mr. Bennett that one of his pupils, his own daughter, was able to take part in his one-thousandth peal. Mrs. F. I. Hairs inherits much of her father's great ability, and her performances, both upon tower bells and handbells, have placed her in the forefront among ringers (of both sexes).

## LYONSHALL RESTORED PEAL.

On Saturday, December 13th, a thanksgiving service was held, when the Bishop of the Diocese preached to a large congregation. About 10 or 12 years ago over £300 was spent on these bells, the work then being entrusted to a local man, but the Hereford Diocesan Guild has since that greatly enlightened the ringers and the parishioners on what was really necessary, and too much praise cannot be bestowed on the subscribers and the collectors (Mr. J. Bell and Mr. J. Bowen), who both worked with a real zest to collect the £350 required to carry out the complete restoration. This consisted of new steel frame, ball bearings and new rubber studded clappers, the work being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

After the service, the bells were rung for a short time by the local band; then the assembled ringers all adjourned to tea at the Memorial Hall, about 50 sitting down, representing ten different towers, viz., Clifford, Eardisley, Almeley, Kington, Staunton-on-Arrow, Eardisland, Dilwyn, Weobley, Kimbolton, Madley, and the local band. Among those present were the Rev. G. W. Turner (hon. secretary of the Hereford Guild) and Mr. C. Edwards (Guild Master).

After tea, the visitors returned to the tower, where various methods were rung until 8 p.m. For the purpose of testing the 'go' of the bells, a band met at the tower on Sunday, the 14th for a peal of Treble Bob, and after ringing three 720's of Oxford and nearly three of Kent, a trip occurred, which brought the peal to grief: J. P. Hyett 1, C. W. Taysom 2, T. H. Taysom 3, W. E. Williams 4, C. Edwards (conductor) 5, F. Smith 6. All agreed that this fine old peal by Rudhall (tenor 12 cwt.) could not be improved upon either in tone or 'go'.

## DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT PENISTONE

On Saturday, December 20th, the dedication of the new peal of bells and clock took place (as already briefly reported), at Penistone, in the presence of a crowded congregation. The Vicar conducted the service, assisted by the curate. The Ven. Archdeacon Harvey, of Sheffield, dedicated the new clock, which takes the place of a very old one that had become the worse for wear, after many years of 'marking time.' The bells were then dedicated, after which suitable prayers were offered. Archdeacon Harvey gave a most interesting talk on ringing, which would, no doubt, clear away many queer notions held by the uninitiated.

After the Benediction, the Vicar announced that the old Penistone ringers would be the first to open the new bells, which they did by ringing a six-score of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. This was followed by touches by visiting ringers.

The bells, a musical ring of eight, tenor 14½ cwt., by Taylor's, were much appreciated by all, the tone and 'go' being perfect.

Tea was generously provided by the Vicar and wardens. The first peal, as announced in the peal records, was rung by a mixed band, treble, 2nd, 4th and 6th ringers being from Bolsterstone; 3rd and 7th from Ecclesfield; 5th from Ashton-under-Lyne, and tenor, the enthusiastic and energetic leader of the young Penistone band. The peal, which was rung slowly, and well-struck, brought out the full music of the bells. The 2nd ringer deserves every praise, he being only 16 years of age. After the peal, the band was entertained to tea by Mr. Geo. Hill. The heartiest thanks are due to Mr. Hill for his untiring labours in arranging all the details, and bringing a memorable event to a successful conclusion.

The general opening of the bells will take place on Saturday, Jan. 24th.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS.

NUNEATON.—On Christmas Eve, at the Parish Church, a course each of London, Cambridge and Superlative Major, two courses of Double Norwich, and three courses of Stedman Triples.—On Christmas Day, for service, 336 each of Grandsire and Stedman Triples.—On New Year's Eve, a course each of London and Superlative, two courses of Double Norwich, and three courses of Duffield Major; and on Sunday evening, for Divine service, three courses each of London and Superlative Major by the following members: H. Argyle, D. H. Argyle, E. Martin, W. Martin, C. Draper, T. W. Chapman, J. Clarke, W. Horton, F. Brasington, A. Wilkerson, J. Thompson, A. Beamish, Miss G. Dodds and Miss P. Clarke.

ALDERSHOT.—On Christmas morning, for Holy Communion service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Denyer 1, Miss N. Denyer 3, Miss B. Mills 4, W. Denyer 5, Miss A. Fisher 6, Miss H. Mills (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**BATTERSEA.**—At St. Mary's Church, for men's service, on Jan. 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: A. E. Clarke (first quarter-peal of Stedman 'inside') 1, C. E. Mitchell 2, H. H. Mance 3, E. E. Bish 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, A. G. H. Newman (conductor) 7, L. Baylis 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 462 in the same method, conducted by T. Upshall.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday evening, Dec. 28th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Small (first quarter-peal) 1, G. King 2, A. Booth 3, F. Morgan 4, W. Hoad 5, C. Creasey (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, E. Mills 7, J. Goodsell 8.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Sweetland 1, H. Norman 2, A. Tout (conductor) 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. J. Andrews 6, W. Knight 7, J. Carter 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Tarr.

**LONG STANTON.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evensong, 408 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, E. G. Gleaves 2, H. J. Hazell 3, C. W. Woolley 4, F. Warrington 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

**WIGSTON MAGNA.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Humberstone (conductor) 1, A. Pacey 2, W. H. Humberstone 3, A. Roe 4, J. Carttr 5, G. Deacon 6, W. Brewin 7, F. Lloyd 8. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 50th year as ringer of the church; also to celebrate the 16th anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 4th.

**PETERBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, Dec. 27th, at St. John's Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the tenor covering: V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, S. Wright 3, T. Little 4, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 5, F. Davis 6, T. Vaughan 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evensong, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Thames Street, 720 Middlesex Surprise Royal: C. W. R. Grimwood 1, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 2, C. T. Coles 3, G. R. Prye 4, F. I. Hairs 5, F. Bennett 6, J. E. Davis 7, A. W. Coles 8, W. H. Hewett 9, W. Prye (conductor) 10.

**PRESTBURY, GLOS.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 minutes: the bells were half-muffled, as is the custom on Holy Innocents' Day: T. Compton 1, T. Fendry 2, H. Newman 3, W. Hale 4, C. Tovey 5, G. Walters 6, T. Canson (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryon 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

**GRANTHAM.**—On Sunday, Dec. 29th, for evening service, at St. Wulfram's Parish Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: T. H. Hall 1, H. Thorpe (conductor) 2, P. Turner 3, E. Nidd 4, R. Bottomley 5, S. Proctor 6, W. G. Thorpe 7, R. Pick 8. Arranged for H. Thorpe and R. Bottomley, who were on a visit from Keighley, Yorks.

**NOTICES.**

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and others welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The Annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 p.m. Tower open 3 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 14th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., School House, Aldford, Chester.

**RAYNE RINGERS.**

The All Saints' Guild of Ringers, Rayne, Essex, held their second annual supper in the Old Schoolroom on Saturday. The Ringing Master (Mr. H. Redgwell) presided, and the health of the Rector was drunk.—The Rector, in reply, thanked the ringers for their excellent services.

Mr. H. Redgwell was again elected Master for the ensuing year.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, December 20th, when thirty members attended, representing towers from Bristol, Bath, Ilminster, Chewton Mendip, Chew Magna, Long Ashton, Shepton Mallet, Radstock, Midsomer Norton and Taunton. Mr. C. H. Jennings of Wyke Regis, was also present. Ringing started soon after 3 p.m. Tea was partaken at the Waldegrave Arms, after which the business meeting was held.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Bensley) presided, in the absence of the Master, through illness. At the outset, the Chairman gave a hearty welcome to the members, expressing his regret that illness prevented the Master from being present.

Six new members were elected.

The place for the next meeting is Milborne Port, on April 18th, if possible.

Mr. W. A. Cave mentioned that in the current number of 'The Ringing World' it was reported that Mr. E. A. Young, the secretary of the Central Council, had met with an accident which necessitated his removal to Lewisham Hospital, and moved a vote of sympathy with him, wishing him a speedy recovery.—This was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, and the use of the bells and arranging the service, brought the meeting to a close.

Service was then held in the Parish Church, the Guild office being used. The organist and choir boys were present. During the afternoon and evening, London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire, were rung.

**COALBROOKDALE BELLS.**

The bells of Holy Trinity Church were rung on the last night of the old year, and they will not be rung again until they have been completely restored. During the early part of the evening several of the local ringers visited the Wesleyan Chapel, and rang selections on the handbells in the musical portion of the programme at the entertainment for the old people of Coalbrookdale, given by members of the Women's Institute.

At seven o'clock, the ringers met at the tower and rang several short touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also touches of Bob Major. It was arranged to meet again at 11 'to ring the old year out and the new year in.' This has been the custom ever since the bells were put in the tower in the year 1854, only missing during the years of the Great War. Special arrangements were made on Wednesday evening for all ringers who came to have a ring. At 12.30 on New Year's morning the bells were lowered in peal. During the week-end the ropes will be taken off, and the bells will be chimed for the services until they have to be taken down for rehanging, etc.

A big effort is to be made to raise the necessary funds in the near future. About £130 has already been collected. Will ringers or other friends interested please take a £1 collecting stamp book of twenty 1s. tickets? They should apply to Mr. William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Mereworth on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea, by invitation of the Rector of Mereworth, after service. Business meeting to follow.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Foundry bells open from 3 o'clock. Election of officers for the ensuing year and general business, 4.30 p.m.; also other important business. Will members make a special effort to attend?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Jas. Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**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.—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.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., 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. Meeting to follow tea.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3. Service in church at 4.45. Tea (1s.) at the Mitre Hotel at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ross District.—The annual meeting of the above will take place at Ross on Saturday, Jan. 10th, bells being available 3 p.m. Service.—John Clark, Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross, Hereford.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—The fourth annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at 6 p.m. Chairman: Mr. F. G. Leaker, Vice-chairman: Mr. W. Knight. Ringing at St. Mary Redcliffe (12 bells), 2.30 to 4 p.m. St. Nicholas (10 bells) 4 to 5.30 p.m. Stedman Caters and Double Norwich peals arranged (2.30 p.m.) for all who notify me early. There are only a few tickets left (6s.), and these can only be obtained from the hon. sec., Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Kettering (10) on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 at the Cross Keys Cafe. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for January:—St. Clement Danes, Monday, the 19th, at 7.30; St. Botolph, 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.

**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. Magnus on the 22nd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th (8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**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.—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on 17th January. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Will all those who intend coming please notify me by 15th January?—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Iron Room. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Jan. 16th?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me? All members and friends are earnestly ask to attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who notify me of attending not later than Jan. 14th. The business meeting will commence at 7 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscrip-

tions are now due. Reports to hand. Expecting a good muster of members to be present. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Leicester, on Thursday, Jan. 15th, at 7.30 p.m. — R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec., 2, George Street, Anstey.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Cradley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Jan. 13th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**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, Pheasant 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.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea by the Guild at the Swan Hotel at 5.30, followed by business meeting and social. — H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at Denby on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting afterwards. Bells ready at 2.30.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Luke's, Derby, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the year and discussion of various matters affecting the association. A good attendance is requested.—G. C. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise number requiring tea not later than the 14th inst.—P. Lane, Hon. Dis. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The suggested revision of the rules will be presented to the meeting.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The first meeting of the year will be held at Tuxford on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready early afternoon. Tea will be provided at 4.45 p.m., at a reasonable price, for all who notify Mrs. Jones, Market Place, Tuxford, Newark, not later than the 13th inst. Suitable buses and trams run.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — C. Evans, Hon. Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. It is important that intending visitors should inform me, in order that satisfactory tea arrangements may be made.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those who intend coming to tea please notify Mr. A. Clark, 209, Purley Way, Croydon, not later than Wednesday, Jan. 14th? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions due. Reports ready. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 1925, at 7.45. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road Handsworth, Birmingham.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this branch for the election of officers for 1925 will be held at Barwell, instead of Earl Shilton, the bells not being available at Shilton. Bells available at Barwell from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.  
—The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.  
—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries on or before Jan. 21st.—J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Stan-dish; Walter Hughes, 3, 'Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672.—The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. Tickets (3s. 9d. each) can now be obtained from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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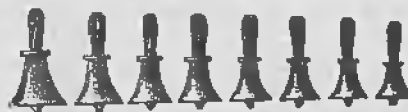
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#### THE 'EDUCATION' OF THE RINGER.

The subject of 'lectures' for ringers, which has been referred to once or twice recently in our columns, and to which another correspondent returns to-day, is a matter which is really worth serious consideration by those responsible for promoting the art of ringing. At present such teaching as is officially given by associations is limited almost entirely to the most elementary features of the art, and time and again we have pointed out the inadequacy of the system which is generally adopted. What usually happens when a band is placed under official tuition is that a competent ringer is sent to the tower to instil into a band of beginners the first principles of change ringing, which generally carries them to the length of ringing plain Doubles or Minor, and, in exceptional cases, perhaps, as far as, say, a peal of Grandsire. But when they have reached this fringe of the subject no more is done for the band 'officially.' Often, of course, the instructor will carry on, especially if he has a promising band not too difficult of access, but what we are now referring to is the 'official' attitude usually adopted. The point where most bands of beginners are left is about the equivalent to that of a child who has been taught how to spell simple words and is then told that, having been given a-start, he must now create his own enthusiasm and go on and learn by himself. For every band that goes on from the official instruction stage to become competent ringers in advanced methods there are a dozen who 'stick' just about where they are left.

What is wanted is a policy that will introduce 'continuation' classes, whereby beginners may be led on to greater things, and 'lectures' on various phases of ringing given at district meetings might well be one feature of this advanced education. There are many sides to our pursuit, among them the historical and the engineering, as well as the mathematical and the practical application of our art, and knowledge on all these could well be spread by means of papers read at meetings, and discussions upon the subjects dealt with. Such features could not but add to the general interest of meetings, as well as being of benefit to the individual. Something on these lines is being carried out successfully in the Exeter District of the Devon Guild—where, at the periodical 'fraternal' gatherings, there is always a discussion on some subject of mutual interest connected with ringing. The whole question, as we said at the beginning of this article, is well worth serious consideration by all associations, and doubtless there could be found connected with most, if not all, of our big societies men capable of preparing a paper on one of the many topics of interest to ringers.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, January 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Treble | ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 7    |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2   | A. PADDON SMITH ... .. 8      |
| HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 3   | ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9       |
| FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 4    | THOMAS MILLER ... .. 10       |
| ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5        | JOHN NEAL ... .. 11           |
| ALD. J. S. PRITCHETT, M.A. 6  | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor |

\* Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Recorder of Lincoln, and presiding Ringing Master of the Guild, which took place on January 8th, 1925.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| TREVERS PRICHARD ... .. Treble | LESLIE BARRY ... .. 6        |
| * BASIL LATHAM ... .. 2        | ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 7       |
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3        | THOMAS PRICE ... .. 8        |
| HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 4       | HARRY BARRETT ... .. 9       |
| GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5        | * GEORGE LATHAM ... .. Tenor |

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

\* First peal of Caters.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble  | * WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6 |
| RUFERT RICHARDSON ... 2    | FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 7    |
| WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 3  | JOHN W. WOOD ... .. 8        |
| CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 4   | * WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 9 |
| * CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 5 | REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor  |

Composed and Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, CITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALLAN E. GWYNNE ... .. Treble | THOMAS H. TAYSON ... .. 5  |
| JOHN CLARK ... .. 2           | WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 6  |
| GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 3      | CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 4      | JOHN HUSBANDS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JNO. WILKINSON ... .. Treble | GEORGE WALKER ... .. 5       |
| JONATHAN PRESTON ... .. 2    | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6    |
| JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 3     | THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 7    |
| CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 4    | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.



## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *GEORGE M. HOBBS ... .. Treble | ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 5   |
| ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 2        | ERNEST GOWER ... .. 6       |
| FREDERICK G. WAYMARK ... 3     | EDWARD BRAY ... .. 7        |
| ARTHUR K. GOWER ... .. 4       | †CHARLES LEWIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

\* First peal. † Re-elected member of Association. Rung for the 80th birthday of Mr. Tom Lewis, father of tenorman, who has been a ringer for 66 years.

## NEWPORT, MON.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ARTHUR GRIFFITHS ... .. Treble | REGINALD LEWIS ... .. 5       |
| JOHN BULLEN ... .. 2            | JOHN BUTLER ... .. 6          |
| *FRED GREEDY ... .. 3           | CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 7       |
| FRED ATWELL ... .. 4            | WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled at the closing of the car. Arranged for Mr. John Butler, of Monkleigh, Torrington, North Devon, who is 74 years of age.

## OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS &amp; SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SIDNEY BOORE ... .. Treble | FREDERICK TYNDALL ... 5      |
| ERNEST E. GOSLING ... .. 2 | *FRANK CORKE ... .. 6        |
| RONALD FRANKLIN ... .. 3   | ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 7        |
| ROBERT WOOD ... .. 4       | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. E. BERTON.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung on New Year's Eve, as a birthday peal for Mr. J. Guttridge, senr., and in honour of his daughter, Miss Lottie Guttridge's marriage to Mr. J. Rogers, which took place at the above church earlier in the day. \* First peal, and made a life member of the Guild before starting. First peal of Major by all except the ringers of 7th and tenor.

## WORSLEY, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM JONES ... .. Treble | JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 5       |
| FRED GRUNDY ... .. 2        | PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 6     |
| *JAMES HOWARTH ... .. 3     | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7    |
| *JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 4      | STANLEY HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

## FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *G. F. ALEXANDER, JUN. ... Treble | GEORGE H. CORNER ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 2         | MISS MARY STEPHENSON ... 6      |
| *MISS DORIS BULMAN ... 3          | WILLIAM H. BRECKON ... 7        |
| ALBERT V. COATES ... .. 4         | FREDERICK TOWNSEND ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. BRECKON.

\* First peal on tower bells. First peal on an inside bell by Miss M. Stephenson. The ringers of 4th, 5th and 7th are from Whitby.

## PRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble | GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 5     |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 2   | JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 3      | FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 7      |
| HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 4     | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, January 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| †FRED CHAMBERS ... .. Treble | TOM CHAMBERS ... .. 5       |
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 2   | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 6      |
| JOHN BROWN ... .. 3          | JOHN WATSON ... .. 7        |
| FRED HINDLE ... .. 4         | *JAS. HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERS.

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

## EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *JOE HITCHMAN ... .. Treble | WALTER V. WEBB ... .. 5        |
| JAMES BUTLER ... .. 2       | ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 6        |
| FREDERICK H. ABBOTT ... 3   | JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7       |
| H. KEITH WHITE ... .. 4     | WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES S. NAPPER.

\* First peal.

## FEERING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWIN WIFFEN ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KEEFLE ... .. 5      |
| WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 2     | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE MOSS ... .. 3       | CYRIL PEASE ... .. 7         |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4   | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEFLE

## NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Treble | JOHN YATES ... .. 5          |
| WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 2       | ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... 6   |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3   | GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4     | *WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

William Leatherbarrow was proposed a member of the association before starting for the peal. \* First peal of Major. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. Also first peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. E. W. Whittenbury-Kaye, who has been Rector of Newchurch for nearly 27 years. He leaves shortly for Bridlington.

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On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2     | *JOSEPH RIDYARD ... .. 6    |
| JOHN POTTER ... .. 3           | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7       |
| JAMES BOLTON ... .. 4          | ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE ... Treble | ARTHUR TIMMINS ... .. 5     |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2       | EZRA HOMER ... .. 6         |
| WILLIAM GOODMAN ... .. 3        | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... .. 4     | HORACE DOWELL ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 71st birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, senr.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BLACKBORN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN P. FOULDS ... .. Treble | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5 |
| RENNIE HARTLEY ... .. 2      | WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 6    |
| JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... .. 3   | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7     |
| HARRY ENTWISTLE ... .. 4     | JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor      |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal on the bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.  
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S No. 6.

Tenor 17 cwt. 16 lb. in G flat.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5       |
| *WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... .. 2    | JOHN FOREMAN ... .. 6            |
| JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 3     | WILLIAM C. BASKILL ... .. 7      |
| CHARLES L. ROULEDGE ... .. 4   | RICHARD THOMPSON, JUN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First attempt for a peal. Rung in honour of Mr. Keen's silver wedding. Rung on the 'Dixon' eight, and by all members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Ringers.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. G. GROVES' TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM RICE ... .. Treble | HARRY ALLEN ... .. 5      |
| JOHN WOOD ... .. 2         | ALFRED RICHELL ... .. 6   |
| ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 3       | GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7     |
| HARRY W. BUSH ... .. 4     | *FRANK PAYNE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. The 'go' of the bells gave every satisfaction. Messrs. F. Payne and H. Allen were elected members before starting the peal. Six ringers belong to the local band, and Messrs. A. Head and J. Wood to Chelmsford.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| LEONARD SHAW ... .. Treble    | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5 |
| JOHN ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 2 | JOHN KEDFEARN BREARLEY ... 6 |
| WILLIS WITHAM ... .. 3        | OLIVER CANWOOD ... .. 7      |
| ARCHIE BREARLEY ... .. 4      | GEORGE HILL ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL.

Conducted by G. HILL.

First peal on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2         | FREDERICK W. RUSHWORTH ... 6 |
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. 3     | ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 7  |
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4            | SAMUEL COLEY ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by BERNARD H. WITCHELL.

Rung on the first anniversary of the opening of the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *HERBERT W. WATTS ... .. Treble | ARTHUR JORDAN ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. 2       | THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. 6  |
| GEORGE JORDAN ... .. 3          | THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 7    |
| WALTER PRIOR ... .. 4           | †WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob inside.  
‡ First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. It is 16 years since the last peal of Oxford was rung on these bells.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES S. GARD ... .. Treble | ERNEST F. WHITE ... .. 5       |
| *FRANK ASHWORTH ... .. 2    | WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6   |
| JESSIE FRANCIS ... .. 3     | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 7    |
| *GEORGE E. WEBSTER ... .. 4 | *EDWARD C. MARLOW ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

\* First peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, January 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JAMES PUMFREY ... .. Treble | †CHARLES ALLEN ... .. 5       |
| *JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. 2    | CHARLES CAMM ... .. 6         |
| *JOHN ROWLATT ... .. 3       | *ARTHUR GRIFFIN ... .. 7      |
| *FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 4     | *WILLIAM GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. All the above belong to the local band. First peal on the bells by a local band, and rung at the first attempt.

LEWES.—On Tuesday, December 30th, at Southover Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Boyes 1, L. Boyes 2, D. White 3, W. Peeling 4, A. Scrivens 5, A. I. Turner 6, R. I. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. S. Steadman 8. Composed by W. Coombes, Cardiff.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble   | FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5  |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 2   | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3            | GEORGE HAWKINS ... 7      |
| FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 4 | ERNEST NOY ... Tenor      |

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

## GREAT MILTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble | GORDON CAUDWELL ... 5 |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2 | HARRY MILES ... 6     |
| JACK JUDGE ... 3          | WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7 |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR ... 4      | JOHN ALLEN ... Tenor  |

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE  
WIGAN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. James, Poolstock,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| SAM GREENHALGH ... Treble  | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5  |
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... 2        | TITUS BARLOW ... 6       |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3 | ALLAN F. BAILEY ... 7    |
| GEORGE POWNALL ... 4       | EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise in Wigan.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| CHARLES BRIGGS ... Treble | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5  |
| HARRY ARGYLE ... 2        | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6    |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7      |
| Rev. R. P. FARROW ... 4   | FRED H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the unveiling of the local war memorial. \* First peal of Surprise Major.

## MOUNTSOREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 27 lb. in G sharp.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | WILLIAM THORLEY ... 5     |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... 2              | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6   |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3       | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7 |
| ROWLAND BARROW ... 4            | EDWARD READER ... Tenor   |

Composed by E. A. RIDGEWAY. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

This is the first peal of Major in the method on the bells.

## PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... Treble   | WILLIAM DAVIES ... 5    |
| GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 2    | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6  |
| FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 3 | RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 7 |
| * FREDERICK PRICE ... 4      | HARRY COOK ... Tenor    |

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Christmas Day, December 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob, and thirty of Grandsire, with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| * ERNEST J. RUSHTON ... Treble | JOSEPH W. RUSHTON ... 4   |
| FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS ... 2   | ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 5   |
| GEORGE W. RUSHTON ... 3        | ROLAND BILLINGS ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED E. RUSHTON.

\* First peal (aged 14 years). First peal for all the band in three methods.

## KILNDOWN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At Christ Church.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FRANK PATTENDEN ... Treble | * JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... 4 |
| KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 2    | JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... 5   |
| ALBERT RELFE ... 3         | * GEORGE WAGHORN ... Tenor  |

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

\* First peal on an inside bell.

## FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| J. R. SMITH ... Treble | J. H. RAPER ... 4       |
| A. E. BACON ... 2      | † R. E. GREENACRE ... 5 |
| * E. A. BULLOCK ... 3  | W. N. USHEY ... Tenor   |

Conducted by R. E. GREENACRE.

\* First peal inside. † First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Marjorie Sporne to Mr. Frank Richardson, of London. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sporne for their hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

## THORNHAM MAGNA.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES NUNN ... Treble | WILLIAM CLOVER ... 4        |
| EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2     | ERNEST F. POPPY ... 5       |
| ALPHAEUS J. BERRY ... 3 | GEORGE CATTERMOLE ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

## BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, December 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Plain Bob, ten of Canterbury Pleasure, and thirty of Grandsire with sixteen different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST J. RUSHTON ... Treble | GEORGE W. RUSHTON ... 4   |
| FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS ... 2 | ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 5   |
| * JOHN WORSEY ... 3          | ROLAND BILLINGS ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. RUSHTON.

\* First peal.

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, January 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, Hornsey, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: \*W. Blee 1, \*J. G. Nash 2, H. Blee 3, A. Howell 4, T. Langdon 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. \* First quarter of Minor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss K. Ross, daughter of the conductor, which took place at the above church on this date.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD  
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Botolph,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores each of Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 18 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MISS MAUD CLARKE... ..Treble | †MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 3 |
| *MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD 2    | DAVID SHATFORD ... .. 4  |
| HARRY BAXTER ... ..Tenor     |                          |

Conducted by M. HOEBS.

\* First peal of Doubles. † 100th peal.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire Minor. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREDERICK W. HARRIS ...Treble | JAMES ATTWOOD... .. 4      |
| FRANCIS MILES ... .. 2        | *CHARLES TRAPP... .. 5     |
| THOMAS HARRIS ... .. 3        | OLIVER ATTWOOD ... ..Tenor |

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

\* First peal.

SMARDEN, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 29, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| *E. KING ... ..Treble  | †G. W. GRANT ... .. 4  |
| R. CORNES ... .. 2     | W. BROWN ... .. 5      |
| A. B. ALLCORN ... .. 3 | *F. COOPER ... ..Tenor |

Conducted by G. W. GRANT.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, two 720's of Woodbine, 720 of Kent, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN SPENCER ... ..Treble | FREDERICK WADE ... .. 4        |
| ERNEST BAILEY ... .. 2    | *ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... .. 5 |
| EDGAR BAILEY ... .. 3     | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... ..Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung to welcome the new year, the peal coming into rounds punctually at midnight. \* 100th tower bell peal.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| CYRIL M. MITCHELL ...Treble | HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4     |
| FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2 | JOHN BURLS ... .. 5       |
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3 | GEORGE MORRAD ... ..Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the old year.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Friday, Dec. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung after meeting too late to attempt a peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Olave, Hart Street,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. approx.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WALTER GLOVER... ..Treble  | WALTER G. ASHBY ... .. 4    |
| ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2   | JACK CARMAN ... .. 5        |
| ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 3 | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor |

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                                |                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM ROBINSON, JUN. Treble | THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. 4          |
| CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. 2       | THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... .. 3       |
| FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 3       | WILLIAM ROBINSON, SEN. ... ..Tenor |

Conducted by W. ROBINSON, SEN.

\* First peal. Furness Woodend was elected a member of the above association previous to starting for the peal.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

NORTHPREPS, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 30, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Tower of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 3 six-scores each of Old and Norfolk, 9 six-scores of Bob, and 27 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, called differently.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| E. LEONARD RISEBROW ...Treble | *FRANK N. GOLDEN ... .. 2—3 |
| CYRIL POOLEY ... .. 4—5       |                             |

Conducted by F. N. GOLDEN. Witnessed by C. G. SILVER.

\* First peal as conductor.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At Malvern House, the Residence of Mr. T. Pilgrim,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 15 in A.

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JACK PILGRIM ... .. 1—2 | NORMAN R. BAILEY ... .. 5—6 |
| ROY PILGRIM ... .. 3—4  | LEONARD W. BALE ... .. 7—8  |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.  
Witness: Mr. A. H. WESTON.

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LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Vicarage,

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, York, Norfolk, Ipswich, Primrose, Cambridge and Netherseale. Tenor size 15 in C.

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 1—2     | JOHN WOOLLEY ... .. 3—4 |
| CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... .. 5—6 |                         |

Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, January 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
At 61, New Park Street,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5068 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 10 in A.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1—2 | EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. 5—6 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3—4  | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7—8   |
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9—10   |                            |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.  
Umpire: R. F. ELKINGTON.



**THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.**

The annual general meeting of the Cumberland Association was held at Cockermouth on Friday, January 2nd. Owing to the inclement weather it was impossible for the outlying towers to be represented, but there was a fair attendance from Keswick, Bridekirk and Cockermouth. The meeting was presided over by the president (the Rev. Canon Parker), supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Holmes, Cockermouth).

The statement of accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 8s.

Mr. J. W. Brandwood (auditor) was elected a vice-president, and two performing members from Keswick were also elected.

It was decided to hold the annual ringing contest on Easter Monday at Crosthwaite Church (Keswick) for the 'Rawnsley' shield and medals.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and for the use of the bells and room.

Afterwards there was some good practice on the tower bells of All Saints' Church, Cockermouth, Plain Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Woodbine Treble Bob being rung by mixed bands of the towers represented.

**LEYTONSTONE'S RECORD FOR 1924.**

The following is a list of eighty-two 720's rung at St. John's Church, Leytonstone, by the members of the St. John-the-Baptist Association, Leytonstone, and visiting friends, during 1924:—

Cambridge Surprise 7, Canterbury 5, Carlisle 5, Newcastle 5, Southwell 5, Beverley 4, Ipswich 4, London 4, Surfleet 4, York 4, Chester 3, Lincoln 2, Munden 2, Norfolk 2, Norwich 2, Primrose 2, Wearmouth 2, Wells 2, Alnwick 1, Berwick 1, Durham 1, Coldstream 1, Hexham 1, Lightfoot 1, Morpeth 1, Nethersale 1, Wooler 1, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Plain Bob 7.

The ringers were: W. Miller 78, E. D. Smith 66, W. Theobald 63, A. Prior 54, G. Dawson 53, P. H. Avey 48, J. Moule 41, G. L. Joyce 30, D. Vincent 11, W. Pyc 9, E. J. Butler 8, R. Molton 6, A. Reeve 5, C. T. Coles 4, E. Edwards 2, W. Arnold 2, G. A. Black 2, G. Hayden 2, W. Keeble 2, W. F. Sermons 2, W. Mansfield 2, J. Horwood 1, W. Brown 1.

The 720's were conducted by W. Miller 44, A. Prior 14, A. L. Joyce 12, G. Dawson 5, E. D. Smith 2, W. Keeble 2, J. Moule 1, C. T. Coles 1. One 720 of London was rung non-conducted. The total number of changes was 59,040.

**LADY RINGER'S WEDDING AT BUCKNALL**

On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, the wedding took place between Miss Alice Wheeldon, a member of the local company, and Scoutmaster William T. Clarkson, of the 1st Bucknall Brigade. Immediately after the ceremony the bells rang out merrily, short touches of Plain Bob and Firing and Cross changes being indulged in. After an interval of 45 minutes, while other weddings took place, 720 of Plain Bob was rung: R. Preston 1, C. Bowen 2, H. Billings 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston 6.

Tea was then partaken of by the ringers, as the guests of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeldon. A few short speeches were made, wishing the happy couple the best of luck in their married life.

Returning to the bellfry, 720 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced) was rung by R. Preston 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, D. Preston 3, C. Preston 4, J. E. Wheeldon (Norton) 5, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 6. Later in the evening, a 720 of Violet Treble Bob was brought round: R. Preston 1, Alice Preston 2, C. Preston 3, C. Bowen 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, W. Wheeldon, senr., 6. The ringers then joined the wedding guests, and made merry until a late hour.

**CROYLAND ABBEY.**

Mr. J. R. Jerram, writes in reference to his recent article on the bells of Croyland Abbey, that Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury, has forwarded to him the following particulars of the first and only peal rung on these bells:

'On Saturday, November 28th, 1894, was rung by members of the South Lincolnshire Association, in 2 hours and 48 minutes, 5,040 changes, viz., 4 six-scores of Canterbury, 4 six-scores of Bob Doubles, 24 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each called differently, by P. Cherrington 1, W. Ambrose 2, R. Wyche 3, Rev. H. Law James 4, C. R. Lilley 5. The first peal ever rung on these bells.'

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At Cropwell Bishop, Notts, on December 27th, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to John Walker, one of the Cropwell band who was buried on that day, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles: W. Clarke 1, W. F. White (conductor) 2, T. Squires 3, W. White 4, L. Shelton 5. L. Shelton is one of the Cropwell band; the others are from Cotgrave.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The recent references to Stonham Aspal bring from Mr. F. E. Dawe the intimation that he took part there, on Whitsun Monday, 1884, in a 5,000 Keat Treble Bob Royal, which was called by the late Mr. W. L. Catchpole. The brothers Motts were in the band, which was composed mainly of Ipswich men, and the tenor, which was not going well at the time, was rung by the oldest member of the party, Mr. Edward Reeve. At the time, it was said to be the first peal on the ten bells.

The College Youths rang the first peal of Cinques on the 19th January, 1724. The peal—Grandsire—was rung by a band which included Benjamin Annable, and Robert Catlin, the bell founder, and was 'ye first that was ever done.'

A peal of 'Garthings Trebles' was rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, on January 20th, 1740.

On January 20th, 1777, the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 6,240 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch.

The first peal of Norwich Maximus was rung at St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, on January 20th, 1817.

The Cambridge Youths rang a peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great on January 21st, 1788.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung at Cheltenham on January 21st, 1898. At that time it was believed to be the first, but a few years ago 'The Ringing World' was able to publish the record of a peal rung at Wakefield in 1822.

The anniversaries of the deaths of two noted ringers occur next week. Harry Bastable, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, for eleven years, died on January 19th, 1899, aged 50; James Motts, of Ipswich, died on January 21st, 1923.

The 'Lynn Advertiser' of January 2nd, 1875, recorded the following: 'On Saturday, Robert Pamment, the chimner at St. Nicholas chapel, performed for two hours without intermission on the peal of eight bells, chiming a large number of changes in a very regular manner by pulling cords attached to the clappers of the bells.'

'According to custom,' said a Sittingbourne paragraph in a Kentish paper, 'our crack change ringers had a glorious time during the Christmas holidays. On Boxing Day the bells of St. Michael, Borden, and Tunstall, were pealing for hours. Darkness alone brought the ringing to a standstill.'

Now we know why Messrs. Cheesman and Co. did not ring all night. They cannot ring when darkness sets in.

In ringing the extra bell in the tower at Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, January 3rd, in a peal of Stedman Triples, Mr. W. H. Barber has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower hung for ringing. This was the first peal of Triples on the light peal of eight, the only other peal rung on them having been one of Double Norwich at 'Peace' time.

## LECTURES FOR RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest the various letters on the subject of composition and construction, and though these are all very interesting, and are necessary for the benefit of the Exercise, they are far above the heads of the average ringers who fail to grasp their meaning. The most lucid I have as yet seen is Mr. Trollope's most recent contribution on Q-sets. It is really a masterpiece in its explanatory sense. The suggestion thrown out in your issue of December 26th is no idle jest. If your experts would give lectures at meetings on 'How to call or conduct' by position, instead of looking to see if the ropes fall in their places, and the theory of 'in and out of course,' and then the construction of methods, it would greatly benefit the young Exercise, and the lecturer would be sure of an audience.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

## PRESENTATION AT ACTON.

After ringing for evensong on Sunday, the St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Acton, showed their appreciation of the happy hours they had spent in the tower with their captain (Mr. Robert Holloway), who has held the position now for 14 years.—Mr. Fruin, the oldest member, in presenting, on behalf of the band, an umbrella with a heavy silver band with initials, said their captain was one of the very best, and they all appreciated to the full what he had done for them, and the jolly times they have all had together.

Mr. Holloway, who was taken completely by surprise, replied by thanking everyone for the kind spirit shown in the gift. He hoped it was a good omen, and that the weather would improve. It was a curious thing, but only on the previous day his wife complained of the 'whiskers' developing round his old umbrella (laughter). He thanked them very much indeed, and at the same time assured the band that what had been done was a real pleasure, and a labour of love.

A vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Mr. Fruin for making the presentation.

## BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

### GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS.

Attended with success equal to that of any previous year, the fourth annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds took place on Saturday at the Grand Hotel. There was again a large gathering of ringers, and in addition to the numerous representatives of bands in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol, there were visitors from London, Newport, Loughborough, Bridgend, etc. The arrangements had been made by a committee, consisting of Messrs. F. G. Leaker (chairman), W. Knight (vice-chairman), P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), W. A. Cave, L. Gowing, H. T. Howell, J. G. G. Jefferies and Miss E. Smith (stewards), Messrs. S. Abraham, U. Braven, E. J. Brown, J. A. Burford, J. Gould, J. R. Jones, W. Stafford, G. Trow and W. S. Emery, with Mr. Edgar Guise, hon. secretary, who worked indefatigably to secure the success of the proceedings. The decorations of the dining hall were appropriate to the occasion, and prominently displayed was the old 'ringers' jug,' which was used in Bristol thirty or forty years ago by the Society of Union Youths.

Mr. F. G. Leaker presided over the gathering, at which the Bishop of Bristol was the principal guest. There were, in addition, many clergy present. An excellent dinner was served, and, after the loyal toast, the Chairman proposed 'The Church.' He said that at no time did the Church need help more than at the present. He also referred to the parochial roll, and expressed the hope that ringers would fulfil their responsibilities in connection with this. In a reference to the new University buildings, the speaker remarked upon the close alliance between the churches and the universities, and said that it was through the universities that they got the splendid sermons that they heard in church. In the magnificent tower that was growing to completion a mammoth bell would soon be erected. As soon as a bell entered a tower it immediately converted a dead tower into a live tower, and the message of the bells should be an inspiration to all. The speaker added that the Lord Bishop, who was the guest of the evening, was loved by all, no matter to what denomination they belonged.

### BISHOP AND RINGERS.

The Bishop, in replying to the toast, said he often felt there was a danger of ringers feeling that they, in the belfry were away from the centre of the church, that they were not part of the congregation, the church, or the worship. The ringers were really a very important part, and he was sure that they would make their place in the church all that was best, not only in the conduct of the bells and their ability to use them, but also in other phases of the life of the church. They as clergy, were open to criticism, he knew. They were not up to the standard that they ought to be, or as sympathetic as they might be. They knew the reason. There was only one quarter from which they could draw clergy, and that was the laity (laughter). The Bishop, whose eloquent response was touched with many passages of humour, in a reference to the sense of humour that he remarked, must exist in the lives of those like the ringers who were helping to bring the message of joy and harmony into the lives of others, recalled a conversation with an old Wiltshire farmer, who remarked, 'Yes, I've seen three Bishops of Bristol, your reverence, and I never want to see another' (laughter). His lordship went on to say that he felt he ought to say something about bells that evening. Certainly as he looked round the tables he saw many belles (laughter). There was nothing so inspiring on a beautiful summer's evening as the sound of a peal of bells across the fields, inviting the people to come into the church, sounding a message of encouragement and affection—the Christian message—into the ears and to the hearts of all those who were within hearing distance. Some of these bells had beautiful inscriptions, and it was quite as interesting to collect these as it was the curious epitaphs that they found over churchyard graves. Probably there were many wireless enthusiasts there that evening, remarked his lordship. He had heard handbell ringing on the wireless only a short while ago, and he thought that if some of their splendid experiments could be broadcast it would convey a great deal of pleasure to countless homes (applause). He wished the Guild every success.

### SILENT BELLS.

'The Bristol United Ringing Guilds' was proposed by Mr. Ernest Bishop, of Swindon, who remarked that they had some excellent Guilds in the city of Bristol, including St. Stephen's, which had created records of which they might be proud. The whole of the city was full of beautiful towers and bells. He felt sure that it would be good for the Guilds if the clergy and ringers became better acquainted. They did not often see them in the towers, but a gathering of that kind helped to do a great deal. He felt that Bristol ringers had a great deal they could do, not only in Bristol, but in the surrounding districts.

Mr. Edgar Guise, responding, said that if all the Guilds did as much for the bells as they did in Swindon he was sure that all the bells would be in excellent order. In Bristol and district they had 26 peals of bells. The Bristol Guilds were in their infancy, but during the past year they had put their work into excellent use. As years went on they would find the organisation more and more useful. Mr. Guise also made an allusion to the non-use of certain bells in the city.

The Bishop, referring to this, said that if the bells were to be transferred to a new church they would have to ensure that there would be adequate accommodation. It would be extremely difficult at the present moment to raise the necessary sums for this purpose. Another difficulty was that these churches were under vestries, and there was no more reactionary body than a select vestry (laughter). It would be extremely difficult to persuade them to part with any portion of their property, and there were legal difficulties also. His lordship would be pleased to convey the remarks made to the members of the vestries.

Dr. Alexander, churchwarden of St. Mary-le-Port Church, Bristol, asked that he might be allowed to say a few words as a 'select vestryman' (laughter). He quite appreciated the suggestion made, that with suburbs rapidly growing the need for churches should be considered. Why not send these bells to give their message if they had no further message to give in their present position?

### CATHEDRAL WITHOUT BELLS.

'We are bound together in one great object of promoting change ringing and the fellowship and good conduct of the belfry,' said Mr. William Knight, in proposing 'Kindred Guilds and Associations.' Bristol was supposed to be the city of churches and bells, said the speaker, but the Mother Church was without a peal of bells. He would rather see a peal of bells at the Cathedral than a new bell at Bristol University.

Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough (who represented the Midland Counties Association), said that as he travelled about the country he saw an enormous number of young fellows who had taken up ringing and were sticking to it. These gatherings were of great assistance. The speaker referred to the great bell, weighing ten tons, that had been cast for Bristol University tower, mentioning that it was already cast and tuned and ready for dispatch. With Great Peter of York it as the third heaviest in England. He added that several names had been suggested for the new bell, such as 'Yellow Peril' and 'Gold Flake' (laughter), but he did not know what name it would eventually receive. It had a Latin inscription, but, amid humorous retorts, he said he would not divulge its translation; he would leave that for Bristol ringers to do when they read it.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, of London, who also responded, remarked that ringers' gatherings did a wonderful amount to consolidate the Guilds' position. They created links that were not easily broken between Bristol and London and the various districts.

The Rev. R. H. Whitford, in proposing the toast of 'The Press,' made reference to the amount of usefulness which journals dealing with special subjects could be put to.

Mr. J. W. Jones, in submitting 'The Artists,' paid a great tribute to Mr. H. V. Spiller, saying that he singled him out because he (Mr. Jones) being a Welshman knew what a baritone was. He would be going into the Rhondda Valley in the next few days, and he would tell them that they would have to go to Bristol United Ringing Guild's banquets to hear better baritone singing than they had in Wales.

He (Mr. Jones) added: 'We have all heard a lot about Bristol Surprise, but everyone in that room had had Bristol Surprise that night. He had attended all four dinners of the Guilds, and it was his emphatic opinion that that one was the best.'

Mr. C. Read, in responding, said that it gave them all real pleasure to come to the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' dinner, and that they all hoped to be associated with it for many years to come. He was surprised at the number of diners that evening, there being 131 present. He had a lot to do with dinners, and knew what a struggle there usually was to get 80. It showed, he said, the enthusiasm of the ringers.

During the evening handbell selections were given by Messrs. Brown and Misses Jordan, songs were contributed by Mr. Lloyd Williams, Miss Edith Hill, Mr. E. H. Cooke, Mr. H. Spiller and Mr. Val Davies; Messrs. Spiller and Williams sang a duet; Miss Dorothy Hill and Mr. A. Stowell gave recitations, and Miss Read played some delightful 'cello solos. The programme, which was a most enjoyable one, and of high musical merit, was arranged by Messrs. W. S. Emery and E. Guise, and the accompanists were Mrs. W. Sowden and Mr. C. Read, I.S.M.

During the afternoon ringing had been indulged in at various Bristol Churches, a peal attempt at St. James' being unfortunately lost about half-way.

### BULWELL RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with regret we announce the death of an old ringer, in the person of Mr. Enoch Foster, of Bulwell, who died on Tuesday, Jan. 6th, at the age of 63 years. He was interred in Bulwell Churchyard on Saturday, January 10th.

The deceased, who had been a ringer at the Parish Church of St. Mary, Bulwell, for over 40 years, will be greatly missed. Four of his brother ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside, and a touch of 546 Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells for morning service on Sunday, January 11th, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect.

## THE ITINERANT BELL FOUNDER AND THE BEER ACCOUNT.

An interesting little article headed 'The Thirsty Bell Founder,' written by Jean L. Durrant, appeared in last Friday's issue of 'The Daily News.' The information it contains is largely based upon the records of that itinerant founder, John Waylett (who was in business from 1714 to 1727), which appear in Dr. A. D. Tyssen's 'Church Bells of Sussex.' We are not so sure, however, that the inference that the beer provided on various occasions was all for the founder. In all probability the ringers had their full share of it—and, perhaps, parson and churchwardens, too, for the official expenditure on the beverage was apparently only on 'ceremonious occasions.' Be that as it may, the writer, we think, is a little wide of the mark in saying that Waylett was probably of the gipsy type. She has not realised the fact that in those days—two centuries ago—the lack of means of transport made it imperative in many cases for the bell founder to go to the bells instead of the bells going to the founder. But the article is none the less interesting reading. She says:—

All over Sussex from the little village churches come the climes of the bells cast by old John Waylett, the tinkering bell founder of the 18th century. Sussex possesses forty of his bells, and during his wanderings he repaired the peals throughout the county.

Probably he was of the gipsy type, loving the open road, making friends as he tramped from place to place, and choosing to make his fires in the open and work in the fields instead of in a foundry. His bells still chime from every quarter, and the old parish records prove that he drank beer as he worked, plenty of it.

His method was simple. He would call on the Vicar of the Parish, and inquire if new bells were wanted, or if the old ones needed repairing; when he received an order he would dig a mould in a field near the church, make his fire, collect the metal he needed, and cast his bell or repair the cracked one on the spot.

In 1724 he was at Lewes, where he built his furnace, and mended the peals for all the outlying villages. It was in that year he cast the Steyning peal, made a new treble bell for Mayfield, and recast the old one. Three of his bells are now in old Withyham Church, the little village associated with the Sackville family, who have owned Buckhurst Park since the reign of Henry II. The church was partially destroyed by lightning, but the vaults where the Sackvilles were buried escaped injury. A large window gives their genealogy, now represented by Earl De La Warr. The Latin inscription reads: 'The noble family of Sackville here awaits the Resurrection.'

John Waylett's work on the bells evidently made him thirsty, and the old parish records show the amount spent on beer during his visits. When he was at Withyham the churchwardens paid 3/6 for his beer, and the price per gallon was less than for a pint now. At Mayfield, according to the old parish accounts, the expenditure on beer in connection with his visit was as follows:—

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Beer to the ringers when the bell founder was here ..... | 2/6    |
| When the bell was weighed .....                          | 3/8    |
| When the bell was loaded .....                           | 2/0    |
| When the bell was carried to Lewes and back .....        | 1/10/0 |
| When the bell was weighed and hung .....                 | 3/0    |
| Beer for the officers and others hanging the bell .....  | 18/0   |
| Beer for the ringers when the bell was hung .....        | 6/6    |

The ringers of the little village of Burwash on one occasion refused to ring the bells when George IV. passed through on his journey back to Brighton after a visit to Etchingham. They had rung him in to the village on his way there, but solidly refused to ring him out on his return.

No persuasion would move the Sussex men, so the bells were silent, because the First Gentleman in Europe had not mentioned beer.

## PRESENTATIONS AT SHROPHAM.

On Saturday evening a farewell half-peal was rung by members of the Norfolk Guild, consisting of seven six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Before lowering the bells, Mr. C. Hewitt, on behalf of the Shropham company, presented their conductor with an inkstand, and Mr. W. Allen, conductor of Rockland All Saints' company, presented him with a fountain pen. They remarked that Mr. Mason deserved some recognition of his unsparing efforts for the 18 years (except during the war) during which he had spent many hours in teaching young ringers, and making the ringing of much higher standard. They felt sure that the ringers of Martham would be the gainers by what would be lost in that belfry.—Mr. Mason, in reply, thanked both companies for their unexpected gifts. He should look at them and remember the happy hours he had spent in practice, and also in ringing for service. He had always thought how nice it was for anyone to be able to return to his native village, but he had suddenly realised that was not so entirely pleasant as one might think.

Members taking part in the ringing were J. Peck 1, W. Allen (Rockland) 2, E. Hunt (Freshingfield) 3, Fred Shingfield (Rockland) 4, Herbert Mason (conductor) 5.

## RINGERS' SUPPER AND PRESENTATION AT STANMORE.

A pleasant evening was spent at Zion House, Stanmore, on Thursday, January 8th, when the Stanmore ringers held their annual supper. The Rector (the Rev. W. A. Hewitt) presided, and was supported by Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association), Mr. F. A. Edwards (Bushey), Mr. J. Milner (Isleworth), and 10 members of the local band. A letter of apology was received from the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays (Rector of Finchley, and late of Stanmore), explaining his inability to be present.

After supper had been disposed of, and the loyal toast honoured, Mr. G. Hughes (Master) proposed the toast of 'The Rector and Churchwardens.'—Mr. Hughes expressed the pleasure of the ringers at having the Rector with them, and regretted the unavoidable absence of the churchwardens. He also mentioned that as a society they had made good progress during the last twelve months, which was due to the great help given to them by Mr. Edwards and Mr. Milner, and he assured the Rector that the society was stronger now than it had ever been. — The toast was then drunk with musical honours.

The Rev. W. A. Hewitt, in reply, thanked the members for inviting him to their annual supper. He was glad to meet them, and also to hear the bells rung, and he especially thanked them for the peal rung on the eve of his induction in December.

Mr. F. Hill (secretary) proposed the toast of the visitors. He thanked the hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association for being present with them, at which they felt honoured. To Messrs. Edwards and Milner he expressed heartfelt gratitude for the immense amount of trouble they had taken to help them at Stanmore.

This toast having been honoured, the Rector presented Mr. Edwards with a fountain pen as a small token of the regard felt for him by the local ringers. It was the intention to present Mr. Milner with a suitably engraved bell, but the jeweller having failed them, this part of the proceedings had to be postponed.

Mr. Edwards briefly thanked the Stanmore ringers for their gift to him, and said it was a pleasure to help them. They had themselves given him every encouragement by attending the practices regularly, and he was glad that some of them had achieved their ambition of ringing in a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Mr. Coles expressed his thanks at being invited, and said he was very pleased at the progress made by the Stanmore ringers during 1924. He hoped they would go on until they were able to ring a peal with an entirely local band. On behalf of the Middlesex Association he thanked Messrs. Edwards and Milner for the help they had so freely given to the Stanmore ringers.

Mr. Milner also expressed his thanks, and said it was a pleasure to help such a fine lot of fellows as he met at Stanmore.

Songs by Messrs. G. Hughes, F. Edwards, F. Hill, W. Lancelley and H. Moxom were interspersed between the various toasts, and a pleasant evening came to an end all too soon.

## OLD CUSTOM AT SALEHURST.

Following the usual custom, the Salehurst (Sussex) ringers met at the tower at 11.30 p.m. on Old Year's Day, and rang out the old year. On the stroke of 12, the bells were fired, and then started off into a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples to usher in the new year. The ringers met again at 10.30 a.m., and at intervals throughout the day rang several touches of well-struck Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. At six o'clock they adjourned to the 'Old Eight Bells,' where an excellent dinner was provided for them by Host and Hostess W. Foreman.

In the absence of the Vicar and churchwardens, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Hoad, of Glottenham. After the usual loyal toast had been given, and a verse of the National Anthem sung, Mr. Hoad proposed 'The Health of the Bell Ringers.'—This was responded to by Mr. T. Booth, the captain, who thanked the ringers for their support, and hoped they would attend in future as well as they had done in the past. He also hoped they would attend the practices as well as on Sunday.

A letter was read from Mr. L. J. Hodson, churchwarden, regretting he was unable to be present, but thanking the ringers for their services, on behalf of himself and the worshippers, who, he was sure, appreciated very much what the ringers did.

Mr. W. Franks, of Battle, thanked the Salehurst ringers for their kind invitation to him, and said he was pleased with the way the band had stuck to ringing. The way they struck their peals did them great credit.

The rest of the evening was spent in harmony, songs being rendered by Messrs. W. Franks, T. Hoad, J. Goodsell, W. Foreman, and F. Ballard, Mr. W. Stevens presiding at the piano.

The evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne,' and a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Foreman for an enjoyable evening.

**TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.** — On Saturday, December 27th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 44 mins.: G. Oliver 1, E. Stoner 2, A. C. V. Gasson 3, C. J. E. Gasson 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. T. Gasson (conductor) 6. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells, which were opened on October 18th, 1924. The ringers belong to the Balcombe band.



## RINGERS AND CHURCH COUNCILS.

## WHAT TO DO AND WHEN TO DO IT.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your leading article, and in Mr. Young's letter, it is stated that the 'time for action is between the New Year and Easter.'

In our Diocese, I do not know what happens in others, we are advised to hold the annual Parochial Church meeting (at which members of the Church Council for the ensuing year are elected), as early as possible in the New Year, now that the financial year ends with the civil year. This being so, ringers should, at once, see that their names are on the roll. If there is any doubt about it, and the roll is not posted at the church, procure a form from the incumbent—if they are not placed somewhere in the church—and fill it up, or ringers may suddenly wake up to the fact that the annual meeting is announced, and there is no time to get their names on 'a fortnight before the annual meeting.'

Having got this far, the next duty is to attend the meeting in force and plump for their representative by giving him the three votes allowed to any one candidate. The regulations provide that any voter may give three votes to one or more candidates provided that they do not give more votes in all than they are entitled to. The number of votes each elector has is the same as the number of members to be elected. Supposing that 18 members are required, each voter will have 18 votes, and may give up to three each to the candidates he wishes to vote for, but not more than 18 in all. Of course, if the number of members to be elected is other than 18, the number would be different.

It may be thought unnecessary to go into this here, but at the meeting this point may be overlooked, so it is just as well to know about it beforehand.

If a band of ringers, with their wives and relations, who have votes will attend the meeting and each give the ringers' candidate three votes his election is in most cases assured. I do not suggest that they should not vote for any others, but do not plump for more than the ringers who are up for election.

D. G. TAYLOR.

Under the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, the following rules are laid down:—

Section III.—Electoral Roll . . . . 1 (1) It shall be annually revised not less than twenty-eight days before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Notice of such revision shall be affixed at the place or places hereinafter prescribed with respect to notice convening the said Parochial Church Meeting (i.e., at or near the principal door of the church) fourteen days at least before such revision takes place.

(2) The roll shall be published by being affixed at or near to the principal door of the church in such manner as the Parochial Church Council shall appoint, and the roll shall be open for the enrolment of new voters continuously up to fourteen days before the day of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

## 'RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW.'

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, for the Watch-night service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. Simpson (longest touch and first attempt as conductor) 1, A. Woosnam 2, J. Hughes 3, F. Woosnam 4, D. Hughes 5, W. Woosnam 6, H. Williams 7, F. Winstanley 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Thursday, Jan. 1st, after the conclusion of the Watch-night service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. W. Martin 1, H. L. Smith 2, J. Pole 3, A. Disney 4, R. Barrow (conductor) 5, K. R. Elliott 6, E. Reeve 7, A. Skinner (longest length of Triples) 8.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.—On Dec. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the old year, 360 Double Court: J. P. Hayes 1, W. E. White 2, W. Hickling 3, D. Burton 4, T. Squires 5, W. White (conductor) 6; and with the bells open to welcome in the new year, 360 Double Court: G. Foolitt 1, W. White (conductor) 2, W. Hickling 3, W. E. White 4, T. Squires 5, D. Burton 6.

BRAINTREE. — For midnight service, on New Year's Eve, with bells half-muffled, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major; and to welcome the new year, 480 in the same method, with bells open: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, L. W. Wiffen 2, F. Ely 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, E. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8. The conductor has now rung for the early celebration on Christmas Day and the old year out for 40 consecutive years, with one exception, when the Defence of the Realm Act prevented ringing after sunset, and before sunrise.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Wednesday, Dec. 31st, at St. Peter's Church, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Gammon 1, W. Bulpitt 2, F. Larby 3, T. Bloxham 4, T. G. Bannister (first quarter as conductor) 5, C. Dean 6, E. C. Denham 7, G. Burt 8.

## MR. HARRY CHAPMAN'S 500 PEALS.

## A LIST WHICH INCLUDES SOME RECORDS.

Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester, is the latest among ringers to score his five hundredth peal.

Harry Chapman, than whom there is no better known or more popular ringer in the Exercise, was born at Bythorn, in Huntingdon, on Nov. 12th, 1863, and commenced to pull a bell at the age of nine years, his father being at that time parish clerk. It was, however, not until he was 19 years old that he took up change-ringing, and visited Raunds, Northants, for the purpose. Later he came in contact with Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford, and on August 14th, 1886, he rang his first peal. This was at Cardington. In 1888, Mr. Chapman went to reside at Manchester, where his first peal was Treble Ten at the Cathedral. He took part in the first peal of Stedman by the Lancashire Association (at Eccles on December 28th, 1891), and conducted the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise in Lancashire. He was the first to ring Manchester Town Hall tenor single-handed to a peal, and a month after ringing it he helped to Grandsire Caters, turned in this bell (52 cwt.) to Treble Ten.

Among other memorable performances, Mr. Chapman took part in the record 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, and the 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne, and the record 14,112 London Surprise Major at King's Norton.

For many years, Mr. Chapman has been a member of the committee of the Lancashire Association, which he has represented on the Central Council, which latter body honoured him, during a period when he was not an elected representative, by making him an honorary member. Of his peals, considerably over 300 have been rung for the Lancashire Association. The following is his list of 500:—

|                              | Rung. | Conducted. | Longest Length. | On Handbells. |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 3 Minor methods              | 2     |            |                 |               |
| 7 Minor methods              | 7     |            |                 |               |
| Bob Triples                  | 1     |            |                 |               |
| Bob Major                    | 16    |            |                 |               |
| Bob Royal                    | 2     |            |                 |               |
| Bob Maximus                  | 1     |            |                 |               |
| Grandsire Triples            | 13    | 1          |                 |               |
| Grandsire Caters             | 20    | 1          | 6,011           | 1             |
| Grandsire Cinques            | 11    |            |                 |               |
| Stedman Triples              | 89    |            |                 | 2             |
| Stedman Caters               | 30    |            | 6,591           | 2             |
| Stedman Cinques              | 17    |            |                 |               |
| Double Norwich Major         | 29    |            |                 |               |
| Duffield Major               | 1     |            |                 |               |
| Forward Major                | 1     |            |                 |               |
| Reddish Court Major          | 1     |            |                 |               |
| Little Albion Major          | 1     |            |                 |               |
| Little Albion Royal          | 1     |            |                 |               |
| Darlaston Bob Triples        | 1     |            |                 |               |
| Kent Treble Bob Major        | 103   | 30         | 6,368           |               |
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| Superlative Surprise Major   | 56    | 22         | *9,312          |               |
| Cambridge Surprise Major     | 12    | 1          |                 |               |
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| New Cambridge Surprise Major | 2     |            |                 |               |
| Bristol Surprise Major       | 1     |            |                 |               |
| London Surprise Major        | 12    |            | *14,112         |               |
| Totals                       | 495   | 63         |                 | 5             |

\* Records when rung.

## SHUNT v. SWITCH.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I observe that the Revs. Davies and Drake are likely to join the list of those who are at variance in your columns. If they elaborate upon the above words, our knowledge will be enlarged, and it will be of interest to see with what polite deference they will agree to differ. They will thus give a lead to many who appear to see in a difference the rarely missed chance to abuse the opposite party.

As regards the two words, it will be found that like 'Railway' and 'Railroad,' 'Points' and 'Switches,' 'Station' and 'Depot,' etc., the first are English and the latter American. If we are adopting them, it is probably due to the capture of the film trade by America; which indeed boasts that it will Americanise the world thereby.—Yours faithfully,

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**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**CHELSEA.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Royal: H. W. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, G. Watkin 3, H. H. Mance 4, W. J. Dean 5, W. G. Matthews 6, E. A. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, A. J. Newman 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10.

**READING.**—For evening service, at St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, January 4th, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Goodship, the vergier, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: A. Evans 1, G. R. Goodship 2, A. W. Osborne 3, L. T. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, E. Humfrey (conductor) 7, H. Osborne 8.

**BANBURY, OXON.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for evensong, 336 Stedman Triples: H. Impey 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, F. Baldwin 5, R. W. Burrows 6, J. Simons 7, T. Impey 8. First 336 in the method for Sunday Service by an entirely local band.

**SHEFFIELD.**—On Sunday evening, January 4th, at St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, Norfolk Row, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Tuke 1, C. Lake 2, T. Savel 3, T. O'Hara 4, R. Harrison 5, J. Evinson 6, C. Harrison (conductor) 7, H. Hirst 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy to the Rev. Father Watkin, priest at the above church, whose father passed away during the previous week, at the advanced age of 80 years.

**EDGBASTON.**—On Sunday, January 4th, at the Old Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: G. Pigott 1, H. Withers (conductor) 2, G. Large 3, V. Hearn 4, R. Russell 5, E. Rose 6.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Knopp 2, the rest as before.

**PULBOROUGH.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: S. Picton 1, P. H. Doick 2, V. A. Corden 3, G. Carter 4, A. B. Corden 5, H. C. Greenfield 6, Cecil A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, W. Harwood 8. First quarter-peal of ringers by treble, 4th and 6th, and first quarter-peal as conductor.

**NOTICES.**

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Liversedge on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Will conductors of peals in 1924 send by Jan. 31st references or figures, if new, to C. J. Sedgley, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich?

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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. Magnus on the 22nd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3.30. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and others welcome.—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on 17th January. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Iron Room. Frequent bus service from Chelmsford Station.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Annual meeting at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me? All members and friends are earnestly asked to attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, Jan. 17th, at 3.30 p.m. The business meeting will commence at 7 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Waterfoot (6 bells), on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. Expecting a good muster of members to be present. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5.15 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**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.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbys.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Hon. Dis. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedworth on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. The suggested revision of the rules will be presented to the meeting.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuncaton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Shepton Mallet on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m. It is important that intending visitors should inform me, in order that satisfactory tea arrangements may be made.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Deansgate, on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, 1925, at 7.45. Ringing at St. Martin's from 6.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road Handsworth Birmingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Luke's, Derby, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the year and discussion of various matters affecting the association. A good attendance is requested.—G. C. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30.

Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this branch for the election of officers for 1925 will be held at Barwell, instead of Earl Shilton, the bells not being available at Shilton. Bells available at Barwell from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretaries on or before Jan. 21st.—J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Service 6 p.m. All requiring tea notify by Jan. 21st.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Frodsham.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Spelsbury. 3.30, service and rededication of the bells, which have all been rehung and quarter turned.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Watermoor bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 at Watermoor. Tea 5.15, Viner's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Parish Church bells after meeting. Those intending to be present please inform me by the 19th.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Colne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Angel Hotel 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—L. A. Wilson, Hon. Sec., 109, High Street, Wootton Bassett.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Torquay. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 'Manchester Hall' 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Those who intend coming to tea please inform me by Jan. 21st. Subscriptions now due.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at St. James', City, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers, etc. The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds will be held at the close of the branch meeting. Please notify me by Jan. 19th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 24th. Service at 4.30. Tea at Everatt's Cafe, Market Street, at 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head (for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous). Business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 20, Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells will be available at 2.45 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A branch committee meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Cookham. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Musical service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringing afterwards until 8.30 p.m. Names of those requiring tea should reach me by Jan. 19th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Leominster-Presteign District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service at 5. Tea 5.30, free to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 20th. Business meeting afterwards. Rearrangement of district to be settled.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Steam Cottage, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells of the Parish Church will be available early in the afternoon. Short service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea can only be provided for those who notify me before the 22nd. A good attendance is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. The address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves. Tea and meeting to follow, at which report and balance sheet will be presented. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 21st?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**PENISTONE, YORKS.**—The new peal of eight bells will be available for ringing all day on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each, and ringing arranged in companies on the time limit to those only who notify me by Jan. 21st. Will companies please let me know how many they are bringing and the time of their expected arrival, so that those coming short can be made up with odd ringers?—George Hill, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Sheffield.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The dedication of two new trebles at Cheriton will take place on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 3 p.m. All members are cordially invited. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mer sham, Ashford, Kent.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Edmonton on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at a charge of 1s. to members who advise me by the 21st inst. of their requiring same. Members failing to notify will be charged 1s. 6d.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing: Sunday mornings, 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock, except first Sunday in each month. Annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, at 8 p.m. sharp, for the election of officers and other business.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672.—The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. Tickets (3s. 9d. each) can now be obtained from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in large Vestry at 4.45 p.m. Business: Election of officers for 1925. Nominations to be sent in at once. Also matters of importance affecting the association to discuss. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me before Jan. 28th. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at or before this meeting. — Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service and tea to follow. Business meeting in Church Institute. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting. Further particulars next week. — A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Chew Deanery Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 28th. — Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Tonbridge District. — The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 31st. 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, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary. — W. Latter, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Dudley Rd., Tunbridge Wells

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Arrangements for the annual general meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14th: Ringing at All Hallows, Lombard Street, City, from 2 to 3.30, and at St. Clement Danes from 3 to 4.30. Service at St. Clement's at 4.30, followed by tea at Express Dairy opposite at 5.30, by ticket only, which must be applied for in advance. Business meeting at 6.30 in the Parish Room, Clare Market. Other meetings for February: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 2nd and 16th, at 7.30; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 9th, at 7.30. More support is needed at these meetings. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

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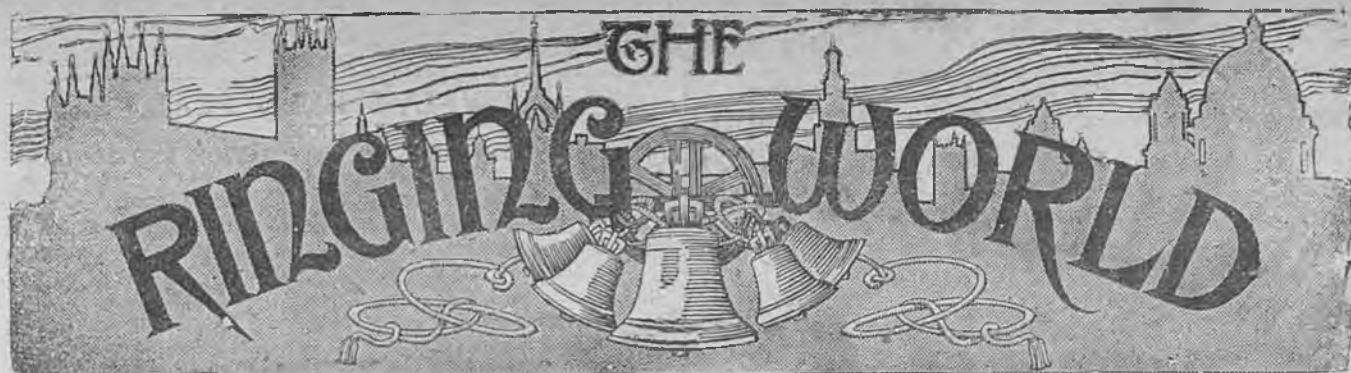
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### PRESERVATION OF OLD MSS.

Such interesting information as that which we are able to give this week concerning the bells and ringing in days gone by at Stonham Aspal, leads one to wonder whether some really determined attempt cannot be made to collect, catalogue and, where desirable, publish the records which must exist in various parts of the country, in the shape of MSS. (such as that from which Mr. Slater has compiled his article this week), the peal books of old ringers, and other material which may at present be available, but which in the future, if not carefully guarded, may disappear and be lost for ever to the Exercise. In the hands of men like Mr. Theodore Slater such papers are jealously cared for, but in the hands of some future owner they may be looked upon as worthless and consequently destroyed.

Some old papers of historic value, like the Osborn MSS., have from time to time found their way to the British Museum; the MSS. of Mr. Charles Hattersley have been placed in a specially formed library at Sheffield Cathedral, and the future of some others have, perhaps, been secured. But there is much else which may well entirely disappear unless an effort is made to secure it for the Exercise, and, in this connection, it should be remembered that interesting as these documents may be to-day, they will increase both in interest and value as the generations go by. We should like to see some scheme initiated by the Central Council for cataloguing all these papers as far as it is possible to trace them, so that they may know where to look for them in future, and at the same time steps should be taken to ensure that when present owners (or their heirs) have done with them, these papers will pass to the custody of the Council.

Unfortunately in the past the Council had an unhappy experience with one of its committees in work of this description, but the 'lineal descendant' of this committee is a much more 'live' body, and perhaps it could be induced to take up the task of acting as an inquiry agent to gather particulars of existing MSS. of interest, and to make suggestions for the preservation of the papers. Such work would not only be of present interest, but future generations would appreciate the effort made to save those historical records which, once destroyed, could never be replaced. In addition to these MSS., there is also the question of compiling information as to old peal records. The Council possesses now the ringing publications of the last fifty years. The history of our art could be made much more complete if such particulars as exist of all previously rung peals could be collected and placed in the Library.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Four Hours,

At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;**

Tenor 50 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 7  |
| *JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 2     | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 8      |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3         | WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 9   |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 4       | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 10   |
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5        | WILLIAM PYE ... .. 11       |
| *THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 6     | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM D. SMITH ... .. Treble | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 2        | †FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7 |
| *BERNARD V. COLLISON ... .. 3  | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 8    |
| *WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 4     | ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 9       |
| †FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5  | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

\* First peal of Royal, † First peal of Treble Ten.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ROBERT A. STRONG ... .. Treble | ERNEST A. PITSTOW ... .. 4        |
| ARTHUR F. JAMES ... .. 2       | T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 7       |
| ERNEST H. HIBBINS ... .. 3     | LEONARD H. PITSTOW ... .. 8       |
| GEORGE H. SPARROW ... .. 4     | FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 9          |
| ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 5     | FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by F. DENCH.

First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the conductor. The ringers of 3rd and 7th hail from Cambridge.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| S. H. SYMONDS ... .. Treble | L. POULSON ... .. 5       |
| M. T. SYMONDS ... .. 2      | F. F. MORTLOCK ... .. 6   |
| F. A. TURNER ... .. 3       | W. R. J. POULSON ... .. 7 |
| F. A. POULSON ... .. 4      | A. SYMONDS ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung with muffled clappers for the passing of the old year.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Boniface,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 5   |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2        | GEO. R. JONES ... .. 6        |
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3     | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 7 |
| WALTER THOMAS ... .. 4        | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

A birthday compliment to the conductor, and William Higginson, of Ellesmere.



## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5728 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5       |
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. 2       | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3        | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7     |
| HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 4        | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 255).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This peal was rung to honour the coming-of-age of the only son of Mr. C. W. R. Grimwood.

## WEYBRIDGE, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble | JOSEPH MILNER ... .. 5      |
| † MISS NORA SHORTER ... .. 2    | † SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 6 |
| * FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 3      | GEORGE SPENCER ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES J. TRICKER ... .. 4     | HARRY FOLKARD ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Grandsire inside. ‡ First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Spencer and H. Folkard.

## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| * FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble | WILLIAM HARPER ... .. 5      |
| JOHN BURLS ... .. 2                | * GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 6  |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3            | C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 7   |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4          | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal in the method. Birthday peal for Mr. W. H. Goodship, of Reading, father of the ringer of the 6th. The latter was elected a non-resident life member of the above Association previous to the peal.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt. 88 lb. in F sharp.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Treble  | C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 5     |
| DANIEL COOPER ... .. 2       | † JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 3      | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7       |
| * REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a 74th birthday compliment to Mr. Charles W. Gordon, of Beddington. \* 50th peal. † First peal in the method.

## MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOUCESTER.

## THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. David,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRED JONES ... .. Treble | NORMAN BYRON ... .. 5     |
| CECIL GRIMES ... .. 2    | ALBERT WHITE ... .. 6     |
| JESSIE GARDNER ... .. 3  | WALTER LARGE ... .. 7     |
| HUBERT H. TIMMS ... .. 4 | HORACE HIATT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. LARGE.

This is the first peal at this church by a local band for 25 years. First peal by all but 6th and 7th. Great credit is due to H. Timms, who has only got the use of his left hand, the use of the other having been lost in the war.

## HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
At the Abbey Church of St. Wilfred,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... Treble | JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 5      |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 2      | JOSEPH E. KEEN ... .. 6        |
| WILLIAM STORY ... .. 3         | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7     |
| GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4        | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This peal was rung at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. V. C. Farguhar) to try the bells after rehanging, tuning and recasting of the tenor, by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being very satisfactory. After the peal, the visitors and local ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. McComb, churchwarden.

## EAST HAGBOURNE.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES BUTLER ... .. Treble   | * ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 5      |
| * WALTER V. WEBB ... .. 2    | GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 6       |
| † WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... .. 3 | RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 7       |
| * THOMAS EAST ... .. 4       | † JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by J. BUTLER.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal of Major as conductor.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, January 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Treble | WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 5      |
| JAMES BEYTS ... .. 2        | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6       |
| ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 3    | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7       |
| ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... .. 4   | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 2nd, it being his first peal in the method.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble | PERCY BRETT-SMITH ... .. 5 |
| ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... .. 2     | ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6       |
| * CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... .. 3    | T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7 |
| * TOM BRETT-SMITH ... .. 4      | HARRY DURLING ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal of Triples. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Tom Brett Smith.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble | WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 5    |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2     | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6  |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3   | GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 7    |
| MISS PHYLLIS MOSS ... .. 4  | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT.

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Moss; it was also her first peal of Double Norwich, and rung at the first attempt.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. Treble | ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5     |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2      | WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... 6    |
| CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 3       | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. 7  |
| JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 4     | HENRY TAYLOR ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples with an 'inside' bell.

## MARSHFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, January 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ELI BEALER ... .. Treble  | HENRY HINTON ... .. 5     |
| JESSIE H. BEAZER ... .. 2 | GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6     |
| HENRY WOODHAM ... .. 3    | WALTER LEWIS ... .. 7     |
| EDGAR C. LEWIS ... .. 4   | HENRY PARKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER LEWIS.

This is the first complete peal on the bells, and the first peal by all the ringers except the conductor. Rung by a local band.

## TONBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *HARRY HARRINGTON... .. Treble | HERBERT MARKWELL ... 5       |
| LEONARD E. LAST ... .. 2       | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6      |
| *MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR 3     | *FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SRN. 7   |
| WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 4        | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

\* First peal in the method. Reported to be the quickest peal of Major on the bells.

## ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A flat.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5      |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2       | C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6    |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3      | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7     |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4      | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor |

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

First peal of Surprise on the bells. The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mrs. and the Misses Mills for their hospitality before the peal.

## SHIPLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. Treble | JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5   |
| *RALPH UMPLEBY ... .. 2         | FRED DIXON ... .. 6        |
| †FRED HODGSON ... .. 3          | †WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7   |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 4      | †HARRY FOSTER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. DIXON

\* First peal in method with bob bell. † First peal in the method. This peal was rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to H. Hutley, one of the local company, who died on January 9th, and was interred at Nab Wood Cemetery on January 13th.

## LLANDAFF.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. Treble | ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 5        |
| SIDNEY DAVE ... .. 2          | JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6        |
| HARRY PAGE ... .. 3           | WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE LARGE ... .. 4         | THOMAS MIDDLETON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

## IPSWICH.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... .. Treble | JAMES DURRANT ... .. 5         |
| HARRY R. ROPER... .. 2          | H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM... 6     |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3        | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7        |
| CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4      | FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor |

Composed by the late JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

## LONDON.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. MARY, LAMBETH, S.W.,

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

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

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble | CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 5     |
| CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 2      | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3      | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7       |
| JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 4       | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER (No. 51).

Conducted by R. D. MARSHALL.

First peal in the method on the bells since their restoration by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. First peal in the method as conductor. This composition is now rung for the first time.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. Treble | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5   |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2         | GEORGE WILSON... .. 6        |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3     | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4         | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung on the 11th anniversary of the first peal of Bristol on the bells.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2         | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6      |
| WALTER BARRETT ... .. 3         | RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7       |
| WALTER MOBBS ... .. 4           | FREDERICK SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| SIDNEY G. HOPCROFT... .. Treble | ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 5      |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 2       | JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 6     |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3       | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7     |
| WALTER MALINS... .. 4           | GEORGE BROUGHTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. MALINS.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative, Mr. G. Broughton kindly obliging at very short notice

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

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHN HOLMAN ... .. Treble | COLIN HARRISON... .. 5   |
| FRANCIS WARD ... .. 2     | GEORGE LEWIS ... .. 6    |
| HARRY BOWER ... .. 3      | JOHN THORPE ... .. 7     |
| SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 4 | GEORGE HILL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

First peal of Triples on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Ward.

MANGOTSFIELD, Near BRISTOL.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5      |
| †EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2            | †EDWARD GEORGE TREW ... 6    |
| ALFRED REEVES ... .. 3           | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES H. GORDON ... 4          | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Major. † First of Cambridge Major. First peal of Major on the bells.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

LYONSHALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 10 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 32 of Grandsire, 24 callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *JOSEPH BOWEN ... .. Treble | JAMES P. HYETT... .. 4   |
| TREVOR JONES ... .. 2       | *HARRY CHANDLER ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM EVANS... .. 3       | *JOHN BELL ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by W. EVANS.

\* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells, which were cast by Rudhalls in 1727, and recently rebung by Mears and Stainbank.

TIMSBURY, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, 14 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| G. M. HASSELL ... .. Treble | J. FEAR ... .. 4        |
| F. J. L. BROWN ... .. 2     | R. T. CLARK ... .. 5    |
| W. A. YOUNG ... .. 3        | *E. CORNER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Young.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| PHILIP STEGGALLS ... .. Treble | GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... 4     |
| ALPHÆUS J. BERRY ... .. 2      | *ARTHUR BLAXALL ... .. 5     |
| JAMES BETTS ... .. 3           | ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

\* First peal of Minor.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising the following 720's, viz., (1) Single and Double Court, (2) St. Clement's and Plain Bob, (3) Double Oxford and Oxford, (4) Cambridge Surprise, (5) Worcester Treble, (6) Kent Treble Bob, (7) Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN KING ... .. Treble   | THOMAS GARLEY... .. 4          |
| MISS C. HEPBURN ... .. 2  | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5     |
| WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 3 | GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung in celebration of the visitation of the Bishop of Peterborough to the parish to institute the Rector, the Rev. E. J. Atkins, as Rural Dean of Rothwell first Deanery.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of SS. MARY AND HELENA,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALBERT FLEET ... .. Treble | HERBERT J. HARLOW ... .. 4     |
| HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 2   | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 5       |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3 | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *JOHN W. TODD ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. HELEY ... .. 4       |
| †BERT F. CALCOTT ... .. 2   | †ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 5      |
| CLIFFORD ROLLINGS... .. 3   | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal of Minor. Arranged for the ringers of the treble and 2nd, both local men.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(TAUNTON DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George, Wilton.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's, each ringer conducting 840 changes.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| SIDNEY WYATT ... .. Treble  | WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 4 |
| SIDNEY WYATT, JUN. ... .. 2 | ARTHUR HAYWARD ... .. 5   |
| ALFRED WYATT ... .. 3       | GEORGE COLES ... .. Tenor |

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Wyatt. Believed to be the first peal for the Association in which the conducting was shared equally by all the band.

BRAINTREE.—On Monday, December 29th, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, L. E. Wiffen 2, \*E. Wiffen 3, \*B. Redgwell (aged 14) 4, G. Lindridge 5, \*J. Redgwell 6, H. Redgwell 7, L. W. Wiffen 8. First quarter-peal. Also 720 Bob Minor: A. Wiffen (first 720) 1, B. Redgwell 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, E. Wiffen 4, H. Redgwell 5, L. W. Wiffen 6.

BROMHAM, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 720 each of London Scholars', College Exercise and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.  
Tenor 23 cwt.

|                     |        |                     |       |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|-------|
| W. FRANCIS ... ..   | Treble | C. W. CLARKE ... .. | 4     |
| G. HUTCHINGS ... .. | 2      | W. STOCK ... ..     | 5     |
| W. SHARP ... ..     | 3      | L. TURNER ... ..    | Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Harrold, the remainder belong to the Kempston band.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                       |        |                          |       |
|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| ERNEST HUNT ... ..    | Treble | THOMAS HULL ... ..       | 4     |
| * WILLIAM NASH ... .. | 2      | * JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. | 5     |
| JOHN MALYAN ... ..    | 3      | * BEN JARMAN ... ..      | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

\* First peal on six bells.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores in 18 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                      |        |                          |       |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| * ERIC ARNOLD ... .. | Treble | † ALBERT E. JONES ... .. | 4     |
| WILLIAM EVANS ... .. | 2      | JAMES P. HYETT ... ..    | 5     |
| TREVOR JONES ... ..  | 3      | * ALBERT WINNEY ... ..   | Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6000 CHANGES;**

Being 50 six-scores each rung differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

|                    |        |                          |   |
|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|---|
| RONALD BECK ... .. | Treble | GERALD F. GRIFFIN ... .. | 3 |
| ALEC MUNDY ... ..  | 2      | THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. | 4 |
|                    |        | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..    | 5 |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Ten six-scores each were rung with the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and treble respectively, as the plain hunt bell.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

|                          |        |                         |       |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... ..  | Treble | HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. | 4     |
| WILFRED C. IBBETT ... .. | 2      | EDWARD H. FINCH ... ..  | 5     |
| MISS K. WILLERS ... ..   | 3      | ROBERT HOWARD ... ..    | Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

**MR. W. BIBBY'S 100 PEALS.**

Minor, one method, 2; three methods, 1; seven methods, 2; ten methods, 1; Bob Major, 18; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4; Double Norwich Major, 9; Little Bob Major, 5; St. Clement's Major, 1; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 24; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Forward Major, 1; Little Albion Treble Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 7; Stedman Triples, 2; St. Clement's Triples, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Double Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Plain Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Little Albion Royal, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; total, 100.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                            |        |                            |       |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|
| JAMES WAGBORN, JUN. ... .. | Treble | GEORGE WAGHORN ... ..      | 4     |
| FRANK PATTENDEN ... ..     | 2      | ALBERT RELFE ... ..        | 5     |
| FREDK. FOREMAN ... ..      | 3      | JAMES WAGBORN, SEN. ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

A birthday peal for F. Foreman.

KINGSLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGH,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, and two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                          |        |                         |       |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| JOHN E. WHEELDON ... ..  | Treble | HARRY CARNWELL ... ..   | 4     |
| JOSEPH BERRISFORD ... .. | 2      | HENRY BERRISFORD ... .. | 5     |
| WILLIAM CARNWELL ... ..  | 3      | EDWARD EDWARDS ... ..   | Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY CARNWELL.

This is the first peal in their own tower by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor. J. E. Wheelton hails from Norton-le-Moors.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, January 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
AT 56, HALIFORD STREET, ESSEX ROAD, N.I.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

|                          |     |                         |      |
|--------------------------|-----|-------------------------|------|
| ALFRED B. PECK ... ..    | 1-2 | HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. | 5-6  |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. | 3-4 | HERBERT LANGDON ... ..  | 7-8  |
|                          |     | JAMES BULLOCK ... ..    | 9-10 |

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

Umpire: FREDERICK G. SYMONDS.

Rung on the fifth birthday of Mr. Bullock's daughter, Jean.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 13 in E.

|                              |     |                        |     |
|------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| C. W. WOOLLEY ... ..         | 1-2 | W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. | 5-6 |
| REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... .. | 3-4 | * E. G. BENSON ... ..  | 7-8 |

Composed by W. WARHURST. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

Tenor, size 17 in A.

|                              |     |                        |     |
|------------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... .. | 1-2 | * C. W. WOOLLEY ... .. | 5-6 |
| W. H. J. HOOTON ... ..       | 3-4 | E. G. BENSON ... ..    | 7-8 |

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* 1st peal in the method on an 'inside' pair.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
AT 49, WOOD STREET,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;**

|                        |     |                         |       |
|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM PYE ... ..     | 1-2 | THOMAS T. GORTON ... .. | 7-8   |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. | 3-4 | JOSEPH A. GORTON ... .. | 9-10  |
| * GEORGE R. PYE ... .. | 5-6 | ERNEST MORRIS ... ..    | 11-12 |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Witness: C. T. COLES.

\* 900th peal.



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****DEVIZES BRANCH VISIT EDINGTON.**

On Tuesday evening, January 13th, a combined practice of members from Trowbridge and Bratton, with some of the regular ringers, was held at the beautiful Church of St. Mary, St. Catherine, and All Saints, Edington, Wilts, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. F. Sprent). Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung. Good striking was very difficult on account of the noise, and the 'go' of the bells. The bells, six in number, tenor about 24 cwt., are sadly in need of the attention of the bell hanger.

Edington possesses one of the finest churches in the county of Wilts, being built between 1,351 and 1,361 by William of Edington, Bishop of Winchester, and Chancellor of England, who also founded the monastery, and at the special request of Edward the Black Prince founded a college of Augustine Monks, called the Bonshommes, there. There were only two houses of this Order in England, the other being at Ashbridge, Bucks. The Monastery remained until the Dissolution, in 1539, when Paul Bush, the Prior or Rector, was made the first Bishop of Bristol.

The church was very extensively repaired at the cost of about £7,000 about 35 years ago. The bells till then were rung from the floor of the church.

It is to be hoped that something will be done to put this peal in order, as Edington would then have one of the finest peals of six in the county. The parish, however, is purely agricultural, and possesses no endowments.

**LADIES' GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Ash on Saturday, January 10th, and a small party, including eight ladies, had a very enjoyable time. The Rector (the Rev. Lambrick) conducted the Guild service, and gave an interesting address. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and then followed the short business meeting.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting, if possible, at Yateley, in April.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

The service touch, 120 Grandsire Doubles, was rung by Miss Nancie Denver 1, Mrs. Melville 2, Miss Nye 3, Miss Avenall 4, Miss H. Mills 5, Miss G. Manfield 6. Later, 240 Kent Treble Bob was rung by Miss Nancie Denver 1, Miss B. Mills 2, Miss Nye 3, Miss Avenall 4, Miss A. Fisher 5, Miss H. Mills (conductor) 6.

**C.-Q.-M.-S. GILBERT'S CENTURY.**

With a peal of Grandsire Triples at Aldershot on the last day of 1924, C.-Q.-M.-S. Gilbert, R.E., completed his 100 peals, of which the following is a list:—

|                                  | Rung.      | Conducted. |
|----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Doubles, 3 methods .....         | 1          | 1          |
| Minor, 3 methods .....           | 1          | 1          |
| Minor, 4 methods .....           | 5          | 3          |
| Minor, 5 methods .....           | 3          | 2          |
| Minor, 7 methods .....           | 42         | 7          |
| Grandsire Triples .....          | 6          | 1          |
| Oxford Bob Triples .....         | 1          |            |
| Plain Bob Major .....            | 10         | 4          |
| Plain Bob Royal .....            | 1          |            |
| Double Norwich Major .....       | 3          |            |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major .....    | 1          |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Major .....      | 9          | 1          |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal .....      | 1          |            |
| Stedman Triples .....            | 8          |            |
| Stedman Caters .....             | 1          |            |
| Superlative Surprise Major ..... | 2          |            |
| Cambridge Surprise Major .....   | 3          |            |
| London Surprise Major .....      | 2          |            |
| <b>Total .....</b>               | <b>100</b> | <b>20</b>  |

\* Includes first peal ever rung by Army and Navy band. These peals were commenced in 1903, with a break of nine years, and another of five years, during which no peals were rung; 191 ringers took part (24 first peals). Rung in 6 counties, 47 towers, and under 6 associations.

C.-Q.-M.-S. Gilbert wishes (through the medium of 'The Ringing World') to express his thanks to the following for their untiring patience and valuable help, during his spasmodic stages of ringing: 1903-4, Mr. J. H. Champion and W. J. Walker (still walking), Rainham, Kent, and Mr. William H. B. Wilkins, Tunstall, Kent (now at Oxford); 1913-14, Mr. Charles Edwards, Farnham, Surrey (now at Hereford), and the redoubtable A. H. P., also of Surrey; 1920-24, Mr. Alfred H. Pulling (still pulling), who was personally responsible for the Surprise methods, and one or two other 'firsts in the method.'

Lastly, all ringers with whom he has come in contact for the very pleasant hours that have been spent in scoring, and also losing peals and service touches.

# JOHN TAYLOR & Co.,

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

### THE

# LEADING BELL FOUNDERS

# MEARS & STAINBANK,

**Foundry  
Established  
A.D. 1570**

(12th year  
of reign of  
Elizabeth).

**Bellfounders and  
Bellhangers,**

**32 & 34, WHITECHAPEL ROAD  
LONDON, E.1.**



**ESTIMATES SUBMITTED**

for

**Recasting, Retuning and Rehangings.**

**HANDBELLS**

**In Sets of any number,**

**BELL ROPES. MUFFLES. &c.**

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Fifty six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each rung differently.' How did they do it? This is the question which the reader will naturally ask himself when perusing the report of the peal at Radstock. The footnote will enlighten him. Each of the five bells was used in turn for ten six-scores as the plain hunt bell.

A peal has been rung at Weybridge, Surrey, the first since Sept. 12th, 1900, when the Rev. F. E. Robinson called a peal of Stedman Triples.

Forty years ago to-morrow, viz., on January 24th, 1885, the Sussex Association was established, and there can now be very few of the original founders left.

Two days later the first peal by the Association was rung by the Brighton branch at Uckfield, conducted by J. Jay, senr. Of that band there are, we believe, only two survivors: Charles Tyler, of Henfield; and George King, now in Canada.

Six other peals were rung in the same year, and in those days a marble tablet was put up for each peal! But that practice soon became too costly.

There was a singular coincidence on January 25th, 1842. On that day a peal of 8,105 Stedman Caters was rung at Painswick, and a peal of 8,081 Grandsire Caters at Stroud. Both, however, afterwards turned out to be false.

On January 28th, 1751, a peal of 5,094 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, London.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild rang a peal of 10,080 Double Norwich at Appleton on January, 1888.

The same date in the year 1911 saw the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung in London. This was by the College Youths, at Cornhill.

The first peal of Double Bob ever rung, 'with bobs behind and before alternately,' was performed at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Sunday, January 29th, 1769, composed and conducted by George Gross.

Henry Haley, the famous London ringer, died at Bethnal Green on January 29th, 1886, at the age of 66 years.

The peal of Grandsire Triples, rung on December 20th, and published under the heading of Biddenham, Kent, was rung at Biddenham, and the composer was A. E. Barnes, and not Barnes, as printed.

The peal rung at Isham last Saturday was finished in complete darkness at 5.10 p.m. owing to the omission of lighting lamps, and this explains why Plain Bob was substituted for the last method and rung twice in the peal. It was the treble ringer's first peal, and great credit is due to him on this account. The peal also celebrated the christening of David Edward Atkins by his grandfather, which took place at this church on the following day.

There is merit in a peal such as that rung at Marshfield, Gloucester, last week, as the footnote reveals.

The ring of six bells at St. Mary's Church, Old Leake, which have been silent for some years owing to their unsafe condition, are to be rehung with entirely new fittings by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The work is to be finished by Easter.

We are not certain who rang most peals in the year 1924, but the ringer who exceeded Mr. I. G. Shade's total of 84 made a good score. We said some time ago that Mr. Shade, who was then a long way past the thousand mark, had given up work to go in for ringing, and, by George, he has not belied the prophecy.

Apocryphal the 'long' peal at St. Giles', a correspondent suggests there might be a 'bow-legged' peal at Bow.

## DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN STEPNEY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. George Barrell, of Stepney, which took place on December 31st, after a long and painful illness, from cancer, in his 68th year.

Mr. Barrell was a regular service ringer at St. Dunstan's Church, Stepney, for many years, and rang the tenor there and at various other churches in the East of London, to many peals, a record of which is not available. Being of splendid physique, he was the ideal man for a heavy or difficult tenor, his perfect timing being a great feature of his ringing.

Born at Rittenden, in Essex, on December 17th, 1856, Mr. Barrell came to London to join the Commercial Brewery Co., Stepney, where he was a contemporary of Mr. Emanuel Hall, now residing in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths on November 13th, 1890, he always maintained the greatest interest in the society.

On Wednesday evening, January 7th, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the following members at St. Dunstan's Church: H. Langdon, T. Bennet, W. Tanner, W. G. Barrell (son), T. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, J. Scholes, R. F. Deal, J. Bullock, W. T. Cockrill; and afterwards Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Major, with F. G. Symonds taking part.

Here the news was regrettably received that Mr. Emanuel Hall had lost his wife, after a short illness, at Toronto.

## STONHAM ASPALL BELLS.

## INTERESTING HISTORY OF THIS OLD SUFFOLK RING.

We are indebted to Mr. Theodore E. Slater, of Glemsford, for the following further particulars concerning the bells at Stonham Aspell, Suffolk, Mr. Slater having copied them from the MSS. compiled by his father.

Extract from the 'Ipswich Journal' for 1743:—

'Samuel Grimwood, Innkeeper, of Stonham Aspell, gives notice to all lovers of ringing that on Monday, the twenty-third of May next, the new peal of ten bells, lately cast by Mr. Thomas Lester, of London, and now hanging there by Mr. John Williams, will be rung for the first time by any company that will do themselves the pleasure of coming. The Norwich and Aylsham ringers have hired lodgings at Stonham Pye and the neighbouring houses, intending to be in the steeple early on that date abovementioned.

'N.B.—Mr. John Williams who has hung most of the peals in and about London hangs church and chapel bells in the best manner, and at the cheapest rates, and may be spoken with at any time at his house in Stonham Aspell Street.'

It will be seen by the foregoing that the new peal of ten bells was opened on Monday, May 23rd, 1743. They remained thus until 1826, when they were all taken down and entirely rebung by Thomas and Joshua Hurry, of Norwich, and six of them recast. They were opened on Thursday, December 28th, 1826, when the two Hurrys and some of the Norwich Scholars, with William Leach, of Ipswich, started for a 5,400 of Bob Royal. When they had rung about 3 hours, Leach set his bell, the tenor, and said to Thomas Hurry, who was calling the peal and ringing the treble and had made a false call: 'No! No! Mr. Hurry, there is scope enough on ten bells without ringing changes over again. I never rang a false peal yet, and never will, if I know it.'

The first account of a peal being rung on the bells is copied from the files of the 'Ipswich Journal,' but it is thought that it was not the first peal rung on the bells.

'On Sunday, the 22nd of September, 1751, was rang upon the eight largest bells at Stonham Aspell, in the county of Suffolk, a complete peal of Five Thousand and Forty Bob Major Doubles, in 3 hours and 20 minutes, by the persons undermentioned: Henry Gray third, Daniel Heasham fourth, Richard Wade fifth, James Gardiner sixth, Joseph Alexander seventh, John Sharp eighth, William Walker ninth, James Wilson tenor.'

No conductor's name is given in the 'Ipswich Journal.'

The next peal is without doubt Holt's Original, and this was the first time that it was rung out of London, and the second time that it was rung at all.

'On Friday, January 31st, 1752, was rang at Stonham Aspell, in the county of Suffolk, by their own Society of Ringers, a Five Thousand and Forty Grandsire Tripples, it being the second time ever rang with two Doubles only. This true peal has been very lately found out by Mr. John Holt, of London, and the Bobbs were called by Mr. William Walker. It was completed in 3 hours and 10 minutes by the eight following persons:—

'Henry Gray, treble; Daniel Heasham, 2nd; James Gardiner, 3rd; Richard Wade, 4th; William Banyard, 5th; John Sharp, 6th; Richard Moysse, 7th; John Thurlow, tenor. Note.—It is thought impossible for a man to ring one of the bells and call the Bobbs at the same time, the peal being so intricate.'

The following are records of other peals:—

'On Thursday last, February 11th, 1752, was rang at Stonham Aspell, in the county of Suffolk, a complete peal of 6,160 Bob Major on the eight largest bells, in 4 hours and 2 minutes:

'Henry Gray, third; Daniel Heasham, fourth; Richard Wade, fifth; John Sharp, sixth; William Banyard, seventh; John Plourman, eighth; Richard Moysse, ninth; William Walker, tenor. N.B.—John Sharp call'd the Bobbs.'

'Stonham Aspell.—A true peal of Five Thousand and Forty Bob Major that was rang at Stonham Steeple by ye Stonham Society on Monday, ye 4th of January, 1768. It was completed in three hours and fifteen minutes by ye people on ye other side written: Henry Gray, treble; Richard Wade, 2nd; William Banyard, 3rd; James Wilson, 4th; and called ye peal Joseph Alexander, 5th; Daniel Wade, 6th; Richard Moysse, 7th, younger; Richard Moysse, tenor, elder.'

This last peal record is copied from Daniel Wade's MS. book, which is still in my possession. The others were copied from the 'Ipswich Journal,' by Samuel Slater.

There is no record of any more peals being rung upon the bells until 1884, when ten members of the Norwich Association rang on Whit Monday in that year Ben Annable's 5,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, to which reference was made in your last issue.

The inscriptions on the bells before recasting were:—

On treble and second: 'Theodore Eccleston, Esq., 1742. Thos. Lester, of London, made me.'

On the old third:

'At proper times my voice I'll raise,  
Unto my Benefactor's Praise.

Theodore Eccleston, Esq., 1742.'

The following is a description of the tower and bells made by

Samuel Slater: 'The steeple of the Parish Church, Stonham Aspell, is placed on the south side of the church, and forms the principal entrance to the church, this being a great curiosity. In the year 1742, Theodore Eccleston, a gentleman, residing at Crowfield Hall, decided to take down the old ring of five bells and replace them with a ring of ten. It appears that after he took down the old ring of five and got the new ring of ten, he had never thought how and where they were to be hung, as the steeple is a small one, being built only to receive the old ring of five. The room necessary for the ring of ten was found thus: The old steeple was taken down to the floor where the frames were to rest on, and a frame was made nearly the size of the steeple, and the bells hung on the walls, and the upper part was studded up, boarded and surmounted with four wooden pinnacles, and altogether has a very handsome appearance. The old ringing room was also very tastefully decorated and fitted up. It was about ten feet from the ground, and the walls and ceiling were plastered, and a boss with a gold and blue ring for each rope to come through in the ceiling. In the centre was a golden pineapple, from which hangs the beautiful brass chandelier with its six or eight branches, and round the boss was engraved the name of the donor, "Theodore Eccleston, Esq., 1742." The floor was fixed so that the ringers of the treble and second and the fifth and sixth bells could stand under the west and east arches in the steeple. The window comes down to the floor, and used to be opened to hear the trebles from the outside, as they hang quite on the wall. Then could be heard the ten bells to perfection. But now, alas! the ringers are placed higher up in the steeple, and the window already mentioned above cannot be opened, and so the trebles of this fine ring cannot now be heard in the ringing room, thus making it very awkward for the ringers to strike the ten bells, but they can be heard outside.'

Tradition tells us that the bells were taken first to Crowfield Hall barn, and there John Williams made the frames for them, the timber having grown on the estate.

When John P. Powell, of Quex Park, published his broadsheet and gave one to every existing band of ringers in the kingdom he sent one to Daniel Wade, and that along with Wade's MS. book, are in my possession in a good state of preservation.

The view of the church, shown in 'The Ringing World,' is a north view.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## EAST MARKHAM'S NEW BELLS.

The first meeting of the new year of the North Notts Association was held at Tuxford on Saturday last, and proved a very successful and representative gathering. Members were present from Anston, Blyth, Gainsborough, Dunham, Shirecoats, Treton, Ordsall, East Retford, Laxton, Lincoln, East Markham, Worksop, Sutton-on-Trent, and the local company, numbering 28 in all. Usually at this place the Vicar has been in attendance to welcome all on arrival, but illness prevented him doing so, and his deputy was Mr. Smith, one of the wardens, who also arranged to have the bells in fair going order, considering that two or three of them require the services of a bell hanger. Mr. Smith promised to draw the attention of the Church Council to this, with a view to rehanging.

The following methods were rung: Oxford, Kent, Violet, Loudon Scholars' Pleasure and Bob Minor, a 720 being rung in this last-named method by a mixed band. At 4.15 p.m., a gentleman, who shall be nameless, volunteered to give some of the visitors a run in his large motor-car before tea to East Markham for the purpose of testing the two new bells which have recently been put in by Messrs. Taylor to augment the ring to eight. These bells were given by the late Mr. Henry Couleshaw as a memorial to himself and wife, who died quite recently. The bells are a beautiful 'splice' to the old six, and are another specimen of this well-known firm's good workmanship, the tone and 'go' being everything desired. The new clock being put in by Mr. Hopps, of Leamington, nephew of the late Mr. Couleshaw, is being arranged in the ringing chamber in one corner so as not to impede the view of the ringers, and the ropes fall in a beautiful circle. An intermediate floor has also been put in by this gentleman to deaden the sound, which has made a great improvement in the ringing chamber. The new bells will be dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 1st, at 2 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, after which the bells will be at the disposal of the visitors during Sunday afternoon and for evening service. Three short touches of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung to give everybody a chance, and all expressed their appreciation of the sweetness and purity of the tone and good splice of the ring.

Returning to Tuxford at 5.30 p.m., tea was served to 28 at Mrs. Jones' Temperance Hotel, after which the usual business meeting followed, with Mr. Hargreaves in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

Cecil Rushby, of Blyth, was elected a member.—The next meeting will be held at Blyth on Easter Monday, and will be advertised later in 'The Ringing World.'—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and congratulations were also extended to him and his wife on their recent marriage, wishes being expressed for their health, long life and happiness.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were rung until 8.15 p.m., when they were lowered in peal. H. H.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

The Guild's first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Bedworth on Saturday last. Members were present from Allesley, Coventry, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Nuneaton, Stoke and Wolvey, and included several ladies.

On account of the indisposition of the Rector (Canon F. R. Evans), together with the loss of his curate, by death, the usual service could not be held.

The tea and business meeting was held in the Schoolroom with the Rector's kind permission, Mr. H. Argyle being voted to the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the president.

The chief business was the adoption (with one or two exceptions) of the committee's recommendations of the revised rules. Several alterations were made, including the deletion of Rule 4, which deals with the qualification of members, it now being possible for any person to join the Guild on being nominated by two members at any meeting.

In view of the ordinary ringing members' subscription being raised from 1/6 to 2/-, it was also decided to increase the subscription of non-resident ringers to 5/-, and to include the presentation of the Guild's certificate.

It is hoped to have the new rules printed in the report, to be ready for distribution at the next annual meeting to be held at Rugby, in April.

Stoke-in-Coventry and Stratford-on-Avon were proposed for the next quarterly meeting, in July, Stoke being selected.

Mr. Allan Sanders (Exhall) was duly elected an hon member, and five others as ordinary ringing members.

The hon. general secretary brought forward the appeal for the Washbrook Memorial Fund, and, after some discussion, the scheme was commended to the members personally, in view of the financial position of the Guild.

The Hon. General Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson) intimated a desire to be relieved of the office, and hoped the members would be prepared with a new nomination at the annual meeting.

Some excellent ringing was successfully accomplished in the tower, and included Bob Doubles for the learners, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol, and London Surprise.

## PRESENTATION AT SHREWSBURY.

On Monday week, January 12th, an interesting presentation was made in the belfry of St. Julian's Church to Mr. D. J. Boucher, on his leaving the town for Germany. The gift consisted of a cigarette case and a box of cigarettes, subscribed for by St. Chad's band, of which the recipient is an esteemed member. The presentation was made by Mr. J. Evans, the oldest member of St. Chad's Society, who spoke of the valuable services rendered to the society by Mr. Boucher. Mr. C. R. Lilley, the conductor, also added a few words, and Mr. Boucher briefly thanked the members for their kind appreciation. Mr. Boucher leaves Shrewsbury with best wishes for his success in his new sphere. Mr. Boucher rang all his first peals with St. Chad's Society, viz., Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Double Norwich Major, Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Grandsire Caters, all being the first rung on St. Chad's bells. He also took part in the first peal in seven methods in the county at St. Julian's, and has rung peals on all numbers from 5 up to 12 bells, except Royal and Cinques.

Various farewell touches were rung at St. Julian's, including 360 Double Court, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 240 Bob Minor and 240 Stedman Doubles.

On the following evening, at St. Chad's Church, 168 Stedman Triples, followed by a quarter-peal in the same method, in 51 mins.: J. Griffiths 1, J. E. Lilley 2, R. Pole 3, D. J. Boucher 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, W. T. Goodfellow 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

## FREISTON RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. Sharpe, who died on Wednesday, January 7th. He was a ringer at the Parish Church, Freiston, near Boston, Lines, for over 40 years, and had conducted many peals.

The bells at Freiston were rung half-muffled, after the funeral on Saturday, January 10th, and on Sunday, January 11th, at St. Nicholas' Church, Skirbeck, after evening service, 720 Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect, by S. G. Lovell 1, F. Battram 2, J. Kirk 3, F. Leggott 4, H. Palmer 5, A. H. Palmer (conductor) 6.

The deceased had been a member of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild for forty years, and will be greatly missed.

## MR. R. D. MARSHALL'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 11; Grandsire Caters, 5; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Bob Major, 5; Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; Superlative Surprise, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Cinques, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9 (conducted 3); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major (treble), 1; London Surprise, 1. Rung in 26 towers, under 7 associations, in 8 counties.

## ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The annual general meeting, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, January 17th, was well attended, and it was pleasing to see many provincial members on this occasion.

Many touches were rung on the beautiful peal of bells, which were kept going until 6 p.m. Tea was then served, after which the business meeting was held in the Church Room.

The balance sheet and report for the year were very satisfactory.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; secretary, Mr. J. Sparrow, 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon; treasurer, Mr. J. W. Cornford; stewards, Messrs. C. Matthews and T. Bovan; trustees, Messrs. F. Smith and A. Hardy.

At the conclusion of the meeting, touches were rung on the hand-bells, and brought to a close a very pleasant and enjoyable gathering.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District held their annual meeting last Saturday at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W. The bells were set going at 4 o'clock, and a service was held for the ringers, the Rev. C. B. Marshall giving a short and interesting address. Tea followed in the Church Room, where over twenty members sat down. The business meeting followed the tea, with Mr. H. Mance (the Master) in the chair. The balance sheet was adopted.—It was proposed by Mr. Essery, and seconded by Mr. Mackrill, that Mr. H. Mance should be re-elected as chairman, a decision which met with applause and entire approbation.—Mr. H. Mance agreed to accept office, and re-occupied the chair.—Messrs. Mitchell, Wood and Essery were again re-elected to the posts of hon. secretary, treasurer, and steward, respectively.—The usual hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, who had carried out their duties so effectually during the past year, and this vote of appreciation was duly acknowledged by those concerned.

It is the most earnest desire of all the ringers to tender their most sincere thanks to the Rev. C. B. Marshall, and to Mr. H. Dvas for their assistance in placing the tower and meeting-room at the disposal of the members.

After the meeting, the bells were set going again, and the most popular methods rung until nine o'clock.

## ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

### SECRETARY RETIRES AFTER TEN YEARS' SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 17th, about 40 members being present, representing 11 towers. During the afternoon touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and at 5 p.m. a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Scutt), Mr. Capeling being at the organ. Tea, given by the Guild, was partaken at the Swan Hotel. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Scutt was again elected president, and Mr. C. W. Everett, Master. Mr. Balcomb, who has carried out the duties of hon. secretary and treasurer for the past ten years, to the great disappointment of the members wished to resign, and on the proposition of Mr. Youngs, seconded by Mr. Page, Mr. C. W. Franklin was elected in his stead.

The committee were elected, with the addition of Mr. Pattenden. Three new members, namely, Mrs. Pattenden, Mr. Birch and Mr. Wratton, were entered on the list, bringing the number of members to eighty.

Mersham was selected for the next meeting-place on Feb. 21st.

Mr. C. Tribe, in thanking Mr. Balcomb for his services, stated that in the past ten years he had raised the number of members from 36 to 77. That alone spoke for the grand work he had done, and he hoped the new secretary would follow in his footsteps.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for presiding at the meeting.

This concluded the business, after which the members settled down to one of the most enjoyable of social evenings, with Miss Neaks at the piano. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Youngs, Parsons, Franklin, Tribe, Pattenden, Johnson and Capeling, and recitations by Messrs. Balcomb, Franklin and Parsons. The evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem, and the members then turned homeward, some fortunate ones by car, others by cycle and motor-cycle, all having had a really good time.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

### SUPPORT FOR THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

A successful meeting was held at Tattenhall on January 10th, when some 60 members and friends assembled from affiliated towers in the Archdeaconry, and such distant places as Chester, Croydon, North Wales, Wellington, etc. A short service was held in the Collegiate Church of St. Michael, and a helpful address delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Goode), who also gave the assembly a hearty welcome. A good tea was provided at the Mitre Inn.

It was agreed to support the Washbrook Memorial project by sending subscription sheets round to the several towers.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc.; the Rev. R. N. Lawson for presiding at the organ; and to Mr. R. Pickering, the local captain, for getting things ready. The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Shenstone on April 25th.



## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. THE SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild took place at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on January 10th. A service was held at St. Paul's Church, the address being given by the Rev. E. E. B. Grant, of Sunninghill. Prior to the service touches were rung on the bells, and after the service the company adjourned to St. Paul's Parish Room, where some 98 ringers sat down to tea.

The business meeting followed. The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, R.D., chairman of the district, was supported by the Rev. B. Long (Rector of All Saints', Wokingham), the Rev. H. M. Walter (Rector of St. Paul's, Wokingham), the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield (Barkham), the Rev. Canon Newhouse (Sandhurst), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, the Rev. E. E. B. Grant, Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general Guild secretary), Mr. A. J. Wright (Guild treasurer), Mr. F. Dentry (hon. secretary and treasurer, Sonning branch), Mr. E. S. Barry and Mr. A. H. Lusty.

The hon. treasurer produced the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £16 13s. 1d., an increase of 30s. on last year. The Hon. Secretary reported that the branch had made steady progress, not so much by ringing peals as by the number of practices, and so educating the beginners. The membership was 194, compared with 173 last year. The honorary members had been increased by four, thanks to the efforts of Miss Walker and Miss Robinson.

The Secretary made sympathetic reference to the late Mr. Broome, and spoke in high terms of the deceased gentleman's efforts on behalf of the bellringers. He also regretted to report the death of Mr. Arthur Guy. They all wished Mr. Arthur Jones (Wokingham) a speedy recovery from his long illness. One peal had been rung during the year at Finchampstead. He expressed his thanks to the foremen of towers for their help in connection with the combined practices.

The Chairman read a letter from Mrs. Broome, and a vote of condolence was passed with her, all standing.

The Chairman also announced the death of the former Vicar of Binfield, the Rev. R. A. C. Bevan.

The Secretary read several proposed amendments to rules, which were passed without comment.

The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr. F. Dentry secretary and treasurer of the branch. The following were elected to serve on the branch committee: Mr. S. Embien, Arborfield; Mr. W. Cook, Barkham; Mr. J. Rance, Binfield; Mr. W. Newton, Easthampstead; Mr. W. Goddard, Finchampstead; Mr. Joseph White, Hurst; Mr. J. Moth, Sandhurst; Mr. G. J. Wright, Sonning; Mr. F. Dentry, Twyford; Mr. W. Mortimore, Wokingham St. Lawrence; Mr. W. H. Easterling, Wargrave; Mr. W. J. Brooks, Wokingham All Saints; and Mr. W. Houlton, Wokingham St. Paul's.

Mr. Wright reported on the combined practices, which he considered had been an improvement on last year; the highest attendance was 32, and the lowest 11.

Mr. Moth said he did not agree that the practices had been more successful, as they had been poorly attended at the eight bell towers. They wanted ringers to attend and ask for a method to be tried.

Mr. Houlton moved 'That the railway fares of branch representatives to the General Guild Committee be repaid from the funds of the branch.'—Mr. Wright (Sonning) seconded, and the resolution was passed unanimously.

The following were elected to serve as branch representatives: Messrs. J. Moth, G. J. White, W. J. Paice and J. Rance.

The following were elected to serve on the Combined Practice Committee: Messrs. Moth, White, Brooks, Rance, Darrville, Nash and Paice.

### PRESENTATION TO THE REV. R. H. HART DAVIS.

The Chairman said it was his pleasing duty to propose 'That the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis should be elected president of the branch.' No other branch had a president. He considered it would be a very honourable thing if they asked their old chairman of some thirty years' standing to accept the presidency of that branch.—The proposition was carried with acclamation.

The Chairman said they could not speak too highly of the excellent work their late chairman had done. Mr. Hart Davis had also been Guild secretary for a number of years. It was his pleasant duty to ask him to accept as a slight token of their appreciation a blotting pad. He had noticed that Mr. Davis' present pad was worn out (laughter), so he thought a blotting pad would remind him of his old friends. The pad was bound with sealskin, with corner pieces of solid silver, and gold lettering, bearing the words, 'Presented to the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, 10th day of January, 1925.'

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, in acknowledging the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him as their president, thanked them for the most useful gift. He greatly appreciated their kindness, and would value the blotter exceedingly. He had handed the chairmanship over to a noted bell ringer. He considered what he had done to be very little.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) stated that

he had visited a large number of towers, and a great deal of restoration work had been carried out during the past year.

Mr. Hibbert (general secretary) expressed a hope that every tower would collect subscriptions for the Washbrook Memorial Funds.

Mr. Houlton remarked that the late Mr. Washbrook rang his first peal in 1881 at St. Paul's (Wokingham) tower.

A sum of two guineas was voted to the memorial scheme from the branch funds.

The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. H. M. Walter for placing the church and parish room at their disposal, to the preacher, also to the ladies who had provided tea, especially Mrs. Houlton, who was responsible for the catering.

The Rev. H. M. Walter said the meetings of the bell ringers brought back many happy memories.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. WORK IN THE CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham branch was held at Prestbury on Saturday, January 10th, and was attended by over 40 members from eight towers. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, with the genial captain of the tower, Mr. Pendry, in attendance. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Baghot de la Bere), who also gave an excellent address on 'The good bells of Old England.'

Tea was partaken of in the Institute, kindly provided by the Vicar, who had many willing helpers.

The Vicar having to leave after tea to take a service, Mr. G. H. Phillot was voted to the chair.

The Secretary, in his report, referred to the continued interest taken in the association. He was sorry to say they had only rung three peals for the branch, but that was no indication of the work done; in fact, a great deal had been accomplished, especially in the outlying districts.

A very satisfactory balance sheet was presented, and the branch would be able to send a larger amount for the Association Belfry Repair Fund than last year.

The following officers were unanimously elected: Chairman, the Rev. A. D. Kennington; branch representative, W. Townsend; hon. secretary, W. Yeend.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded those gentlemen for their past services.

Dunblaton was selected as the venue for the next meeting, to be held early in May.

Several new members were elected.

Following a discussion, it was decided that Rule III. (general rules) and Rule I. (branch rules) required altering, and would be brought before the general meeting at Tewkesbury.

Mr. W. Hale proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and lady helpers for their generosity at tea, also that the best thanks be accorded Mr. G. H. Phillot for taking the chair.

A return was then made to the tower, and good practice obtained.

## RINGER'S DEATH FROM ACCIDENT.

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. John Moore, who was born at Preston, Suffolk, on November 2nd, 1858, and died at Chelmsford Hospital on Jan. 7th, three hours after admission, from injuries by accident at the Marconi Works, where he was employed as a shunter. Deceased began to ring in the early 'eighties,' under the tuition of his old friend, Mr. A. Symonds, and after migrating to Lavenham he learnt to ring Grand sire, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, his favourite method being Kent. He rang his first peal at Lavenham on Saturday, December 19th, 1896 (5,008 Bob Major). In this he rang the 4th, and he rang the same bell to the longest length of Bob Major yet rung on the bells, viz., 6,240 in 3 hours and 55 minutes, on December 27th, 1909. Deceased, who was highly respected by all who knew him, was interred in Lavenham Cemetery on Monday, January 12th, the Rev. G. H. Lenox Conyngham officiating. In the evening, the SS. Peter and Paul's company rang, with deeply muffled clappers, J. J. Parker's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples as a last token of respect: M. T. Symonds 1, L. Poulson 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, F. A. Poulson 4, F. F. Mortlock 5, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 6, W. Faiers 7, A. Symonds 8.

Some beautiful floral tributes were placed on the grave by the widow and family, also one from the Marconi employees.

## CAMBRIDGE ROYAL, 'DOUBLE-HANDED.'

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, rung at Southwark Cathedral on Saturday last, was the first touch in the method (on twelve bells) by the Brothers Gofton, for whom, with Messrs. Morris and Poole, the peal was specially arranged. A handbell peal of Stedman Cinques on Sunday, January 18th, was preceded and followed by some excellent double-handed practice in Surprise methods, including what is believed to be the first course of Cambridge Surprise Royal ever rung on handbells, by G. R. Pye 1-2, W. Pye 3-4, H. J. Poole 5-6, T. T. Gofton 7-8, J. A. Gofton 9-10.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**LEE, KENT.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 18th, for a Masonic service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Moulton 1, W. G. Pinnigar 2, J. Lawson 3, J. Dafters (conductor) 4, F. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, H. Brasher 7, B. Heisterman 8.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 1,259 Stedman Caters: C. T. Coles (conductor) 1, E. Morris 2, H. Rumens 3, J. A. Goffon 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, J. C. Adams 6, F. C. Maynard 7, T. T. Goffon 8, H. J. Poole 9, W. H. Freeman 10.

**BARNES.**—At the Church of St. Mary's, on Sunday, January 18th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Cook 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmor 3, H. Rivers 4, R. Mackrill 5, W. C. Stacey 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

**LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.**—On Sunday, Jan. 11th, for evening service, a date touch, 1,925, in 1 hour 10 mins.: C. Blackburn 1, A. Blackburn 2, A. Marshall 3, F. Hodgson (conductor) 4, J. Banks 5, R. Goddard 6, E. Betts 7, W. Thomas 8. Longest length in the method by all but the conductor, and longest length on tower bells for him.

**LECKHAMPTON.**—On Sunday evening, January 11th, for service, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 38 mins.: A. Candle 1, F. Pratt 2, T. Hunt 3, A. Hunt 4, J. Ballinger 5, W. Townsend (cond.) 6, W. Hunt 7, C. Richings 8.

**EGERTON, KENT.**—On Sunday morning, Jan. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: W. Henniker 1, J. Edwards 2, J. Skinner 3, G. Youngs 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, L. Prior 6.

**FELSTED, ESSEX.**—At the Church of the Holy Cross, for children's afternoon service, on January 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, the first quarter-peal by the local band: R. Wilson 1, H. C. Reason 2, A. H. Farrow 3, F. Jacob 4, W. T. Farrow 5, H. C. Ebert 6, J. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Fuller 8.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, January 11th, for Feast of Epiphany, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: R. Heazel 1, F. G. Ringe 2, E. Furbank 3, H. Turner 4, R. Ong 5, G. Miles 6, A. Rainbird (conductor) 7, P. S. Carroll 8.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, January 11th, in 43 mins., for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. Thomas 1, G. Stacey (Minthead) 2, C. T. Rawlings 3, W. Thomas 4, J. Jones 5, S. Roper (Croydon) 6, R. Clark (conductor) 7, F. Mason 8.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, January 11th, for Matins, 240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Woodbine: J. Mountford 1, W. Corfield 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, F. Triner 6.—Also for evensong, 240 each of London, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise: C. S. Ryles 1, J. W. Walker 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Waller 6.

**BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, January 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: T. Bevan 1, R. E. Summers 2, J. Blake 3, W. Powell 4, W. T. Poston 5, H. Powell 6, W. Poston (conductor) 7, C. Townsend 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 5th and 8th.

**GAINSBOROUGH.**—On January 11th, for evening service, 1,120 Little Bob Major, in 43 mins.: H. Cooper 1, C. H. Baker 2, E. Dalington 3, J. Dixon 4, J. T. Ladd 5, H. Morgan (conductor) 6, W. T. Cooper 7, H. Torr 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 8th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Cooper.

**MILTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, January 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Turner 1, C. Yates 2, P. Asplin 3, F. Hopper 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5. Longest length in the method on the bells, and by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Also a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. Turner (21st), F. Hopper and J. Townsend, whose birthdays were January 9th, 10th and 9th, respectively.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, at St. Magnus, London Bridge, City, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. T. Kentish 1, W. N. Ashby (first quarter-peal in the method) 2, S. C. Moye 3, J. R. Gammon (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, E. D. Smith 5, T. H. Taffender 6, W. Bottrell 7, S. N. Platt 8.

**BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, in 53 mins. (1,296 changes): W. Fletcher 1, W. Henley 2, F. Bolt 3, R. Turner 4, H. Wingrove 5, J. Batting 6, R. Buckland 7, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 504 of Stedman Triples: W. Fletcher 1, C. C. Mayne 2, F. Bolt 3, H. Wingrove 4, R. Turner 5, J. Batting 6, R. Buckland (conductor) 7, A. S. Bagley 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Beckensale 2, E. V. Beadle 3, W. Lidbetter 4, T. Beadle 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.—On Sunday, January 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, F. G. Goddard 2, G. Spencer 3, J. Milner 4, T. Beadle 5, W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, A. Sheard 8.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT LONG MELFORD.**

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, Jan. 10th, at Long Melford, when upwards of 50 ringers attended from the following towers: Ipswich, Sudbury, Lavenham, Sproughton, Polstead, Cornard, Cavendish, Wormingford, Assington, Raydon, Tuddenham, Foxearth, Sible Hedingham, Earls Colne, Gestingthorpe, Grinstead Green, Castle Camps (Rev. E. F. Routh) and Swindon (Mr. J. H. Shepherd). Many of the local band were also present. Tea was served at the Rectory, and was followed by a short business meeting, the president (Archdeacon Farmiloe) being in the chair, supported by the assistant secretary (Mr. S. H. Symonds) and Mr. C. Sedgley (Ringing Master). The Rev. H. Drake, general secretary, was unable to attend, through illness.

Four new members were elected, and Mr. A. Symonds' proposition, that the next quarterly meeting be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th, was agreed to.

The Ringing Master gave a brief report on the 87 peals rung for the Guild during the last year.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for presiding, to the Rev. Bree for the use of the bells and also to the waitresses.

Mr. E. Ambrose said it was a pleasure to see so many ringers at a quarterly meeting, especially the company from Ipswich.—The Archdeacon and Rector both responded, saying how pleased they were to see so many church workers there that day.

The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Double Norwich and Superlative.

**OVERTON, FLINTS.**—On Thursday, Dec. 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (being 104 six-scores each called differently), in 44 mins.: T. Butler, senr., 1, W. S. Higginson 2, G. H. Edwards 3, J. F. Sharp 4, T. R. Butler (conductor) 5, W. Higginson, senr., 6. The first quarter-peal on the bells.

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## NOTICES.

## 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. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgely Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at St. Luke's, Derby, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, at 8 p.m. Business: Election of officers for the year and discussion of various matters affecting the association. A good attendance is requested.—G. C. Wallace, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Barnabas, Shore, Littleborough, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. —William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6.—J. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish; Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch. — A meeting of the branch will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Tea and meeting at 5. Service 6 p.m. All requiring tea notify by Jan. 21st.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Frodsham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bath Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Martock (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Jan. 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. All are welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Gainsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 24th. Service at 4.30. Tea at Everatt's Cafe, Market Street, at 5.15 p.m., 1s. per head (for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous). Business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Hearty welcome to all.—H. Morgan, Dis. Sec., 20, Ropery Road, Gainsborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at St. Mary's Church, Torquay. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 'Manchester Hall' 5.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Subscriptions now due.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at St. James', City, on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers, etc. The annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds will be held at the close of the branch meeting.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, Jan. 24th. The bells will be available at 2.45 p.m. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A branch committee meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at Cookham. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Musical service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards till 8.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Kempston on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Leominster-Presteign District. — The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service at 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Rearrangement of district to be settled.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Steam Cottage, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. The address will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves. Tea and meeting to follow, at which report and balance sheet will be presented.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

PENISTONE, YORKS.—The new peal of eight bells will be available for ringing all day on Saturday, Jan. 24th. Tea will be provided at 1s. each, and ringing arranged in companies on the time limit to those only who notify me by Jan. 21st. Will companies please let me know how many they are bringing and the time of their expected arrival, so that those coming short can be made up with odd ringers? — George Hill, Hoylandswaine, Penistone, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The dedication of two new trebles at Cheriton will take place on Saturday, Jan. 24th, at 3 p.m. All members are cordially invited. Tea at 5 p.m. in the Schoolroom.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Edmonton on Satur-

day, Jan. 24th. Bells available from 2.30. Committee meeting at 4. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing: Sunday mornings, 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock, except first Sunday in each month. Annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 28th, at 8 p.m. sharp, for the election of officers and other business.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. J. Hardcastle, 72, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford, not later than first post Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in large Vestry at 4.45 p.m. Business: Election of officers for 1925. Nominations to be sent in at once. Also matters of importance affecting the association to discuss. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea can be arranged for those who notify me before Jan. 28th. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at or before this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Jan. 28th.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at the Carlton Café, High Street, at 5.30; followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton (5) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 27th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly make a point of letting me know not later than Wednesday, the 28th? Members are also reminded that all subscriptions for 1924 are overdue. Buses leaves Sibsey for Boston at 6.30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10.50 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. The bells will be available for 3.15 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next district meeting will be held at St. Andrew's South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.15 p.m., tea at 5 p.m. Will all those intending to be present at tea please notify by Tuesday, Jan. 27th, to Mr. R. B. Robinson, 54, Albert Street, Shildon?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 31st? Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., and address by the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and business meeting to follow in Church Institute. Will all those requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, Jan. 28th? Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672.—The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 9d. each. Ladies and visitors specially invited. Will all those requiring tickets please apply to the secretary by Jan. 29th certain?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Saturday, Jan. 31st, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—G. H. Cross, Norwich.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Jan. 31st, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.15, business meeting after, and service at 6.30. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Friday, the 30th?—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford and Canterbury Districts.—A combined practice will be held at Wye on Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 27th. — E. G. Buesden and H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Secs., Pattison Farm, Mersham, Kent.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Raunds on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 27th. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due. — J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at Sproughton and Bramford available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Sproughton, free to all sending their names by Feb. 3rd to G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. It is essential that South and West members should make an effort to attend this meeting. The Vicar and churchwardens will entertain members to tea in the New Church Hall, South Street, after service. But please notify me by the 4th those requiring same, and oblige W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after in Church Room. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea up to 7 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 4th? All ringers welcome. — Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

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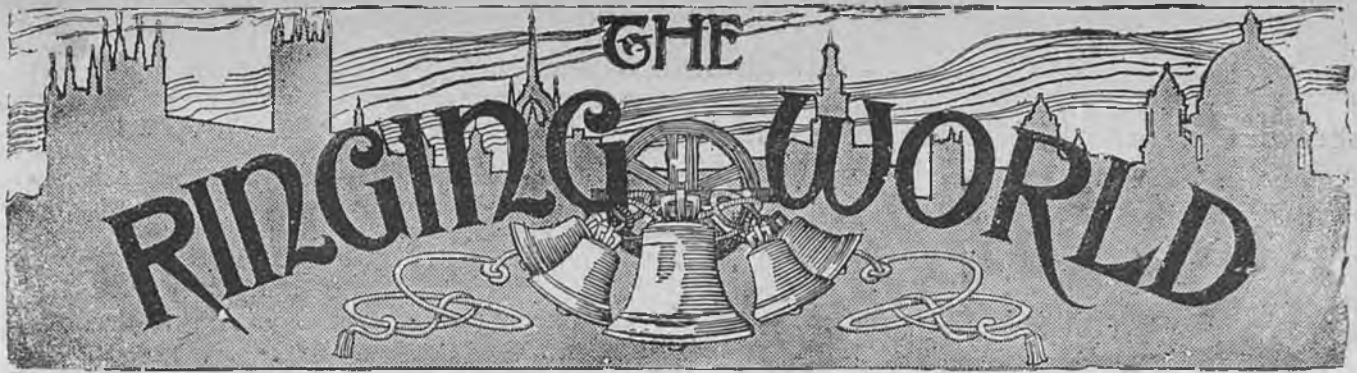
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On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5037 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. 9 lb. in E flat.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HERBERT W. BISHOP ... .. Treble | HENRY W. L. WELLS ... .. 6  |
| ALFRED LAWRENCE ... .. 2        | HARRY A. HEARL ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... .. 3   | SIDNEY PALMER ... .. 8      |
| CHARLES J. GARDINER ... .. 4    | ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 9      |
| ROBERT W. HYNTER ... .. 5       | WALTER TRUEMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by E. BISHOP.  
First peal on the new ring of ten. All the band are Sunday Service ringers.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. Treble | JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... .. 5     |
| T. REGINALD DENNIS ... .. 2      | CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 6       |
| FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 3        | A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. 7      |
| * FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 4    | ERNEST G. HIBBENS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. W. COOK.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First of Treble Bob as conductor.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                      |                             |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| * PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM ... .. Treble | EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... .. 5 |
| VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. ... .. 2        | CHARLES WINNER ... .. 6     |
| * RICKS PAINE ... .. 3               | FRANK BELSEY ... .. 7       |
| THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 4             | WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by W. HAIGH.

\* First peal in the method.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART (No. 2),

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| * JAMES BAKER ... .. Treble | CHARLES BAKER ... .. 5   |
| HARRY SEAL ... .. 2         | PERCY DENTON ... .. 6    |
| MICHAEL LAMBERT ... .. 3    | GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 7  |
| ARCHIBALD DENTON ... .. 4   | HARRY BAKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY SEAL.

\* First peal, and elected a member of the above Association previous to starting.

THORNABY-ON-TEES, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * ALFRED E. REYER ... .. Treble | * ARNOLD WARD ... .. 5     |
| * RAYMOND ADDISON ... .. 2      | WILFRED ADDISON ... .. 6   |
| JOHN SINCLAIR ... .. 3          | FREDERICK BARKER ... .. 7  |
| JOHN APPLETON ... .. 4          | GEORGE CATTLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JAMES PLATT. Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. P. W. Warster, following his induction to the parish of the Archbishop of York.



CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Day's Six-Part.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. Treble | JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5        |
| JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 2       | FRED RIGBY ... .. 6        |
| † HARRY FRANCE ... .. 3         | JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 7  |
| * EDWARD SWARBRICK ... .. 4     | GEORGE HEWITT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

\* First peal. † First peal in this method.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, January 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven 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 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5 |
| ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... .. 2      | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6    |
| LEONARD A. SMITH ... .. 3       | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 7   |
| E. DUDLEY CHEXFIELD ... 4       | ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

Arranged for the ringers of 5th, 6th and 7th, who were elected members of the Association.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:**

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * MISS E. HOUGHTON ... .. Treble | ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 5       |
| THOMAS FOSTER ... .. 2           | * NORMAN STONE ... .. 6        |
| JOSEPH FOSTER ... .. 3           | WILLIAM MITCHELL ... .. 7      |
| † GEORGE CHEESEBOROUGH 4         | JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by R. WALLWORK.

\* First peal. † First peal in method. First peal in the method by a local band. Also the first peal in the Rossendale branch by a lady ringer.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble | * FRED PAGE ... .. 5         |
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 2   | JOHN POTTER ... .. 6         |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 3  | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7        |
| JAMES BOLTON ... .. 4       | ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Potter, son of the conductor, after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

EYE, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. Treble | * FREDERICK HAYWARD ... 5    |
| JAMES BETTS ... .. 2          | HARRY MOSS ... .. 6          |
| ALPHAEUS BERRY ... .. 3       | WILLIAM STEGGALLS ... 7      |
| HUBERT J. DAY ... .. 4        | WILLIAM BURROWS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. F. POPPY.

\* First peal of Major. The above band reside in seven parishes. The conductor's 250th peal.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLF.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble | JOHN BURLS ... .. 5           |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2     | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6   |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3       | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7     |
| WILLIAM H. HARPER ... .. 4    | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. MOTTS.

Conducted by C.-S.-M. BENNETT, R.M.

Specially arranged and rung as a token of remembrance to the composer, the late Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, on the 2nd anniversary of his death.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| * GEORGE WORTHY ... .. Treble | THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 5    |
| JOHN C. POLLARD ... .. 2      | * WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 6    |
| THOMAS C. HENSHER ... .. 3    | WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7    |
| * ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 4      | THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

\* First peal in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 42 lb. in E flat.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| DANIEL COOPER ... .. Treble | JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 5   |
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2  | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6  |
| * FRANK E. DAREY ... .. 3   | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 7 |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4  | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells for 27 years.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WALTER WEBB ... .. Treble | GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 5       |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2 | ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6        |
| * ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 3 | JAMES S. NAPPER ... .. 7       |
| † JAMES BUTLER ... .. 4   | WILLIAM E. NAPPER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

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

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5   |
| * LEWIS E. WIFFEN ... .. 2    | * JOHN REDGWELL ... .. 6  |
| WALTER SMITH ... .. 3         | GEORGE MOSS ... .. 7      |
| * BASIL REDGWELL ... .. 4     | EDWIN WIFFEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal, and first attempt. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th, who is only 14 years of age. The peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Bright, a member of St. Nicolas' tower, Witham, whose marriage took place on the above date.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On January 13th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Cashmore (aged 13) 1. R. Foddy 2. F. Case 3. D. C. Lexfield 4. L. Smith 5. A. J. Green 6. First 720 of Minor by ringers of 1st 2nd and 4th, who had not had any previous practice at Minor.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART (No. 3).

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *EDWIN CLARKE ... .. Treble | †ARTHUR BRAINES ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE FREEBREY ... .. 2    | GEORGE H. ROBINSON ... .. 6 |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3     | MARK BARKER ... .. 7        |
| WALTER WALLACE ... .. 4     | PERCY TATE ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

\* First peal. It was the 100th peal for Mr. Walter Wallace, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Foster, a respected member of St. Alkmund's company. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on tower bells.

## WARFIELD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *HOWARD MACKMAN ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... .. 5      |
| *MISS MARIE R. CROSS ... .. 2 | JOHN RANCE ... .. 6             |
| JOHN MOTH ... .. 3            | JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 7       |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 4    | WILLIAM T. HENSLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

\* First peal, aged 14 and 15 years respectively. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. G. Butt, of Binfield, who kindly entertained the band after the peal. Also a 71st birthday compliment to Mr. R. Mackman, of Spalding.

## OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MRS. J. WHEWELL ... .. Treble | FRANK SHAW ... .. 5             |
| JAMES SHAW ... .. 2           | JONATHAN WHEWELL ... .. 6       |
| *WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 3     | JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... .. 7      |
| J. RICHARD TAYLOR ... .. 4    | W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

- First peal in the method on a working bell by W. Fernley, for whom the peal was arranged.

## BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Treble | *GEORGE S. COLES ... .. 5 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2    | HENRY NORMAN ... .. 6     |
| ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... .. 3  | JAMES HUNT ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM COLES ... .. 4      | PERCY MERSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal on eight bells.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| †ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Treble   | †THOMAS ATKINS ... .. 5     |
| †J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 2 | R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 6   |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3  | *ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ... .. 7 |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4  | EDWARD READER ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. NICHOLS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob. ‡ First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. T. Atkins for standing in at very short notice.

## OTLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... .. Treble | HARRY DAVISON ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. 2      | *FRED KILSHAW ... .. 6    |
| RALPH UMPLEBY ... .. 3          | *FRED DIXON ... .. 7      |
| JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 4        | HARRY FOSTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

\* First peal in the method.

## WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. Treble | THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 2    | R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 6      |
| RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 3    | JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 7     |
| STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... .. 4 | THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.

Rung on the eve of the conversion of St. Paul, and the 12th anniversary of the bells.

## CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... .. Treble | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5      |
| *OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. 2           | FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 6         |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3           | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7           |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 4          | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method 'inside.'

## WARMINSTER, WILTS.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| REGINALD BECK ... .. Treble | JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 5       |
| ALEC MONDY ... .. 2         | WILLIAM E. FLETCHER ... .. 6 |
| RONALD BECK ... .. 3        | THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 4   | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

## BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| W. A. COOPER ... .. Treble | J. C. ADAMS ... .. 5      |
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 2  | W. H. LAWLEY ... .. 6     |
| H. A. FARLOW ... .. 3      | JOHN PERRY ... .. 7       |
| E. F. MITCHELL ... .. 4    | THOMAS PERRY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—At St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Fisher on the 53rd anniversary of their wedding: H. Burton 1, R. J. Duwa 2, R. Hoather 3, A. J. Turner 4, O. Wood 5, S. Foord 6, G. Piper (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8.

BREWOD.—On January 19th, at the residence of Mr. J. Perry, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 minutes: Percy Bill 1—2, F. R. Blewitt 3, J. W. Perry 4, J. Perry (conductor) 5—6. Rung, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a birthday compliment to Percy Bill.

The two following reports have been sent to us for publication by the Secretary of the Norfolk Guild.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM RICHES... .. Treble | EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... .. 5  |
| AUSTIN HEAD ... .. 2        | JAMES RICHES ... .. 6      |
| ROBERT RICHES ... .. 3      | WALTER RICHES ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE FILBY ... .. 4       | ALBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. HOBARD. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM RICHES... .. Treble | ROBERT RICHES ... .. 5     |
| AUSTIN HEAD ... .. 2        | JAMES RICHES ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE FILBY ... .. 3       | WALTER RICHES... .. 7      |
| JACOB FILBY... .. 4         | ALBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| EDWIN A. HALL... .. Treble | *THOMAS A. PRESTON... .. 4      |
| THOMAS M. JORDAN ... .. 2  | LEONARD G. JORDAN... .. 5       |
| *LEONARD P. WARD ... .. 3  | WILLIAM J. A. HALL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by L. G. JORDAN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to T. M. Jordan. First peal on the bells by a Peckleton band.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, College Single Reverse, Oxford Single, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *FREDERICK HINES ... .. Treble | CECIL RADDON ... .. 4      |
| †GEORGE VERNON ... .. 2        | JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 5 |
| ERNEST BOSTOCK ... .. 3        | EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.' Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. L. Bostock, one of the local ringers.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.  
(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Monday, January 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three 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 | ERNEST HALL ... .. 4      |
| FREDK. PECK ... .. 2            | WALTER KERRISON ... .. 5  |
| ARTHUR H. TOOK ... .. 3         | JAMES HOWARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

BRIDGEND, GLAM. — On Wednesday, Jan. 21st, at St. Illtyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1,260 changes): \* W. James 1, J. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, D. R. James 6, A. J. Pitman 7, H. Wright 8. \* First quarter-peal. First quarter-peal of Union Triples.

DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Fight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *ARTHUR HANN ... .. Treble | *HARRY AYRES ... .. 3        |
| SAMUEL ROYLE ... .. 2      | HARRY PARKER ... .. 5        |
| THOMAS WILKINSON... .. 3   | ALBERT H. BOOTH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT H. BOOTH.

\* First peal by treble and 4th. First peal as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. Royle's son.

DEEPIING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob, Double Court, Single Court. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| *FRED DUFFY ... .. Treble | HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4       |
| JOHN G. AMES ... .. 2     | JOSEPH LONDON ... .. 5       |
| ARTHUR RIGGALL ... .. 3   | GEORGE H. WELLS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal; proposed a member before starting. Rung with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Rev. W. M. Benson, 35 years Vicar of this parish, who was interred at Market Deeping Cemetery on Wednesday, January 21st.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five 720's of Plain Bob with five different callings. Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *JOHN MATTHEWS ... .. Treble | FRANK W. LACK ... .. 4          |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 2  | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5       |
| †JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... .. 3  | THOMAS H. TOWNSEND ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Ringers of 1st, 4th and tenor belong to the local band; 2nd to Willingham; 3rd to Brampton; 5th to Long Stanton. The band thank Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Townsend for their hospitality after the peal.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| E. WILLIAM TURNER ... .. Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4       |
| WILLIAM NISLETT ... .. 2        | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5      |
| JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 3      | ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM RANFORD.

Quarterly peal for the Western Branch; also a birthday peal for J. J. Jefferies.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HARRY BAXTER ... .. Treble | WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 4    |
| GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... .. 2 | THOMAS GARLEY ... .. 5       |
| TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 3       | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

Rung as a compliment to Miss C. E. Iepburn, secretary of Northants Branch of the Ladies' Guild, on her 21st birthday; and to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Valentine, both of the Isham Society, on the birth of a daughter.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

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

On Tuesday, January 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,  
At 29, Church Bank,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

Miss NELLY JOHNSON ... 1-2 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5-6  
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | JAMES HEMMING ... 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witness: Mrs. J. HEMMING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hemming.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

### A SUGGESTION TO BELL FOUNDERS.

The annual meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Cirencester on Saturday, January 24th, when members and visitors to the number of 25 being present from Cirencester, Fairford, Lechlade, Cole St. Aldwyn, Down Ampney and Swindon, and also an old Cirencester ringer, in the person of Mr. Wilfred Andrews, from Winchester Cathedral. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major being rung till service time.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Westmacott), and tea was served at Messrs. Viner's Restaurant. At the business meeting which followed, the chairman of the branch (Mr. F. Edwards) presided. The treasurer's report was submitted, and was considered satisfactory.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. F. Edwards; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. J. Lewis; member on management committee, Mr. J. Hope.

Mr. Edwards, in returning thanks, remarked that while the bell founders had brought the art of casting and hanging to perfection, they had not troubled to perfect a really good silent apparatus, so that ringers could practise without annoying people outside.

Two honorary and three performing members were elected, and Tetbury was chosen for the next meeting.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. L. Westmacott for taking the service, and for the use of the bells.—In replying, the Vicar said that he did get complaints about the ringing, but that the complainers were always in the minority, and if the bells were not rung the complaints would be very great.

Owing to illness, the bells at the Parish Church could not be rung, and Watermoor was, therefore, again visited, and further touches of Triples and Major rung. The secretary made it a special point to see that everyone had a pull.

### BRISTOL BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Bristol branch was held at St. James's, Bristol, on Saturday last. Ringing began soon after three p.m., and service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Swan) officiated, and gave a very helpful address. Tea was kindly arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Way, and friends, at the Church Institute.

The business meeting followed, and nearly 50 members were present, including the Rev. E. J. Phillips (vice-president) and the Rev. S. E. Swan.

Mr. J. Gould, on taking the chair, referred to the sad bereavement sustained by Mr. C. Hornell, of Wormley, in the loss of his wife, and asked the members to stand in sympathy.

The hon. secretary's report showed that twelve meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 25, which was a falling off on the previous year. He did not think it was owing to lack of interest, but to the very inclement weather of the past summer. Thirty-five members had been elected during the year. The Secretary thanked the tower secretaries for the prompt way they had sent in their subscriptions, and remarked it would be a great help to the branch if some of the more advanced ringers would visit the country towers. The peal at Marshfield by all local men reflected great credit on Mr. W. Lewis for the way he had worked, as it was practically an isolated district with no help near.

The balance sheet was presented, and passed, showing a balance in hand of £17 ls., which was considerably more than last year.

Mr. W. A. Cave moved that a letter of congratulation from the meeting be sent to Mr. W. Lewis and the ringers at Marshfield.

The officers were re-elected, amid applause, as follows: Mr. J. Gould, chairman; Mr. P. E. Williams, secretary; Mr. J. G. Jefferies

on management committee; Mrs. G. Williams was elected an associate member; and Messrs. H. Baguley and E. Guest, of Henley, and Messrs. Smart, H. Marsh, T. Marsh and C. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, were elected performing members.

The quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: Wormley in February; Coalpit Heath in May; Mangotsfield in August; St. Warburghs in November.

It was decided that, after the quarterly meeting at Wormley, which was fixed for February 21st, all meetings of the branch should be held on the last Saturday in each month.

It was also decided that £5 of the balance in hand be used for the benefit of members attending the annual meeting at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday. All applications for seats in the charabanc are to be in the committee's hands by March 28th.

The Rev. E. J. Phillips moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. S. E. Swan for the use of the bells and for conducting the service; also to the organiser for his assistance, and to the ladies for arranging the excellent tea.

Mr. C. H. Jennings proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary for the excellent way they had carried out their duties during the year (applause).

This concluded the business, which was followed by the annual meeting of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### THE IMPROVEMENT OF GREAT BADDOW BELLS.

A meeting of the South-Eastern division of the Essex Association was held at Great Baddow on Saturday, January 17th. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and service was held at St. Mary's, the Rev. D. G. Douglas officiating. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association) read the lesson.

Tea and meeting followed in the Parish Room, the Vicar presiding over an attendance of about 50 ringers, including Mr. C. H. Howard, Mr. L. W. Wiffen (Master of the Division), and Mr. W. H. Dyson (secretary).

Five new members were elected, and Dr. Spencer Phillips was elected a probationary member.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Danbury and Sandon, with a view to getting these towers into the association.

Mr. Howard proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for arranging the service, to the organist and choir for their services, and to the ladies for providing tea. He also complimented the wardens and Parochial Church Council on the excellent results of the rehanging and recasting of the bells, the tone of which was now the admiration of all visiting ringers.

The Vicar responded, and said he would like to visit the tower and see some change ringing.—Touches of Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung throughout the afternoon and evening.

Members present represented Writtle, Chelmsford, Maldon, Boreham, Broomfield, Springfield, Kelvedon, Feering, Braintree, Rotten-ton, Swindon, Romford, and the local company.

## LIGHTEST PEAL OF EIGHT IN KENT.

### NEW BELLS AT CHERITON.

On Saturday last, two new trebles were dedicated at Cheriton, Kent. The ceremony was performed by the Rector (the Rev. G. A. Lewis, M.A.), at special evensong. After prayers, the choir and Rector proceeded to the belfry, where the dedication took place. As the choir returned to the chancel the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers, and the Rector then gave a short address on bells and their uses.

The new bells were obtained by local subscription, the work being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Cheriton now possesses the lightest peal of eight in Kent, the tenor being 7½ cwt. The bells, previously a peal of four, were made six in 1881 by the same firm.

Tea was kindly provided by the Parochial Church Council, about 35 members of the Kent Association being present, representing the Ashford, Canterbury and Maidstone districts. The ringers afterwards again visited the tower, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and a course of Double Norwich, were brought round.

### MR. E. F. POPPY'S 250 PEALS.

Stedman Cinques, 2; Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Triples, 23; Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 7; Kent Royal, 6; Kent Major, 24 (conducted 3); Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 37 (conducted 4); Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Major, 15 (conducted 9); Bob Triples, 1 (conducted 1); Double Norwich Major, 50 (conducted 2); Superlative Surprise Major, 45 (conducted 1); Cambridge Surprise Major, 8 (conducted 1); New Cambridge, 2; Bristol Surprise, 2; London Surprise, 2; Minor in three methods, 1; in four methods, 1; in five Treble Bob methods, 1; in six Treble Bob, 2; in seven Treble Bob, 2; in seven Surprise Minor methods, 9; in fourteen Surprise Minor methods, 1.



**ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.****KING'S NORTON RINGERS' GATHERING.**

On Saturday, January 17th, the King's Norton ringers were invited to dinner at the Navigation Inn by their esteemed Ringing Master (Mr. F. B. Yates). A goodly number sat down, including the Vicar, the churchwardens, and the following members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Messrs. A. E. Walker, A. Paddon Smith, T. Russam, J. Neal and E. Mansell. Good Christmas fare had been provided, consisting of roast turkey, plum-pudding and mince pies, of which everybody heartily partook.

After the cloth had been removed, several toasts were given, including 'the President,' 'the St. Nicolas' Guild,' 'the St. Martin's Guild,' 'the Visitors,' and 'the Chairman.' This last was entrusted to the Vicar's warden, Mr. W. E. Moore, who spoke in high praise of the good work Mr. Yates was doing for bell ringing in King's Norton.—The toast was accorded musical honours.

Mr. Yates, in reply, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to associate himself with the ringers, and his great appreciation of the honour of being their Ringing Master.

The toast of 'the Visitors' was responded to by Messrs. Walker and A. Paddon Smith.

A musical programme was carried out, including songs by Messrs. Dowding and Avery, and selections upon the handbells.

Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**LAVENHAM RINGERS' DINNER.**

On Wednesday evening, January 7th, the SS. Peter and Paul Society of Ringers were entertained to dinner by Mr. J. C. King. The Rector (the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham) and Mr. W. Turner also attended. After a very enjoyable repast, the evening was spent with musical items. Two of the ringers, Messrs. L. Poulson and F. A. Turner, proved good vocalists, and sang some of the 'good old songs.' Selections were given on the handbells by Messrs. S. H. Symonds and F. A. Turner. The following methods were also rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent, the handbells being much appreciated by the host and the ladies present. At the conclusion, the Rector, on behalf of the ringers, thanked Mr. King for the enjoyable evening spent.—Mr. W. Turner endorsed the Rector's words, and Mr. King, in responding, said it had given him the greatest pleasure to have the ringers with him that evening.—Mr. W. R. J. Poulson, as one of the ringers, said he was sure everyone there had enjoyed themselves im-

mensely, and laughingly remarked that he hoped such a jolly gathering would be repeated another year.—The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

**FELSTED RINGERS ENTERTAINED.**

On Tuesday, January 6th, at the Old School House, Felsted, through the kindness of a few friends, the Felsted Guild of Ringers were given a supper, at which Canon H. C. T. Weatherhead (Vicar) presided. A very enjoyable evening was spent. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford and Double Court Minor were rung on the bells.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At St. John's Church, Portmadoc, N. Wales, on Monday evening, January 19th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280), in 50 minutes, rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Canon Llewelyn R. Hughes, of Llandudno, formerly Vicar of St. John's, Portmadoc, and a vice-president of the North Wales Association: R. Richards 1, R. McMillan 2, H. McMillan 3, P. Roberts (first as conductor) 4, F. J. Williams 5, H. Owen 6, H. Roberts 7, E. Brown 8. This was followed by the 'whole pull and stand.'

At Ottery St. Mary, Devon, at the Parish Church, on January 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 minutes: C. Turner 1, K. G. Godfrey 2, J. H. Godfrey 3, H. Stuckey 4, W. Burrow 5, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 6, G. Burrow 7, J. Lovering 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in token of respect for the late Mr. W. Warden, ex-churchwarden, who was buried the same afternoon. First quarter of Stedman on the bells by the local band.

On Sunday afternoon last a band of ringers from Honington visited Honington, by special request, and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,300 changes), in 50 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, on the occasion of the funeral of the Rev. — Dickens, Rector of Idlicote, and of Honington, who died suddenly on Monday, January 19th. The deceased gentleman was taken ill while conducting evening service in Honington Church on the preceding Sunday, and died the following day. He was interred at Idlicote. There being no bells at Idlicote Church, the ringing was done at Honington, one mile away. The ringers were: C. Matthews 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, W. Large 3, L. Hawcutt 4, F. Smith 5, H. Baker 6. Honington bells have been manned by Honington ringers ever since the late Rector was inducted to the living.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is interesting to note, writes Mr. R. G. Rice, in connection with the peal of Bob Major rung at Hagbourne, Berks, on the 12th January, that the only previous peal in the method on these bells was rung on April 21st, 1772, by eight members of the Oxford City Society (founded 1737), in three hours twenty minutes, conducted by J. Baker. This was also the first peal on the bells.

Mr. Rice also replies to an inquiry made by a correspondent in our issue of January 9th as to whether any tower possesses two older bells than the two at Eythorne, cast in 1470. He points out that there are two much older bells at Dorchester Abbey, Oxon. The 7th was cast in London in 1320, and the tenor at Wokingham in 1380.

The peal at Wilton, Taunton, on January 10th was rung in two hours 54 minutes, and not two hours 45 minutes, as printed last week.

The Swindon Parish Church Guild has, after many attempts, succeeded in ringing the first peal on the fine new ring of ten. The conductor, who was so intimately associated with the scheme for providing this noble church on the hill with a new ring of ten, rang his first peal of Caters at the fine old Church of St. Lawrence, Reading, in 1884.

What would have been the first peal of Stedman Triples for all except the conductor was lost on Saturday evening at All Saints' Church, Newport, in the last half-course of the peal, after 2 hours 58 minutes' ringing. The attempt was in honour of the newly inducted Vicar, and those taking part were regular service ringers at the church.

Although Mr. I. G. Shade's 84 peals in 1924 is a wonderful total, it is by no means an individual record for a year's ringing. In 1913 the late Mr. A. W. Grimes rang 136 peals, which followed on a total of 114 in the preceding year, and set up the unique performance of 250 in two years. In 1912 the late Mr. Bertram Prewett also rang 100 peals.

It would be interesting to know, writes Mr. C. V. Elberson, at which tower the greatest number of peals and methods were rung in 1924. At Willesden, he adds, eighteen peals were rung in fourteen methods during the year.

Benjamin Annable, one of the outstanding figures of the early days of ringing, died on February 1st, 1756. He was buried at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

Harrison's peal of 10,176 Treble Bob Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, in the Kent Variation, on Feb. 2nd, 1891.

'Composed by Mr. Holt, of the London College Youths,' a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Shrove Tuesday, February 3rd, 1761.

A peal of 10,032 Grandsire Major was rung in 6 hours 18 minutes, at Walsall on Feb. 4th, 1881.

The Cambridge University Guild was founded on Feb. 4th, 1879.

On Feb. 5th, 1783, a peal of 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley. The time was 7 hours 48 minutes. On the same day, in 1838, the then record length of Stedman Caters, 12,041, was rung in 7 hours 26 minutes, at Appleton. The last long peal in this method on these bells was nearly twice the length.

## CROWLAND ABBEY BELLS.

The peal of Doubles which was recently mentioned as being the first peal on the bells at Crowland Abbey, Lincs, was not the only peal that has been rung there. On Feb. 20th, 1913, the Peterborough Association rang a peal of Bob Minor, conducted by G. Juston: A. Holland 1, E. Tilley 2, W. Waldron 3, J. Jutson 4, I. Bennett 5, G. Jutson 6. We have to thank Miss K. A. Jutson for sending us this information. It is interesting to note that there is 90ft. draught of rope, with only one floor between ringers and bells.

## BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Martock on Saturday. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Saunders), who is also president of the branch. About 50 sat down to tea in the Church House. Amongst those present were the Rev. Rhys James (Vicar of Drayton), Mr. E. E. Burgess (general secretary), and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devises).

At the meeting which followed, all officers were re-elected, viz.: President, the Rev. G. W. Saunders; secretary, Mr. F. Farrant; Ringing Master, Mr. D. G. Taylor; general committee representative, Mr. J. E. Baker.

It was suggested that an extra office be made, that of vice-president, and on the proposal of Mr. D. G. Taylor, this was agreed to.—Mr. T. Gale then proposed that the Vicar of Drayton, who is an accomplished change ringer, be vice-president.—This was carried unanimously.

Ringings commenced about 3 p.m., and continued up to 8.30.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MASTER RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, was held at Edmonton on Saturday last, and was attended by some 40 members. Ringing commenced at about 3 p.m., and continued in various methods until 5 p.m., when a short service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill), an hon. member of the association, gave the ringers a hearty welcome.

Tea was served at the Rose and Crown, and was followed by the business meeting. The president, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., took the chair, and after the usual preliminaries, the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £2 7s. on the year's working, was adopted.

Six new members were elected, including four young ringers belonging to the Stamford Hill band.

It was with great regret that the meeting heard of the resignation of Mr. G. B. Lucas as District Master.—The President proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to Mr. Lucas for his services to the association, spread over many years.—This was seconded by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), who stated that the reason of Mr. Lucas' resignation was the after-effects of his accident of a year or more ago, which had caused him almost to give up ringing.—The vote of thanks was supported by Mr. J. Waghorn, Mr. Armstrong, and others, and was carried unanimously.

Mr. Norman A. Tomlinson, of Southgate, was then elected as District Master, and the other officers were elected as follows: Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Kemp; Central Committee, Messrs. R. E. Geare, G. B. Lucas and W. H. Oram; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

The members adopted the committee's recommendation to circularise the affiliated towers for donations to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. The hon. secretary would be glad to receive any donations from members of the association, and would forward them to the proper quarter.

It was decided that the next annual meeting of the district should be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, whilst the arrangements of the next district meeting were left to the hon. secretary.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill); to Mr. Grove, the organist; and to Mr. G. Paice, Mr. J. Parker, and others, for services rendered, coupled with an expression of regret at the absence of Mr. J. Parker, through illness, and a hope of a quick recovery.

Prior to the meeting a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by E. G. Trimmer, Miss E. K. Parker, W. Pye, G. R. Pye, J. Thomas and C. W. R. Grimwood. Ringing until 9 p.m. on the tower bells, in various methods from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise, brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

## DEATH OF VETERAN ESSEX RINGER.

### A FOUNDER OF THE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Charles Bearman, of Bocking, which took place on Saturday, January 17th. Deceased, who was in his 88th year, was a native of the parish, and life-long member of St. Mary's Church. He had been a member of the choir and a bell ringer over 50 years, and was the last survivor of the old Bocking company. He joined the Collegio Youths in 1875, was one of the founders of the Essex Association in 1879, and had been a member continuously ever since. He took part in the first peal on Bocking bells, after their augmentation to eight.

The funeral took place on Thursday, January 22nd, the Very Rev. Dean Brownrigg officiating, assisted by the Rev. A. E. Hawkes, senior assistant priest. Among those present, in addition to the deceased's son and three daughters, were Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. L. W. Crow (Bocking), Mr. F. Rudkin (Braintree), and a large number of parishioners. In the evening, with the bells half-muffled, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: F. Webb 1, F. Radley 2, W. H. Dyson 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, E. Wiffen 8.

## WEDDING BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Chilver's Coton, Nuneaton, on Thursday, Jan. 22nd, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Alastair Gustavus Baillie, eldest son of the Dean of Windsor, and Miss Susan Theodora Newdegate, younger daughter of Sir F. A. Newdegate-Newdegate, G.C.M.G., late Governor of Western Australia, and the Hon. Lady Newdegate-Newdegate, of Arbury Hall, Nuneaton, 336 Grandsire Triples and 224 Plain Bob Major. An attempt was made in the evening for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief, after nearly an hour's excellent ringing. The following members took part in the ringing: Miss G. M. Dodds, Miss D. E. Lewis, Miss M. V. Godderidge, Messrs. J. E. Moreton, A. H. Beamish, H. Wright, R. Moreton, W. Badger and C. Rayson.

## TOO MUCH MONEY?

### M.C.A. QUARTERLY MEETING AT LONG EATON.

Saturday, January 17th, saw the members of the Midland Counties Association assemble for the quarterly meeting at the Derbyshire town of Long Eaton, where ringing took place at the Parish Church from 2.30 to 9 p.m. Although not numerically large, the gathering comprised ringers who rang nearly everything up to and including London Surprise. The committee, tea and general meeting all took place in the Co-operative Cafe, a splendid repast being served to about 45 members. At the subsequent meeting, Ald. R. B. Chambers presided, supported by Mrs. Chambers, Mr. Pryce Taylor, Mr. A. C. Wright (hon. secretary), while a churchwarden represented the local authorities. The Rev. R. E. Wilkinson, of Mansfield—a ringer-parson—joined the gathering, which was representative of the various districts of the association. Twenty-seven new members were gathered in, and a long discussion followed on the suggestion to reconstruct the rules to permit local autonomy. It was eventually decided to call a special committee meeting sometime in March to discuss the ways and means, providing the various districts approved.

A grant of five guineas was made from the Bell Repair Fund to Hinckley, Leicestershire, for the rehanging of the ring of eight, and a grant of three guineas from the general funds was apportioned to the Washbrook Memorial.

Messrs. Wallace and Draper were elected auditors for the treasurer's accounts, which again show an increase of funds.

Appropos of the special committee's future meeting, it is hoped that all branches will seriously consider the matter before sending their secretary as delegate. There are several ways of disposing of the surplus funds—if it is decided to dispose of them. The proposition contained in the suggested new rules is that the capitation fee should be 6d. per member instead of one shilling and sixpence, and that the report should be free.

It has been decided already to reduce the cost of the report from one shilling to sixpence. The hon. treasurer would suggest that a return be made either by reducing the annual subscription to pre-war scale (1/-) or by a rebate at the end of the financial year, whenever the association shows a profit, and that the quarterly or annual tea or dinner should be free. The real trouble is, he says, that the association has too much money! These remarks are written solely to draw the attention of absent members to the subject.

## AN ARCHITECT ON BELLS.

### CONDEMNATION OF IRON AND STEEL FRAMES.

If correctly reported, some of the statements made at a lecture on Friday last, at Liverpool, by Mr. W. D. Caroe, the architect, ought not to go unchallenged. Speaking at the Church House, on 'Church Bells and Bell Hanging,' he gave a warning to church officials (says the 'Liverpool Post and Mercury') to look before they leap into acceptance of some of the bell hanging improvements ('gadgets' he called them once) offered by some bell founders. Particularly he was against iron or steel bell frames. They deteriorated, he said, and required constant nursing.

Change ringing, said Mr. Caroe, was peculiar to this country. The carillon bell of the Continent was a musical instrument. The other bells were not musical instruments. 'There is music,' he said, 'and there is bell music. A bell has three distinct notes—the top, the lower, and the major third, which demands a musical ear to detect it.' Bells, he added, should be heard from a distance. Talking of towers, the strain caused by the bell ringing was very great, he said. In the tower itself, weight and solidity were the first desiderata. There must be solid material and good mortar. Bells were apt to make mince-meat of bad mortar.

Canon Wells was chairman at the lecture.

## DEATH OF A READING RINGER.

The death occurred with tragic suddenness, at Reading, on Sunday, January 18th, of Mr. Arthur Lovejoy, after a fatal attack of pneumonia, at the early age of 18 years.

He had recently joined the navy, and came home on the Friday preceding his death, to take part in a peal at Aldermaston, but was taken ill on Saturday, and passed away on Sunday. The news came as a shock to his many friends, as he was of fine physique and extraordinarily active and keen.

Arthur Lovejoy was well known in and around Reading, and also at Portsmouth, as an exceptionally enthusiastic and able ringer, and although he had been ringing for only three years, he had reached a very high standard, both in striking and ringing the more advanced methods. Prior to joining the navy he acted as steeple-keeper at St. Lawrence's, Reading, succeeding the late Mr. W. Newell in that capacity.

The funeral took place at Reading, on Friday, January 23rd, and was attended by several of his friends of St. Lawrence's, who provided a wreath, and also by brother ringers from other Reading towers. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave, and muffled touches were rung at St. Lawrence's in the evening, in which several of the local towers were represented.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### BROWNEDGE VETERANS' SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

A very successful meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Brownedge, on Saturday, January 10th.

This was the first meeting at this church under the auspices of the association, as although the bells have been hung in the tower since 1867, they have been reputed as a bad going peal, while the tenor has not been rung in changes for a great number of years, and never by local men.

The ring is supposed to be the heaviest peal of six in Lancashire, the tenor being 21 cwt. The bell was cast by J. Murphy, Dublin, and the other five are by Mears, all cast in 1867. They are hung in two tiers, and, according to one of the local ringers, the wheel on the tenor was smaller originally than at present.

The visitors were welcomed by the Rector, Father J. A. Turner, and the local ringers, and previous to the ringing a visit was paid to the vestry, where a very interesting ceremony took place, the reverend gentleman making a presentation to two of the oldest local men, both of whom had about 47 years' service ringing to their credit. These two veterans were Messrs. James Gerrard and William Whalley, and both expressed their gratitude for the presents, and related some of their experiences of long ago. The Rector then provided light refreshments for the gathering.

A move was afterwards made to the belfry, where some well-struck touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford and Woodbine Treble Bob were rung, also Grandsire Doubles with the local men, some of whom had their first attempt at Bob Minor.

At the business meeting three of the local men were made members of the association.

The ringers were complimented on the striking by the Rector and the veterans, and the meeting closed with a lesson to the local men by some of the visitors. Among those present was Mr. E. Timbrell, of Chipping (the composer of one of the long lengths of Treble Bob), after a very long absence.

## WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Northern branch was held at Cradley on Saturday, January 17th, over 50 members being present, and nearly every tower in the area represented. Before the service, touches in various methods were brought round. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. Cooper). In his address, the Vicar welcomed the members, and said they were proud that Cradley had been chosen again for a meeting, after a lapse of about 12 years. God had given bell ringers the gift of music to cheer their fellow Christians, but unless dominated by the spirit of love the work was of no avail. If love was not there it was just noise, and not music. He knew of no Christian service of greater value than bell ringing.

Tea was served in the Church Schools, and at the business meeting which followed, the Vicar presided, supported by his wardens, Mr. A. Powell and Mr. B. Parry, Messrs. R. Mathews (Ringing Master of the Association), W. B. Cartwright, Selly Oak (Ringing Master of the branch), A. J. Skelding, Stourbridge (secretary), A. E. Parsons, Old Hill; J. Price, Old Hill (Central Committee representative), T. J. Salter, Kidderminster; G. N. Cockin, Halesowen, and others.

Places suggested for the next meeting were Northfield, Olent and Kinver, the first named being chosen, the meeting to be held on the third Saturday in June. It was agreed, with the Vicar's permission, to attempt the quarterly peal at Cradley, the peal to be a local band effort, to be conducted by Mr. Cox.

Mr. G. N. Cockin opened a discussion on the difficulties of maintaining a band of ringers for the ten bells of Bromsgrove, and it was decided to hold a special ringing meeting there as early as possible to revive local interest.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member of the association, and in returning thanks, said it gave him great pleasure to be a member. He referred to the growing co-operation between clergy and ringers, and said he thought the time was coming when as much interest would be taken in campanology as in choir work. It gave him great pleasure to propose his wardens as hon. members (applause).

Mr. Cartwright proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, organist, and ladies, who had served the tea. — This was seconded by Mr. Parsons, and supported by Mr. G. N. Cockin.

Mr. A. E. Parsons suggested that a collection be taken on behalf of the new Church Fund, and this realised £1 1s. Mr. Parsons also remarked that Cradley Church bells gained a prize at Vienna Exhibition.—The Vicar thanked the members very much for their vote of thanks, and especially for their collection, and said that he supposed a scheme would be settled in a few weeks for a new church, and he hoped they would be able to ring the old church out and the new one in.

Returning to the tower, the members continued ringing till after 8 o'clock, and this concluded one of the best meetings held by the branch.

## ONE HUNDRED METHODS IN A YEAR.

### WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE BY SOUTH ANSTON RINGERS.

The ringers at South Anston, near Sheffield, set up a wonderful record last year, which we imagine has seldom, if ever, been excelled. Although owing to illness near the church they were stopped from ringing for six weeks, and also, on six occasions, were short of a full company, they rang, during 1924, no fewer than 104 720's in exactly one hundred different methods. In the previous year they rang sixty 720's in 54 methods, which was a highly meritorious achievement, but the performance for 1924 is a really remarkable one. The following is the list of the methods rung during the year, \* denoting methods rung for the first time by the company:—

Plain Methods: \*Oxford Bob.

Treble Bob Methods: London Scholars' Pleasure (bobs before and behind), St. Lawrence, Primrose, New London Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, Nelson's Delight, Violet, Mirfield, Tulip (old), Palm Sunday, Easter Morning, Killamarsh, Morning Exercise, Trinity, College Exercise, Burton, Tanner's Pleasure, Kingston, Norbury, College Treble, Morning Star, Sandall, Duke of Norfolk, Duke of York, Woodbine, London Treble Bob, College Pleasure, Oxford, Kent and Overton.

4th's Place Delight Methods: Norwich, Norwich (bobs before and behind), Willesden (bobs before and behind), College Bob IV., Ileyston, Oswald, Oswald and Trinity Spiced, London Victory, \*Middlewood, Neasden, Old Oxford Modernized, Duke of Clarence, Elstow Abbey, Burnaby (twice), \*Merton (twice), \*Bedford, Combermere, \*Southwark, Vale Royal, Anston Delight, Baden Powell Delight, French Delight, City Delight.

Third's Place Delight Methods: \*Edinburgh Castle, \*Pembroke Castle, Cambridge Delight, Kent Delight, Tulip (new), \*Wath, \*Pontefract, \*Disley, \*Carisbrooke Castle, \*Dunottar Castle, Stirling Castle, \*Chelsea, Evening Star, \*Coventry Delight.

Surprise Methods: Kitchenor, Norwich, Worcester, London, Wells, Primrose, York, Cuncastre, Ipswich, Beverley, Norfolk, Berwick, Hull, Bourne, Canterbury, Annable's London, Netherseale, Stamford, Wearmouth, Newcastle, Lancashire, Chester, Lightfoot, Durham, Carlisle, Northumberland, \*Lincoln, Westminster, Allendale, Coldstream, Sandiacre, Buller's, Lord Roberts', and Cambridge.

Total number of changes was 74,880, and the 720's rung by members of the local company were as follow: Edgar F. Stenton, 75; Gordon Turner, 73 (conducted 35); William Platts, 70; Henry Stenton, 96 (conducted 56); Frank Stenton, 88; Herbert Turner, 68; Charles Fowler, 96 (conducted 13); Samuel Smith, 25. Visitors: Herbert Haigh (Worksop), 1; J. E. Cawser (Tickhill), 7; Jno. Brothwell (Treeton), 25.

The junior of the company is Gordon Turner, who has just turned 14 years of age. He rang in 25 of the Surprise methods, and conducted 19 of them.

## BAND RINGS 41 TREBLE BOB METHODS.

The following Minor Extents were rung during the year 1924, at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire: Spiced Surprise, 11 extents; other Surprise extents, 24; Treble Bob methods, spiced, 34; other Treble Bob extents, 35; total, 104 extents. The following methods were included in the above: Surprise: London, Cambridge, Ipswich, Norwich, Surfleet, Beverley, Warksworth, Lancashire, Annable's London, Westminster, Allendale, Southwell, and Coldstream.

Treble Bob Methods: Oxford, London Scholars', Kingston, Sandall, Overton, Willesden, Poynton, Marple, Bocking, Old Oxford, College Exercise, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Trowel, Neasden, Grove Delight, College Bob IV., Wragby, Braintree, Kent, Shamrock, Foxglove, Marigold, Daffodil, Bluebell, Geranium, and Dahlia; total methods rung, 41.

The following ringers took part: J. Fernley, senr., 102; J. Fernley, junr., 57; W. Fernley, 102; J. W. Hartley, 92; J. P. Fidler, 97; H. Laagley, 39; H. Hallworth, 42; L. Clough, 37; W. W. Wolstencroft, 43.

## HANDBELL RINGING AT FYLINGDALES.

### 'FAREWELL' TO PROMISING YOUNG RINGER.

On January 9th, in the belfry of St. Stephen's Church Fylingdales, Yorkshire, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, in 39 mins.: George F. Alexander, junr., 1-2, Miss Doris Bulman 3-4, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 5-6, Miss Mary Stephenson 7-8 (containing twelve each 4-6's, 7-4's and 6-7's). Rung as a farewell touch to the ringer of 1-2, who left next morning for Newcastle-on-Tyne to join his ship. This young ringer, who is 15 years of age, and has now taken to a seafaring life, has only been ringing a few months, and show signs of campanological brilliancy. On New Year's Day he rang in his first peal on tower bells, and had previously rung 1-2 to a peal on handbells.

Previous recent handbell ringing by the same four includes a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, containing the twenty-four 4-6's, and another quarter-peal containing all the 6-7's. All are the compositions of the conductor. Various touches of Bob Major have also been scored.



### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

An excellent meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held on Saturday last at Cookham, and some well-struck touches in various methods of Doubles and Minor were rung. About sixty persons were present at the service, at which a full choir led the singing, and a new feature was introduced, two of the hymns being rung on handbells, with organ accompaniment. A short but instructive address by Dr. Batchelor, was much appreciated.

After tea there was a good deal of talking, and it is hoped that the various subjects discussed, together with the suggestions made, will assist the progress of this branch.

#### SPELSBURY BELLS DEDICATED.

On Saturday last, the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch held a special meeting at Spelsbury. Service was held at 3.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. Tanner), other clergy present being the Dean of Christ Church (the Rev. J. D. Payne, R.D.), and the Rev. W. J. Palmer. In the course of the service, the clergy and choir made their way to the belfry, where the Dean dedicated the work of restoration to the bells. Afterwards he preached a very interesting sermon to the large congregation.

As the congregation left the church the bells struck off to 120 changes of Stedman Doubles and a touch of Plain Bob Minor by the following: F. White (Appleton), T. Bond (Eynsham), V. R. Hitchman (Spelsbury), J. Koyle (Charlbury), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Master of the Guild) and J. H. Shepherd (Swindon). Tea was next served, and upwards of 100 ringers and clergy sat down as guests of the Rev. and Mrs. Tanner, to whom a most hearty vote of thanks was given. The Leafeld ringers next rang a good touch of Minor.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. White, of Appleton, and all ringers agreed that the 'go' of the bells was perfect.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday, January 17th. Owing to an unfortunate misunderstanding the bells of St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, were not available. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East were, however, kindly placed at the disposal of meeting, some good touches in standard methods and a course of Cambridge Major being brought round on them.

The business meeting was held at the King of Denmark, Old Bailey, at which the following officers were elected for the year: Master, Mr. F. W. Alleyway; secretary, Mr. W. Boltrill; treasurer, Mr. E. C. Darrell; steward, Mr. A. Riley; committee, Mr. R. D. Newman and Mr. Jack Carmen.

Subject to the bells being available, St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, was decided upon for the next meeting to be held on March 21st.

The question of arranging practice meetings at some of the local towers where there are young bands, was discussed, and a motion to be placed on the agenda of the annual meeting of the association was formulated.

Several touches on handbells brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

### DEATH OF AN OLD IPSWICH RINGER.

#### A NOTABLE PERSONALITY.

A day before Christmas was laid to rest, in Ipswich Cemetery, an old and respected ringer, in the person of Mr. Edward Reeve, aged 87. He had been a ringer for a great many years, and had taken part in some notable performances, being blessed with herculean strength. Tall, with tremendously long arms, there seemed no end to his reach when ringing.

Members of a previous generation of London ringers will remember his visits to the Metropolis, where he stood in a peal of Double Norwich Royal at Fulham, etc.

Having to spend the night in London, the company stayed at an hotel, and upon waking the next morning the others saw 'Old Ted's' (as he was familiarly known) naked feet protruding far beyond the iron bedstead.

The deceased was a personality to remember; with his long Victorian swallow-tailed black coat and tall hat, he looked every inch of his more than 70 inches—a fine English gentleman.

His brother ringers, as a last tribute of respect, placed a wreath on his grave.

#### A DATE TOUCH.

At St. James' Church, Barborough, on Saturday, January 10th, a date touch of 1,925 changes, comprising 485 Duke of York, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 720 Kent Treble Bob, was rung in 1 hour and 10 mins.; L. R. Hibbard 1, H. Hibbard 2, P. Morris (conductor) 3, R. Reece 4, W. F. Sturman 5, P. E. Hibbard 6. Longest length rung by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and also by P. Morris as conductor.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district took place at Ludlow on Saturday, January 17th. The Guild service was held in St. John's Chapel of the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon), who also addressed the members.

Tea was provided by Mrs. Beeston, at the Raven Lane Room, and was much enjoyed by the company, who numbered 39, and included the Rector of Ludlow (the Rev. W. F. Taylor), Rev. Simpson Bailey, also Rev. Thomas, of Knighton. Mr. Chas. Edwards (Master of the Guild) was present from Madley.

Before the business meeting commenced, the Rector expressed his surprise and pleasure at the large gathering, and wished them an enjoyable evening, but regretted being unable to stay longer.

The Rev. W. F. Taylor occupied the chair, and the secretary presented the report and balance sheet (duly audited by Mr. A. Chester), which were unanimously approved.—The Secretary reported progress during the year 1924, and stated that increases had taken place all round, and that they had now 31 honorary, 44 ringing members, and 19 probationers; also a balance in hand at December 31st, 1924, amounting to £13 10s 11d. Leintwardine tower had been restored and thanks were due to Mr. H. W. Hunt for his successful efforts in obtaining several honorary and ringing members. Bromfield ringers had suffered a serious loss in the transfer of Mr. Bott to Tenbury, but the latter would no doubt reap the benefit of the change. The quarterly meetings held during the year had been most successful and well attended. Ringing had somewhat improved, and three or four attempts were made for a peal of Grandsire Triples in different parts of the district.

The following officers were elected for 1925: District Ringing Master, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson; assistant Ringing Master, Mr. W. R. Nash; district honorary secretary, Mr. Wm. J. Benias.

Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon and evening, when touches of Grandsire Triples and two or three courses of Bob Major were brought round.

The following towers were represented, viz.: Bitterley, Bromfield, Clunbury, Hereford, Knighton, Ludlow, Stokesay, Tenbury and Wistanstow.

#### C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT'S 200 PEALS.

Very few ringers connected with one of the services have reached a total of 200 peals, and that fact makes the recently completed achievement of C.-S.-M. J. Bennett, of the Royal Marines, a noteworthy performance.

|                                | Rung. | Conducted. |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Minor in 1 method              | 2     | 1          |
| Minor in 2 methods             | 1     | 1          |
| Minor in 3 methods             | 4     | 1          |
| Minor in 4 methods             | 2     | 1          |
| Minor in 5 methods             | 2     | 2          |
| Minor in 6 methods             | 2     | 2          |
| Minor in 7 methods             | 11    | 3          |
| Grandsire Triples              | 12    | 2          |
| Stedman Triples                | 38    |            |
| Union Triples                  | 1     |            |
| Bob Major                      | 10    | 4          |
| Little Bob Major               | 1     |            |
| Reverse Bob Major              | 1     |            |
| Canterbury Major               | 1     |            |
| Little Canterbury Major        | 1     |            |
| Double Oxford Major            | 1     |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Major          | 19    | 5          |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major        | 7     |            |
| Cam Treble Bob Major           | 1     |            |
| Spliced Treble Bob Major       | 1     |            |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Major | 36    |            |
| Norfolk Surprise Major         | 2     |            |
| Superlative Surprise Major     | 5     |            |
| Cambridge Surprise Major       | 13    |            |
| Grandsire Caters               | 1     |            |
| Stedman Caters                 | 10    |            |
| Bob Royal                      | 1     |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal          | 4     |            |
| Stedman Cinques                | 8     |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus        | 2     |            |
| Total                          | 200   | 22         |

Rung in seven counties, for nine associations, in 74 towers.

**NORTON, STAFFS.**—On Monday, January 12th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 240 each of Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford: C. S. Ryles 1, W. Corfield 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, F. Triner 5, James Walley 6.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. Folkard 4, R. A. Farden 5, Miss R. Hawksworth (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, H. Page 10.

**WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, in 44 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Potter 1, J. Bolton 2, B. Welsley 3, Jas. Denner 4, S. Oakes 5, A. Burton 6, Jno. Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8. Ring for St. Paul's Day; also as a farewell touch to Mr. J. Bolton, who sails for New York, U.S.A., on Saturday, January 31st, the ringers wishing him every success in his new venture.

**CHIPPING BARNET.**—At St. John's Church, on Jan. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 52 mins.: S. Casley 1, M. Soper 2, W. Tarling 3, J. A. Dart 4, F. Chandler 5, F. A. Milne 6, H. J. Eldred (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, for evensong, on Sunday, January 25th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: Bertie Lucas 1, Geo. Mansfield 2, A. Mansfield 3, A. Booth 4, G. F. Lucas 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. First quarter by the treble ringer, who was congratulated by the other members of the band upon the progress he has made since he began to handle a bell. All are local ringers.

**WORSLEY, LANCS.**—On Sunday, January 25th, at St. Mark's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 1, Miss A. Brierley 2, W. Jones 3, J. Freeman 4, F. Grindy 5, J. Ridyard 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, S. Harrison 8. Longest length for the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Miles Platting.

**MISTLEY, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, January 25th, for evensong, 360 Cambridge Surprise: A. Fuller 1, Stanley Moss (13 years 11 months) 2, G. Moss 3, C. Honeywood 4, J. Souter 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. Longest touch of Cambridge by 2nd and 4th; also 240 Double Court and 216 Plain Bob.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—For evening service, on January 25th, 720 Plain Bob, in 23 mins.: A. W. T. Ginn 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, W. J. Ginn 3, H. Dring 4, A. J. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Bristol Surprise Major, in 48 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Blackburn 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Jan. 18th, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: T. Coulthurst 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, A. Brown 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe 7, T. R. Jackson 8.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday evening, January 18th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Single Court Bob Minor: R. Fitzsimmons 1, F. Banton 2, F. C. Amos 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

**NORTHLEACH.**—On Sunday afternoon, January 18th, members of the Cheltenham branch visited the Parish Church, and a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples were rung in 40 mins.: W. Yeend 1, H. Voyce 2, G. Walters 3, W. Hale 4, J. Causon 5, W. Townsend (conductor) 6, J. F. Ballinger 7, H. Webb 8. Ringing continued after tea for evening service, when some of the local band were taken through their first courses of Bob Major. Touches of various other methods were also rung.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**—On Sunday, January 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, E. Godfrey 3, J. Bray 4, G. Hobbs (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Crawshaw 6.

**WILLENHALL, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Giles' Church, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples: A. Evans 1, B. H. Pountney 2, I. Evans 3, C. Wallater 4, D. Appleby 5, J. T. Davis 6, H. J. Ludford (first as conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples, for evensong: A. Evans 1, D. Appleby 2, J. T. Davis 3, B. H. Pountney 4, H. J. Ludford 5, C. Wallater 6, S. H. Coley (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8.

**STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.**—On Sunday evening, January 18th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 51 mins.: L. G. Palmer 1, A. Markwell, junr., 2, W. T. Palmer 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, H. Stow 5, J. Knott 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8. Ring for evening service, and to commemorate the 84th birthday of Sir Josiah Court, J.P., of Staveley, who has always been a great friend of the past and present ringers of Staveley.

**HANLEY SWAN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—For evening service, at St. Gabriel's Church, on Sunday, January 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: F. Lawrence 1, A. Hartland 2, J. Lawrence 3, H. Price (conductor) 4, A. Short 5, J. Bartlett 6.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. E. Waters 1, A. Parsons 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook 4, G. Dore 5, F. J. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. Edwards 8.

**ELTHAM KENT.**—On Sunday morning, January 18th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Flower 1, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 2, \*J. Dafters 3, \*H. James 4, F. Fraser 5, C. Brett Smith 6, R. Thompson 7, J. Hurrell 8. \* First quarter-peal in the method. First quarter on the bells.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—On Sunday, January 18th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: E. Sibley 1, H. Marlow 2, F. Hopper 3, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 4, W. J. Dave 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin 7, J. Wilkins 8.

**SOUTH HACKNEY.**—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, for evensong, on Sunday, the 17th January, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Riley 1, F. Smith 2, J. Martin 3, \*S. Wapshare 4, I. Attwater (conductor) 5, F. Alleyway 6, S. Penfold 7, \*F. Clark 8. † First quarter away from tenor. \* First quarter.

**HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, January 18th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major: H. Helm 1, Miss May Clayton 2, J. Harrison 3, G. Hooper 4, W. Ilsey 5, W. Margarinson 6, I. Moulding 7, J. Brown (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples.

**EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, January 18th, for morning service, 1,008 Double Norwich: S. Waine 1, J. Flucy 2, J. Turner 3, R. Flucy 4, W. Arnold 5, F. Claydon 6, J. French (conductor) 7, W. Scillitoe 8.

**CHELMSFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, January 18th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: R. C. Clark (first quarter-peal) 1, H. W. Kirtion 2, C. Gentry 3, J. Wood 4, L. J. Clark (conductor) 5, P. Tinson 6, C. C. Pease 7, G. Cooper 8.

**HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, January 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, J. G. Nash 3, A. Howell 4, H. Blee 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, January 18th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 720 York Surprise Minor: \*W. Oliver 1, \*R. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, \*W. N. Park 4, \*F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. \* First 720 in the method.

**STOURBRIDGE.**—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. The longest touch for E. Turner with a bob bell.—On Sunday, January 18th, in 44 minutes, as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Whatmore, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples, for evening service: A. J. Skelding 1, G. H. Pagett 2, H. Amphlett 3, Wm. Smith 4, R. Dunn 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, G. Grazier 8.

**HAMMERSMITH.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Cook 1, H. Folkard 2, A. Cutmor 3, G. C. Iles 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Crook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

**BARNES.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Cook 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmor 3, C. Hunt 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, H. Folkard 7, P. Stratton 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. G. Newman 1, R. G. Chappell 2, H. Dyas 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, C. Childs (Godalming) 5, C. F. Winney 6, A. C. Darrell 7, H. Platt 8.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: L. J. Cullum 1, W. Axtel 2, F. Axtel 3, F. J. Cullum, senr. 4, G. Cullum (Lymington, Kent) 5, E. J. Ilett 6, F. J. Cullum, junr. (conductor) 7, O. Robinson 8.

**READING.**—At St. Laurence Church, on Sunday, Dec. 28th, for evening service, 168 Stedman Triples and 420 Grandsire Triples: D. Worrall 1, H. Mackman 2, W. Hensley 3, F. H. Snook 4, A. Lovejoy, R.N., 5, W. Simmonds 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. Ramp-ton 8. Longest touch in methods by 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

## NOTICES.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Feb. 7th. Service at the Church at 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at the Axe and Compasses at 5 p.m. Will those who wish for tea kindly notify me by Feb. 4th? H. B. Woolley, Dist. Sec., Long Stanton.

## NOTICES.

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**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672. — The third annual memorial dinner to the late William Doubleday Crofts will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. 9d. each. Ladies and visitors specially invited.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15. Meeting in large Vestry at 4.45 p.m. Business: Election of officers for 1925. Nominations to be sent in at once. Also matters of importance affecting the association to discuss. A good attendance is requested. All welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Rochester District. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Sittingbourne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at or before this meeting.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea, at the Carlton Café, High Street, at 5.30; followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Dis. Hon. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton (5) on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sibsey on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Members are also reminded that all subscriptions for 1924 are overdue. Buses leaves Sibsey for Boston at 6.30 p.m., 9 p.m. and 10.50 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Elizabeth's Church, Reddish, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, at 7 p.m. The bells will be available for 3.15 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next district meeting will be held at St. Andrew's South Church, Bishop Auckland, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (8) available from 2.15 p.m., tea at 5 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Potterne on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Lewisham District. — The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, Jan. 31st? Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., and address by the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and business meeting to follow in Church Institute. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at East Dereham on Saturday, Jan. 31st. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—G. H. Cross, Norwich.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District. — A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Jan. 31st, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.15, business meeting after, and service at 6.30. All ringing friends will be heartily welcome. Will all requiring tea kindly notify me by Friday, the 30th? — W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Ware, Herts.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford and Canterbury Districts.—A combined practice will be held at Wye on Jan. 31st. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden and H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Secs., Pattison Farm, Mersham, Kent.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.** — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 3rd; St. Magnus on the 5th and 19th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (at 8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Ipswich District. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at Sproughton and Bramford available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Sproughton, free to all sending their names by Feb. 3rd to G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. It is essential that South and West members should make an effort to attend this meeting. The Vicar and churchwardens will entertain members to tea in the New Church Hall, South Street, after service. But please notify me by the 4th those requiring same, and oblige W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after in Church Room. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea up to 7 p.m. All requiring tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 4th? All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 4th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea as usual, followed by meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—In consequence of Rotherham Parish Church bells not being available, the next meeting will be held at Mansfield on Feb. 7th. Bells (8) ready early. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held on Feb. 7th at Wareham. Ringing from 2.30. Service and address by Canon Blackett 4.30. Tea at Bennett's, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's bells available from 2.45. Tea in Deanery Schools at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly inform me by Feb. 3rd.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Gentlemen specially invited. Meat tea, 1s. 3d., to all notifying me by Wednesday, Feb. 4th.—E. L. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at Powick on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the Wednesday previous?—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells (6) from 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All intending to be present should notify me before Feb. 3rd. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bridgnorth Branch. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock (8) and (6). Short service at St. Leonards 4.30. Tea at Castle Restaurant 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Will head ringers please notify number by Thursday, the 5th inst.? All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 2 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock at the Rectory. Election of officers and annual report. Service in Church 6.30. Please advise J. P. Hyett, Dulas Terrace, Hay, not later than Feb. 2nd.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 4d. a head, to those who notify Mr. Alfred Blogg, Brierfield Cottage, Chorley Old Road, Whittle-le-Woods, not later than Thursday, Feb. 12th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members are urged to attend, if possible, the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C., from 2 to 3.30, and at St. Clement Danes from 3 to 4.30. Service at latter church at 4.30, preacher Rev. J. A. Mayo. Tea at Express Dairy opposite (corner of Essex Street) at 5.30, and names should be handed in beforehand. Business meeting in the Parish Room, Clare Market, at 6.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.



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BARKING, ESSEX.—On Thursday, January 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Reeves (first quarter-peal, Wanstead) 1, H. Horford (Romford) 2, A. C. Hardy 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, F. Russell 5, F. C. Newnan 6, C. Venn (conductor) 7, R. Molton 8.

SWINDON, WILTS. — At the Church of St. Mark, on Saturday, January 3rd, in 51 mins., a quarter-peal (two 720's) of Bob Minor, tenor 11 cwt.: G. Lawrence 1, J. Penny 2, S. Hopper 3, A. Heath 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 5, H. Hatton 6. Also a further 720 by the same band. Rung to welcome the new year. First quarter-peal of Minor on the bells. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Monday, Dec. 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr. (conductor), 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. Also on Dec. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with J. F. Sharpe taking part, conducted by T. R. Butler. Also on Sunday, Dec. 14th, and on Christmas Day, quarter-peals of Stedman Triples on handbells, conducted by J. F. Sharp and G. H. Edwards respectively, the latter being a birthday compliment to the conductor.

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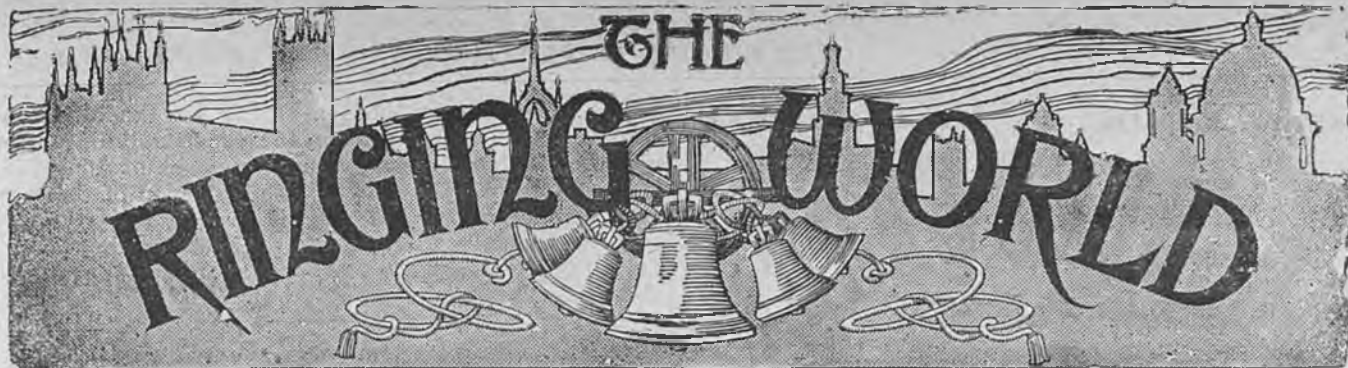
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### THE OPPORTUNITY OF THE M.C.A.

The majority of the ringing societies will, we imagine, envy the position of the Midland Counties Association in their substantial surplus of funds. None other that we know of is at this moment in such a happy position that it can say that it has too much money. On the contrary, many of them have been unable to make ends meet, and only the other day we gave an extract from the Lancashire Association report which showed that the reserves of that large organisation were on the verge of disappearing. Circumstances are, of course, widely different in the various areas, but the reason of the Midland Counties Association's financial success is not far to seek. It is fortunate in having as its president one who is no mere figure-head, but a hard worker in the cause of the association. Coupled with this he has a position of influence in the northern midlands, and his personal efforts have resulted in a large acquisition of honorary members, whose subscriptions have been largely responsible for raising the association's funds to their present high level. An equivalent of Alderman Chambers is not available to every association, but we are convinced that much more might be done by way of gaining honorary members than is done by many of the ringing organisations. The methods adopted are usually of a very casual kind, and yet it is realised that a society must have honorary members' support if it is to be free from financial anxiety.

The Midland Counties Association is now in the strange position (for a ringing society) of having to discuss how best to dispose of its surplus wealth, and in our report last week various alternatives were put forward. Among the suggestions, however, we did not notice any mention of educational work, such as the possession of funds would enable an association like the M.C.A. to undertake. The explanation of this may be that in this respect, also, the association stands in a singularly happy position in being able to get the work done without expense to the society. But if this is not the case, we should like to see some of the association's surplus funds earmarked for educational purposes, and by that we do not mean merely sending out an instructor to help a band of ringers master the rudiments of change ringing. We have often urged that associations should assist ringers, either in bands or individually, who are otherwise without the opportunity, to advance from the bottom to the top of the campanological ladder, and there is no doubt that both financially and in the possession of competent men for the task, the Midland Counties Association is in the position to carry out the experiment on a scale never yet attempted. How best the funds available could be

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applied to this purpose is a matter for the M.C.A. to consider, but it now has a unique opportunity of starting a real educational scheme which would be of far greater value to the art than any trifling reduction of the members' capitation fee could possibly be and the giving of the suggested local autonomy will probably be found a useful step toward the carrying out of an 'educational' scheme.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

At THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 6280 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7         |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2       | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 8 |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL ... 3        | HAROLD W. CLARK ... 9        |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 4          | RICHARD F. DEAL ... 10       |
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5         | WILLIAM PYE ... 11           |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... 6       | REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor     |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Maximus. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED STEDMAN AND ERIN CATERS, 5133 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ARTHUR PAYNE ... Treble | WILLIAM E. BASKILL ... 6    |
| WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... 2 | THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7      |
| JOSEPH ROWELL ... 3     | ERNEST E. FERRY ... 8       |
| EDWARD A. HERN ... 4    | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 9     |
| WILLIAM STORY ... 5     | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

\* First peal of Caters. The method in this composition is changed every 324 changes, and the back bells turned from 978 to 879 every 648 changes, with the 6th in 5th's place throughout. It was published in the 'Ringing World' for December 28th, 1924. The peal was arranged for Mr. T. H. Reeves, of Birmingham, and rung at the first attempt, being the first peal of Spliced Caters ever rung.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| HARRY R. PASMORE ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... 6       |
| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2  | HENRY G. MILES ... 7      |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3     | JAMES BULLOCK ... 8       |
| LOUIS ATTWATER ... 4        | ALFRED B. PECK ... 9      |
| HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 5     | HERBERT LANGDON ... Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5        |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2           | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6     |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3       | JOHN WHEADON ... 7            |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4       | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.



PULHAM, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,  
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. Treble | CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 5        |
| CHARLES BAKER ... .. 2         | CHARLES ROOPE ... .. 6          |
| ALFRED SMITH ... .. 3          | ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7         |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4     | FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

BACUP, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| *LEVI HOLT ... .. Treble | *WILLIE HOLT ... .. 5    |
| †JAMES S. LOMAS ... .. 2 | HERBERT MILLS ... .. 6   |
| *ALBERT MILLS ... .. 3   | JAMES BREARLEY ... .. 7  |
| *DAVID BRIGGS ... .. 4   | *FRED SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. S. LOMAS.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal on eight bells as conductor. All the above belong to the local band, this being the first peal in this tower since the rehanging of the old six, and the addition of the treble and 2nd.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 2     | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6   |
| HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3     | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7     |
| JOHN GIBSON ... .. 4          | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

The local ringers afterwards congratulated the band on the excellent striking throughout the peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 29 cwt. in E flat.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *FRANK E. DARBY ... .. Treble | DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5          |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2       | C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6  |
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3    | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7       |
| ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 4    | CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD D. MARSHALL.

First peal in the method as conductor. \* 25th peal. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, who attained his 'majority' on Jan. 30th.

BOLTON, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble | TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... .. 5     |
| *ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 2    | JOHN POTTER ... .. 6            |
| *ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 3      | *PETER CROOK ... .. 7           |
| *JAMES BOLTON ... .. 4        | *THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. Rung as a farewell to James Bolton, who was leaving England for the U.S.A. on the 31st.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Elizabeth.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED BARNES ... .. Treble | THOMAS JONES ... .. 5       |
| TOM WILDE ... .. 2          | FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 3  | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 7    |
| JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 4      | JOHN E. BARNES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK PAGE.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman, Mr. J. E. Barnes kindly obliging at short notice.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5 |
| ROBERT J. TALL ... .. 2        | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6      |
| JOHN WHEADON ... .. 3          | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7    |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, ... .. 4    | WILLIAM HADLOW ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

DEPTFORD.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Treble | DANIEL COOPER ... .. 5       |
| MRS. AMOS CLARK ... .. 2        | AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 6       |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3           | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7    |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4         | WILLIAM MERRITT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to Wm. Merritt.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S SIX-PART, No. 2.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble | ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5     |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 2     | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6         |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3        | JAMES PAGET ... .. 7          |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 4      | GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John de Sepulchre.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble | WILLIAM STEELE ... .. 5    |
| *JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. 2         | *WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 6   |
| *JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 3     | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7   |
| CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 4     | GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Geo. P. Burton, Master of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, whose marriage took place on the above date.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. Treble | GEORGE DENT ... .. 5         |
| VINCENT TIPTON ... .. 2      | STANLEY CLARK ... .. 6       |
| HARRY SMALE ... .. 3         | JOHN CORDELL ... .. 7        |
| LEWIS CORDELL ... .. 4       | WILLIAM WHEELER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by G. DENT.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. Treble | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5     |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2   | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 6 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3 | R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 4        | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in this method in the county. First peal on the bells since 7th and tenor were recast. Ringers of treble and 7th are from Melton Mowbray; 2nd and 4th Peterborough; remainder Leicester.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(St. Stephen's Guild.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWARD GEORGE TREW ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5      |
| EDGAR GUISE ... .. 2             | ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 6    |
| RICHARD CLARK ... .. 3           | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 7     |
| *EDWIN JOHN BROWN ... .. 4       | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Bristol. First in the method on the bells. Rung on the birthday of Mrs. Guise, mother of the ringer of the second.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lb.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | *TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5    |
| *REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2        | *WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3       | WILLIAM T. TOCKER ... .. 7   |
| WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4         | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of London.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. Treble | ERNEST A. PITSTOW ... .. 5 |
| WALTER PRIOR ... .. 2          | THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. 6   |
| THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 3         | FREDERICK DENCH ... .. 7   |
| GEORGE H. BARKER ... .. 4      | GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. JORDAN.

Rung on the occasion of the conductor's 50th birthday. The ringer of the 4th is from Ware; and ringers of 5th and 7th from Saffron Walden.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, January 8th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, G. Williams 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5 |
| CHARLES CHAPMAN ... .. 2      | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 6  |
| SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 3         | BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM T. POWELL ... .. 4    | GEORGE PEERS ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

A birthday compliment to B. W. Leedham.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. Treble | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5          |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2         | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3       | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 7       |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4       | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

CARDINGTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. Treble | CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 5   |
| ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 2      | EDMOND J. HOBBS ... .. 6     |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3      | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 7   |
| ALBERT FLEET ... .. 4           | HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

First peal as conductor on eight bells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5             |
| WALTER BARRETT ... .. 2      | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6           |
| WALTER MOBBS ... .. 3        | RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7           |
| WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 4    | FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(St. Sidwell's Branch.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble | EDMUND SARGENT ... .. 5   |
| *WILLIAM HOWE ... .. 2       | FRANK MURPHY ... .. 6     |
| THOMAS BARTLETT ... .. 3     | *GEORGE BETTS ... .. 7    |
| ALFRED MOULSLEY ... .. 4     | *ARTHUR GOAD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

PENISTONE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES BARRACLOUGH ... .. Treble | HARRY ARMITAGE ... .. 5      |
| HARRY RICHARDS ... .. 2         | ALBERT NORTH ... .. 6        |
| TOM SHAW ... .. 3               | WILLIE B. FRITH ... .. 7     |
| ALBERT ARMITAGE ... .. 4        | JAMES E. CARTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD.

Conducted by JAMES E. CARTER.

Ringer of 6th is from Mirfield; tenor from Almondsbury; remainder from Huddersfield.

## BEESTON, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUN. ... Treble | J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. ... 2      | ARTHUR LOWE ... .. 6       |
| FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 3       | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 7 |
| ALFRED B. MOSS ... .. 4           | PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by PERCY PRICE.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5th and 7th.  
 \* First in the county by an entirely local band. First peal as conductor.

## SOUTH WIGSTON.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(The St. Thomas Society.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES RANDLE ... .. Treble | †SIDNEY O'CHENEY ... .. 5    |
| ERNEST J. JELLEY ... .. 2    | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... .. 6 |
| †JOHN E. CLARKE ... .. 3     | *CHARLES MARSHALL ... .. 7   |
| LESLIE J. WILLARS ... .. 4   | *WILLIAM TYERS ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal, and elected members before the attempt. † First peal of Stedman other than on tenor. ‡ First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the anniversary of the dedication of this church.

## CHERITON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FRANK SLINGSBY ... .. Treble | GORDON WEBB ... .. 5       |
| STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 2    | FRANK VERNEY ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK CASTLE ... .. 3    | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7        |
| ALBERT CASTLE ... .. 4       | *WILLIAM BEAL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal on the bells, which are the lightest peal of eight in Kent, and were opened on Saturday, January 24th. Ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor are of the local band. \* First peal.

## LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| TITUS BARLOW ... .. Treble | HARRY FRANCE ... .. 5           |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2 | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 3    | JAMES MARSH ... .. 7            |
| JOHN T. BIMSON ... .. 4    | WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung to celebrate the following anniversaries: The 9th of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. E. Berry, and the first of the birth of a son to them; the 40th of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Watkinson, and the first of the wedding of the daughter of the tenorman.

## COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Sunday, February 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM A. JEAVONS ... .. Treble | BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 5      |
| ARTHUR BAKER ... .. 2            | SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 6        |
| THOMAS REYNOLDS ... .. 3         | WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7      |
| WALTER GRINSELL ... .. 4         | ARTHUR GRAINGER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. N. Hingley and Miss O. Tilley, of Coseley, who were married at the above church just previous to the attempt for the peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 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 on the bells. First peal of Minor by H. Terry, who had only seen Oxford Bob and Canterbury on paper previous to the peal. He and Mrs. Terry very kindly entertained the band after the peal.

## SUTTON-ON-TRENT.

## THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| NATHANIEL MOXON ... .. Treble | MISS KATHARINE BURCHNALL ... 4 |
| LEONARD PIERREPOINT ... .. 2  | ERNEST E. MIDWINTER ... .. 5   |
| MISS GRACE BURCHNALL ... .. 3 | JOHN SEMPER ... .. Tenor       |

Conducted by JOHN SEMPER.

First peal by all except treble and tenor ringers, and rung at first attempt. First peal on the bells.

## KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 12 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MESHACH STENNING ... .. Treble | WILLIAM SOPP ... .. 4        |
| STEPHEN KILNER ... .. 2        | FREDERICK BROOKS ... .. 5    |
| *EDWARD ENTICKNAF ... .. 3     | VICTOR NICHOLLS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. BROOKS.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Vicar on the first anniversary of his induction.

## WATERFOOT, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *ALFRED FOX ... .. Treble  | JAMES H. BANKS ... .. 4         |
| JAMES S. LOMAS ... .. 2    | †WILLIAM MITCHELL ... .. 5      |
| †THOMAS ROLLERSON ... .. 3 | †JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for a variety of methods, the treble ringer, who has only recently commenced change ringing, taking a rope. It was his first attempt, and he had never previously rung a 720.

## HALE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *PETER BOARDMAN ... .. Treble | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 4    |
| †ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... .. 2 | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5  |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3       | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were cast by Dobson in the year 1813. \* First peal on six bells. † First peal away from treble.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO.—On November 9th, 720 Kent: \*Mrs. H. Knight 1, T. Wyatt 2, \*E. Goldstone 3, \*F. Derrick 4, H. Knight 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6. \* First 720 of Kent.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Ipswich Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES S. RYLES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... .. 4 |
| WILLIAM CORFIELD ... .. 2      | JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 5    |
| FRANK TRINER ... .. 3          | JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\* First peal with a bob bell, and rung at the first attempt.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(OVER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. Treble | F. HUBERT DRING ... .. 4      |
| FRED C. GINN ... .. 2          | ARTHUR J. GINN ... .. 5       |
| FRANCIS C. GLEAVES ... .. 3    | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal by an Over society.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| W. FRANCIS ... .. Treble | HENRY W. GUYTON ... .. 4   |
| G. HUTCHINGS ... .. 2    | WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 5     |
| C. W. CLARKE ... .. 3    | WILLIAM STOCK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARK.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

**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 10½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble | JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 4 |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2        | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5    |
| ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 3           | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2      | WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6      |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4 | H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 7-8 |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor size 18 in G.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 1-2  | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6 |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3-4 | EDGAR H. BAILEY ... .. 7-8   |

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey.

**THE 'PITCH' OF BELLS.**

A correspondent has asked us to what 'pitch' (or keynote) bell foundries cast their bells.

We write subject to correction, but we believe it is a fact that English foundries do not make a practice of casting bells to any particular pitch, unless requested to do so, and the tuning of the bells depends upon how they come from the moulds. A peal of bells might by chance exactly agree with a standard pitch, but more often than not they would be somewhere between high and low pitch. In naming the pitch the foundries, we believe, use the nearest note according to concert pitch (i.e., high pitch). For instance, if the tenor of a peal is one-eighth to a quarter of a note flat or sharp of 'F' they would describe the peal as being in the key of 'F'.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**

**MEETING AT EAST DEREHAM.**

After the report of the annual meeting held at Great Yarmouth last year, several members of the above-named Guild had begun to think ringing in Norfolk was a thing of the past, but happily they were wrong.

On Saturday last a meeting was held at East Dereham, when between thirty and forty members attended from the following places: East Dereham, Norwich, North Elmham, Gressenhall, Yaxham, Ketteringham, Reepham and Honingham. Ringing on the tower bells took place from 2 p.m. until 7 p.m., the methods rung being Stedman, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major. Several members took part in their first touches of Stedman, and this, and the fact that there were quite a number of young ringers present, was a very encouraging feature.

At the conclusion of the tower bell ringing, handbells were produced, and touches of Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round.

All agreed, when the time arrived to return home, that a successful meeting had been held, and it is hoped that many more such meetings may be arranged in the near future.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**

**LIFE MEMBERS' ENTRANCE FEE TO BE RAISED.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel on Tuesday, Jan. 20th, under the chairmanship of the presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett. All the officers were re-elected for the ensuing twelve months, and the presiding Ringing Master was congratulated on having attained his 70th birthday. In thanking the members, Alderman Pritchett said that he wished to express deep gratitude to those who took part in the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's to celebrate his birthday.

The balance sheet for the past year was duly adopted, and after some discussion it was unanimously agreed to raise the entrance fee for life members from 2/6 to 5/-. The entrance fee for ordinary members remains as before.

The Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith) reported that the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel had been booked for Saturday, February 28th, and it was decided that the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner should be held on that day. On this occasion it happens that the commemoration will take place on the actual birthday of the old gentleman.

Five new members were elected, and eleven tower elections ratified.

The next quarterly meeting will, with the permission of the Vicar and wardens, be held at King's Norton in April.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

**CHEW DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting was held at Long Ashton on Saturday last. The bells were available at 2.30 p.m., and, despite the unfavourable weather, members arrived from Clapton, Portishead and Long Ashton, followed by others from Wraxall, Yatton, Barrow Gurney, Sandford, Bath, Chew Magna and Bristol. At the service, an excellent address was given by the Vicar of Long Ashton (the Rev. J. E. Varley). Tea was served in the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rev. J. E. Varley.

Mr. T. Wyatt was re-elected chairman of the branch. Mr. G. Court was re-elected vice-chairman, together with Mr. J. Bishop; Mr. Percy G. Yeo was re-elected as honorary secretary and treasurer; and Mr. G. Yeo as Ringing Master and representative on the general committee. Two new members were elected, and Portishead was chosen as the place for the next quarterly meeting. Nailsea was selected for an intermediate meeting.

A vote of thanks was given to the ladies for the splendid tea they had prepared, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his kind address, and for presiding at the meeting. The Vicar suitably responded.

A vote of thanks was passed, with applause, to the hon. secretary for his services.

The meeting then terminated, and the members again visited the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 o'clock.



**PRESENTATION AT NORWICH.****WEDDING GIFT TO MASTER OF MANCROFT GUILD.**

On Tuesday, January 27th, at the annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, a presentation was made to Mr. George P. Burton, the Master, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss E. S. Bird, which took place on Thursday, the 29th, at Christ Church, Eaton.

To those concerned, the selection of a suitable memento was an easy matter, for wood from the old frame recently removed from Mancroft tower was available, and from some of it a pair of electric lamp standards were made. Curiously enough the wood used was from the pit of the sixth—the last bell Mr. Burton rang at Mancroft to a peal before they were taken down.

In offering the gift, with the best wishes of the Guild, Mr. C. E. Barrett, referred to the great amount of time Mr. Burton had devoted to the furtherance of ringing in the city and diocese, and to the respect and regard in which he was held by all ringers with whom he had come in contact.

Mr. Burton, in acknowledgment, expressed his appreciation of the sentimental character of the presentation, and particularly for this he was grateful to the members of the Guild.

As will be seen from our peal columns a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the day of the marriage.

**WEDDING BELLS.**

Wedding bells rang out at All Saints' Church, Binfield, on Wednesday evening, January 21st, in honour of the marriage of Mr. Gilbert Bull, M.M., one of the local band, and Miss Amy Catherine Heather, of Reading, which took place at St. Mark's Church, Reading, that day. A quarter-peal of Bob Minor was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief a few minutes before the end was reached. This, however, did not prevent the band from drinking 'Health and prosperity to the bride and bridegroom,' and expressing good wishes for their future happiness, when they sampled the bride cake, carried by one of the ringers direct from the reception, which was held at St. Mark's Hall, Reading. The bride's father is verging at St. Mark's Church, and the bride was formerly a Sunday School teacher and church worker there. Her popularity among the parishioners was shown by the crowded congregation and the reception the bridal pair received upon emerging from the church after the ceremony.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in celebration of the event at Warfield on January 24th, and published in our last issue.

**A TRIAL OF TACKLEY BELLS.**

On Saturday evening, January 31st, ringers from Headington (Oxford) paid a visit to Tackley Church to try the bells after the rehanging and the addition of a new treble bell to make six. Ringing was indulged in for about two hours and a half, and several touches were successfully brought round in various methods, with very good striking.

The visitors were highly pleased with the 'go' of the bells, and gratifying remarks were made in regard to the very sweet tone of the ring. The touches included Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was brought round by A. Dubber 1, F. Beckett 2, G. Stace 3, F. Taylor 4, William Judge 5, Walter Judge (conductor) 6. Also a 120 of Bob Minor by W. Evetts, junr., 1, J. Judge 2, G. Stace 3, F. Taylor 4, Walter Judge 5, W. Judge (conductor) 6. Messrs. J. and Walter Judge hail from Kidlington, the others from Headington, near Oxford. The local band took part in touches of Grandsire, and the local tenorman (Mr. A. Whitlock) rang the tenor in Stedman Doubles.

After Lent and Easter, visitors will be welcome, but should give fair notice for the use of the bells.

**A MUNIFICENT GIFT.**

At the Parish Church of Barthomley, Cheshire, on Saturday, Jan. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes, by the local band: J. Parker 1, J. Brassington 2, G. Addison 3, J. Matthews 4, J. Bradshaw 5, R. Sherratt 6, A. Allman (conductor) 7, A. Astbury 8. Rung as a welcome to the Lord Bishop of Chester, who was the guest of the Rector for the week-end, and who dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 1st, the rebuilt chancel and a fine east window, which has been erected at a cost of over £3,000 by the Marquess of Crewe, patron of the church, in memory of his son-and-heir, the late Earl of Madeley. After the dedication service, 504 Grandsire Triples, W. A. Crawley, Crewe, conducting.

**SILVER WEDDING.**

At West Didsbury, Manchester, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, for evening service, and also to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Rimmington, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples had to be brought round after about 1,000 changes had been rung owing to the late start. Mr. Rimmington kindly entertained the ringers and friends afterwards: G. Whitelegg 1, W. Savage 2, F. Brickell 3, H. Brickell 4, T. Jones 5, A. Frost 6, R. Davies (conductor) 7, F. Stoneley 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. R. Maynard, senr., who first handled a bell rope in St. Mary's tower, Walthamstow, in September, 1865, has rung for 52 consecutive years (with one exception, when D.O.R.A. was in operation) for the early celebration of Holy Communion on Christmas Day and also on New Year's Eve.

The peal at Oakham, reported elsewhere, was also a 'farewell' to 'Uncle' Joe E. Sykes, who sailed on Saturday for Manchuria, Asia. It is more than doubtful if he will find any of his favourite 'Yorkshire Glory' in that part of the globe, but his absence will give 'A. K.' time to find the few remaining 'between' numbers, so that Joseph can complete his ambition on his return.

Ninety years ago to-day the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung. This was at St. Giles', Norwich.

The first peal of London Surprise Major on handbells was rung at Romford on February 6th, 1904.

A wonderful achievement in Minor ringing for those early days was accomplished at Bingley, Yorks, on Feb. 7th, 1826, when six local men rang in one day three touches of twelve twelve-scores each, comprising in all 8,640 changes in 36 different methods.

The last survivor of the band, James Lilley, lived until the year 1879, when he died at Shipley at the age of 74 years.

John Cox, one of the most noted ringers in London half a century and more ago, was buried at Nunhead Cemetery forty years ago to-morrow.

The first peal of Forward Major was rung at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, on Feb. 8th, 1889, composed and conducted by John Carter.

The College Youths rang a peal of 5,232 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Feb. 9th, 1777.

February 11th is the anniversary of a terrible accident at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, which happened in 1810. It is thus recorded in the 'Farington Diary' for that year. 'On Sunday, Feb. 11th, the spire of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, fell upon the roof of the church while the bells were ringing for Divine service; 15 or 20 grown persons were in the church at the time, and of these the greater part escaped. The whole number of bodies taken out of the ruins was 27. Of these 22 were either dead or died immediately after their removal. They were chiefly girls, children of the Moorfield Charity School. The fall of the spire was supposed to be in consequence of the bells being rung while the spire was undergoing a repair.'

On February 12th, 1821, a record length of Kent Treble Bob was accomplished at Oldham, the peal consisting of 14,016 changes rung in 7 hours 26 minutes.

The first peal of Caters in two methods was rung last week at Newcastle, when a 5,135 in alternate blocks of Stedman and Erin was rung. The composition was that by Mr. A. J. Pitman, published in 'The Ringing World' of December 26th, and Mr. W. H. Barber (the conductor) and the band are to be congratulated upon ringing a peal of this description at the first attempt.

The Parish Church tower at High Wycombe is now undergoing repairs, and ringing has ceased. It is feared the work will probably take three or even more months to complete. It is understood that the Wycombe men intend to hold an open ringing meeting, when it is again possible to ring the bells.

## 'WAITING TO BE PAID.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of the 30th ult. will no doubt be highly appreciated by the Church Authorities, who generally consider the enthusiasm for our 'wonderful art' should be a sufficient inducement to silence all claim for payment for services rendered.

Many years ago I figured as a ringer and singer at St. Clement Danes, and must confess I thought myself a better ringer than a singer. Yet for the latter appointment I received £10 annually, but for my services in the belfry I had to be grateful for the meagre division allowed me by the organiser of what was commonly termed 'The Screw'.

I shall not inquire of you, sir, how this happened, as I know economical laws underlie this seeming injustice. The truth is we are all paid according to our worth to society, though it is sad to think we ringers, like poets, philosophers, or artists, are not sufficiently in the public esteem to gain the prizes of the world. Those men waiting at the Abbey for £1 per annum will, I think, endorse my sentiments.—Yours, etc., G. F. MARGETSON.

[It is, of course, well recognised that there are two classes of ringers—those who pursue the art for the love of it, and those who ring for what they can get out of it. If, as our correspondent suggests, we are all paid according to our worth to society, then paid ringers apparently are not worth much, and these who at Dorchester would be content with a pound a year each are doing nothing to raise the standard of value.—Ed. 'R.W.']

**'TOO MUCH MONEY'**

THE PROPOSALS BEFORE THE M.C.A.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The reference to surplus funds, etc., in the account of the Midland Counties Association at Long Eaton in your issue of January 30th is very misleading, as it gives an entirely wrong impression of the business to be brought before the meeting of the special committee, and I shall be glad if you will give me the opportunity of explaining the situation.

The number of ringing members in the association is very large (736 at the end of 1923, and, I think, exceeding that number considerably at the present time), the area from which these members are drawn covering the counties of Derby, Leicester, Nottingham and Stafford, making it very inconvenient for members living near one side of the area to attend the quarterly meetings when held near the opposite side, and as the association is already divided into seven districts (for the purpose of collecting subscriptions and assisting in the formation of the general committee) it must follow that in each year at least three of these districts have no general meeting of the association in their particular area.

Considering the above circumstances and the inconvenience arising therefrom, it was thought by certain members that local government should be given to each of these seven districts, who should each hold three quarterly meetings in their respective districts in each year at their own expense, leaving the annual meeting to be arranged by and at the expense of the central body who should do this and certain other things, funds permitting.

To provide the funds for the above, it was suggested that the central body should take all honorary and life members' subscriptions, and one-third of all ringing members' subscriptions, leaving the remaining two-thirds of the ringing members' subscriptions for the use of the districts in providing postage, advertisements, expenses of their meetings, etc.

If the above scheme is to be carried through, new or alterations of existing rules become necessary, and for this purpose the same have been drawn up and submitted to the principal officers of the associations and the district secretaries, with notice that they would be proposed at the next annual meeting.

In making the alterations in the rules to cover the above, and one or two other minor suggestions, it was thought better to redraft the whole of the rules, and, if possible, to put them in a clearer or less ambiguous form.

It will be seen that the proposition is not that the capitation fee be sixpence per member, instead of one shilling and sixpence, but one-third of all ringing members' subscriptions, which, with the subscriptions at one shilling and sixpence does work out at sixpence, should go to the Central Fund of the Association. But what if the subscription was reduced to one shilling or raised to two? I do not think a rebate at the end of a financial year showing a profit very practicable or fair to the hardworking districts.

Now, it is far from me to wish to upset the association (it has no more loyal member), nor do I wish to go contrary to the majority of its members, or to do anything which would not be for the mutual benefit of us all, but I am afraid from what has been said and written I am misunderstood, I hope not wilfully. I believe there are guilds and associations of ringers working on the suggested lines, notably the Lincoln Diocesan Guild. I should be glad to know names of others.—Yours truly,  
Cotgrave. W. E. WHITE.

**THE LATE MR. ARTHUR LOVEJOY.**

A TRIBUTE FROM PORTSMOUTH.

It was with deep regret, writes Mr. F. W. Rogers, hon. secretary of the Portsmouth District of the Winchester Guild, that we read of the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Lovejoy, of Reading, which took place quite recently. For us it was a terrible surprise, as he was ringing with us at St. Mary's on the Wednesday evening before his death, and appeared to be in his usual good spirits. To us at Portsmouth he was a true friend and a keen and regular ringer, attending all Sunday ringing and practices which took place in the tower. Methods presented no obstacles to him, and he quickly rang touches of Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and Berkeley Surprise, with but little practice. Although only with us a few months, we valued his services, and it will be a loss not easily regained. To all his relatives and ringing friends at Reading we extend our deepest sympathies in their bereavement. The deceased was a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—R.I.P.

PORTISHEAD.—At St. Peter's Church, on January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes, rung on the occasion of the baptism of two nephews and a niece of Mr. J. Nisbett: R. Williams 1, E. Goldstone 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss G. Dobbs (conductor) 4, J. Nisbett 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, W. Gillingham 7, G. Rowbotham 8.

**ANCIENT YORKSHIRE PEAL OF SIX.**

DARFIELD BELLS REHUNG.

On Sunday evening, when the church was packed to the utmost, the bells at All Saints', Darfield, were rededicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Derbyshire, of Sheffield, assisted by Canon A. E. Sorby, Rector of the parish, and the Rev. T. Wilson, curate. After the dedicatory prayer, the local ringers, assisted by Mr. Charles Dean, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, raised the bells in peal. The Archdeacon gave a very interesting and instructive address, tracing the history of bells and their uses from ancient times down to the present day.

As the congregation left the church, the bells were rung by the visiting ringers from Wath-on-Dearne, the first touch being a 720 of Royston Delight: W. Bramham 1, H. Chamberlain 2, J. Champion 3, R. Ricketts 4, A. Gill 5, C. Walsh (conductor) 6. There were also present Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley, secretary of the Barnsley and District Society. Mr. Frank Atkinson, of Wragby; Mr. C. Bell, of Wombwell, and several other ringers. The bells were kept going in various touches by mixed bands until 10 p.m., all agreeing that the work gave every satisfaction, and the 'go' of the bells was splendid. The work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The old bells have been retuned and cleaned, and fitted with all modern improvements, including ball bearings. The frame is a massive structure of steel girders and cast iron, to hold eight bells, the intention being to add a treble and tenor at some future date. The present six are an interesting and ancient ring.

Treble.—Recast Wath-on-Dearne, 1780, by Thomas Hilton.

2nd.—1675, no founder's name, but bearing 'ebor' in small letters. Supposed to have been cast at York.

3rd and 4th.—Pre-Reformation bells, supposed to have come from Beauchief Abbey, near Sheffield. No date or founder's name.

5th.—Recast Darfield, 1750.

Tenor.—1613. No founder's name, but inscribed, 'All you that heare my mournful sound, repent before you lye in ground.'

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**

MID-DEVON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at St. Mary's Church, Torquay, on Saturday, January 24th, and proved to be one of the largest and most successful meetings since the formation of the branch. Ringers were present from Exeter, Exmouth, Christow, Cockington, Collaton, Buckfastleigh, Littlehempston, Paignton, and St. Mary's Church, Plymouth. Some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. E. Griffiths. About 50 sat down to a splendid tea, and at the subsequent business meeting Mr. F. J. Laxton presided, in the absence of the branch chairman (Mr. H. W. Wilkes). The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. J. Hole) then read the annual report, which showed a very successful year. Good quarterly meetings had been held at Stoke Gabriel, Dartington and Tolnes, and Ipplepen, and, in spite of the heavy expenses, there was still a balance in hand.

Mr. H. W. Wilkes was again elected chairman for the ensuing year, subject to his approval.—Mr. H. J. Hole was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, and, in returning thanks for their confidence, he asked for more assistance, as the branch covered a large area and he felt he had not the time to carry out all the duties that were required.

The Chairman expressed the pleasure of the members in having with them that day the president of the Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell), the general hon. secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox), also Messrs. Shepherd and Southwood (Exeter), and Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth).—Mr. E. Shepherd congratulated the branch, and said he had watched it with interest. He remembered starting to teach a band in Torquay 26 years ago, but it fell through, and he remembered the late president once saying that 'change ringing' would never be established in Mid-Devon, but he was glad to see it was, and that good progress was being made.

Messrs. Southwood and Marsh gave some very encouraging advice, and Mr. F. T. Gover congratulated the members of the South-Western branch on their recent achievement in ringing their first 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor.—The Rev. E. S. Powell briefly acknowledged the congratulations.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. S. R. Carden and the Rev. Canon L. Bevan, Vicars of St. Mary's Church and Babbacombe respectively, for the use of the bells; also the Rev. E. Griffiths for conducting the service, and Mr. Reginald Job for presiding at the organ. He also expressed the pleasure of the members in having with them that day the captains of these towers, and said that although they did not ring in the same style as others in the branch, it was pleasant to see such good feeling existing.

Ashburton and Buckfastleigh were chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on May 2nd.

The meeting then terminated, and the members adjourned to Babbacombe, where further ringing was carried on.

**BELL HANGERS & 'ODD-STROCK' BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of last week a speaker at a Cirencester meeting is reported as having expressed the opinion that 'the bell-founders had brought the art of casting and hanging to perfection.' As to the casting, I would not contradict the speaker, but I would like to make a little grumble about certain instances of modern bell hanging which I have come across.

A few years ago, the 'head' of one of the leading firms of bell foundry, speaking in my hearing, said that in his opinion the time was fast approaching when the heaviest of bells would be rung in changes with very little physical effort. Be this as it may, I was ringing on a peal of bells recently rehung by the firm alluded to above, and found that the tenor, which had not been recast and which was an 'odd-struck' bell, was hung so that its quick stroke was at hand-stroke, and its slow one at back-stroke. Now, since I believe the practice of making a pause before the hand-stroke round or change is a universal one, and since, if the bells are being properly struck, this pause must affect not only the leading bell, but each other bell as well, I quite fail to understand why any bell hanger who knows anything about our system of ringing should hang a bell, at any rate a heavy one, in this way.

To make myself quite clear about this, let us suppose that eight bells are being rung, and that they are ringing at the rate of a round per two seconds, and giving a pause of a half-second before each hand stroke lead, which is, I think, about the customary thing (I was taught when learning to make the pause equal to double the interval between each bell during the round or change, whether ringing on five bells or on twelve.) In this case, then, two and a half seconds will elapse between the back-stroke blow of a bell in rounds and its ensuing hand-stroke blow, but only two seconds before its next back-stroke blow. In the case of the bell I have referred to I should say that if it were rung and an equal pull given on each stroke it would give just the reverse of what is required for hand-stroke open leads.

I have been told that such bells as I am referring to can be rung properly if slowly enough. That is quite correct, but even then it is making the ringing more laborious than it need be; secondly, the defects in bells of poor quality are much more pronounced when rung slowly, and, further, a much more skilful ringer is required to ring such a bell. Whilst I know that we have some hands of ringers who could ring almost to perfection a peal of bells, each bell of which was odd-struck, they are few and far between, and in any case the aim of bell hangers should be to hang bells in such a way as to make the art of ringing them as easy to acquire as is possible. I would even go so far as to advocate that bells should not be cast so as to strike perfectly evenly, and that they should strike slightly quicker on the back-stroke than the hand-stroke when hung.

I have been prompted to make this 'grouse' about the work of our bell hangers on account of the number of instances of heavy bells being hung in the manner of which I have complained, and because I realise that we have thousands of bells which, although odd-struck, are too good in quality to be recast on that account, but which will at some time or other require the bell hanger's attention. These bells, when rehung, might just as well be hung in the manner best suited to the style of ringing, which has been in evidence for longer than anyone living can recall (and for all I know much longer than that), as in the haphazard manner I have found many to be.—Yours faithfully,

EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

Alton, Hants.

**CHELTENHAM RINGERS' DINNER.****LONG PEAL RECALLED**

A thoroughly enjoyable evening was spent by the ringers of the Parish Church and St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Cheltenham, at their annual dinner on Tuesday evening, January 27th, at the Belle Vue Hotel. The company, upwards of twenty, including several visitors, sat down to a capital dinner, and a convivial evening followed. After the toast of 'The King' had been duly honoured, apologies were read by the chairman from a number of gentlemen (including the Rector) regretting inability to attend, chiefly by reason of illness. Reference was also made to the fact that two of the ringers of the long peal of Grandsire Caters (15,227 changes, rung in nine hours and 43 minutes on April 22nd, 1889) were present, viz., Mr. W. T. Pates (who conducted) and Mr. A. W. Humphris (who rang the tenor).

A good programme of songs, recitations, reminiscences, and various items on the handbells, were also given by Messrs. Pates, Parsons, Harley, Humphris, Collier, Foster, Clements, Lewis and Bastin (among the ringers), and Messrs. Straw, Jeend, senr., and Waltham (among the visitors). Those present included Messrs. Pates, Humphris, Parsons, Harley, Brinkworth, Hayward, Bastin, Vick, Collier, Clements, Lewis, Whittle, Foster, Straw, Clark, Waltham, Jeend, senr., Beacham, Simmonds, Simpson and Marchant. A most pleasant evening was spent.

**A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RECORD.****BEESTON BAND'S SUCCESS.**

The Beeston band, who last Saturday scored a peal of London Surprise, have now rung peals of Kent, Oxford, Stedman, Double Norwich, Norfolk, Superlative, Cambridge and London, each performance being the first in the county of Notts by a local band. It is worthy of note that Mr. William Clifford, senr., the ringer of the 2nd is in his 76th year. He commenced his Surprise career at well over 60 years of age, and has now achieved his ambition in scoring a peal in the highest method. It is probably a record for a man to ring his first peal of London Surprise at his age. There can be few men whose first peal as 'conductor' has been in this method, and Mr. Percy Price received hearty congratulations from the rest of the band. The peal was rung on the 41st anniversary of Mr. J. C. Dickens' first peal, which was 5,040 Grandsire Triples, on January 31st, 1884, at Beeston Church.

**QUADRUPLE CELEBRATION AT LEYLAND.**

The peal last Saturday, at Leyland, Lancs, was rung to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. E. Bannister's daughter to Mr. Ernest Berry. Twelve months ago a son was born to them. Mr. E. Bannister intended being in the peal, but ill-health prevented him. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking him for the splendid tea which he provided, and hope he will soon regain his health and be able to take his place in the ringing chamber at Leyland. Five of the band took part in a peal rung for the wedding nine years ago. The ringers on that occasion were: T. B. Worsley, T. Barlow, J. Ridyard, B. A. Knights (conductor), H. France, S. Watkinson, W. Pennington, E. Bannister; and the method (as on Saturday), Stedman Triples. Mr. S. Watkinson, another Leyland ringer, takes a rope occasionally, but not so frequently as of yore, and looks back on 40 years of married life at the end of January. Finally, Mr. Pennington's daughter was married twelve months ago. Since all these interesting events happen at the same time, an effort is to be made to ring a peal on each succeeding last Saturday of January.

**BELLS AS MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of January 30th, you give a report of part of a speech by Mr. W. D. Caroe, the architect, in which he speaks rather disparagingly of present-day bell hanging, and also makes some remarks on change ringing. He is reported to have said the carillon bell of the Continent was a musical instrument. The other bells were not musical instruments. In contradiction of this, I should like to quote a conversation which took place outside a church tower one Sunday night, a few weeks ago, where a new peal of eight had just been installed, not a thousand miles from Sheffield. A band of visiting ringers had come down the tower steps, and were talking of the merits of these and various other peals of bells. Said one enthusiast: 'You should hear Birstall bells. When we were there we had been up and rung a touch, and got the bells down, put on our coats, and came down into the churchyard, and when we got there we could hear the bells still humming.'

'Ah, mun,' said another, 'that's nowt. Tha should hear Oldham. When the ringers go there to ring at Sunday morning the bells are just finishin' hummin' from t' Sunday before.' If there is any truth in this, Mr. Editor, I think that Mr. Caroe's statement that church bells (or at least, modern ones) are not musical, is, to say the least of it, an exaggeration.—Yours, etc.,

'YORKSHER.'

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**

The annual meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch was held at Berkeley, and 25 members attended from Berkeley, Dursley, Stinchcombe, Coaley, Slimbridge, Wickwar, Wotton, and Olverton. Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester, was also present, and undertook the conducting of the various methods, which were practised during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken of at the Vicarage, by invitation of the Rev. H. C. Arnour (Vicar), who was unavoidably absent owing to indisposition.

Mr. A. Burcombe presided over the business meeting. The secretary's report showed that the average attendance was 15 for the ten meetings, which had been held during the past year. The balance sheet showed a balance of £3 14s., which was considered satisfactory.

Mr. W. A. Lewis, who has been secretary for the past ten years, was unanimously elected chairman of the branch, and Mr. H. Phillips, The Lynch, Berkeley, has undertaken the hon. secretary's work. Mr. F. Oakhill was elected on the management committee.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for providing tea, was proposed by Mr. A. Burcombe, and carried with acclamation.—Coaley was proposed as the place of the next meeting, on February 14th.



### LINCOLN DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT COMMITTEE TO MEET.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 24th. There was a large attendance of members and friends from Stow, Scotter, Messingham, Haxey, Brigg, Lincoln, Retford, Worksop, Tickhill, in addition to the local company. The peal of eight bells at the Parish Church were available, and were kept going in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Forward, also some rounds and call changes.

A short service was conducted by the Rev. E. H. Flory, who gave an excellent address. A meat tea was provided at Everatt's Cafe, to which 38 members sat down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. J. S. Walton presided. The new members elected were: Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Bartram and Mrs. Heal (honorary members), Messrs. Curtis, Hird, Denton, Clark and Ayris (ringing members), and Mr. H. Weaver, of Worksop, a non-resident life member.

The officials for 1925 were elected as follows: President, the Rev. Canon Morris; secretary, Mr. H. Morgan; representative on the Northern Branch Committee, Mr. E. Dawber; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Morgan.

The dates and places for coming meetings are: Lea, April 11th; Willingham, May 16th; Broughton, June 20th; Messingham, July 18th; Kilton, August 22nd; Brigg, September 12th; and Upton was selected to fill any vacancy.

Mr. F. S. W. Butler spoke on the importance of holding meetings of the Gainsborough District Committee. The committee, however, had not met for a considerable number of years.—This view was endorsed by Mr. F. F. Linley, President of the Northern Branch, and it was decided that the committee should meet at least twice during the year, each tower to inform the secretary who their representative is.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells; the Rev. E. H. Flory for conducting the service; the organist (Mr. J. E. Rotherham); the choir boys; and the chairman, concluded a successful meeting.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. MEETING OF CENTRAL DIVISION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Hurstpierpoint on Saturday, January 24th, and was attended by a large and representative gathering. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and at 4.30 there was a choral service in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. H. Piggott), the sermon being preached by the Ven. H. M. Hordern, Archdeacon of Lewes, who, in the course of his address, made interesting reference to the various ancient bells still to be found in Sussex bellfries. The Rev. F. G. Biddard (Vicar of Burgess Hill) and the Rev. G. St. John Topham (Rector of Twineham), also assisted at the service. The collection, taken for the benevolent fund, amounted to 16s. 8d. Those present, numbering fifty, then proceeded to the Parish Room, where an excellent tea had been provided by the Rector of Hurstpierpoint and Mrs. Piggott, ably seconded by a band of ladies who looked well after the wants of their guests. A pleasing feature of the gathering was the number of local clergy, who testified by their presence their interest in the proceedings.

At the business meeting which followed, with the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) in the chair, the following were elected: Hon. members, Rev. G. St. John Topham (Rector of Twineham), Rev. H. Collison (Vicar of St. Nicholas', Brighton), Messrs. Geo. Chapman (Burgess Hill), J. Welch and J. F. Stephenson (Honfield). Affiliated members: Messrs. G. H. Olliver (Balcombe), L. Cragg (Keymer) and G. W. Gasson (Bolney). The election of Messrs. Albert W. Coles (Brixton) and R. D. Marshall (Deptford) was confirmed.

At the conclusion of the business, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the kind hosts and other friends at Hurstpierpoint, whose hospitality had added so much to the social success of the day.—This having been suitably acknowledged by the Rector, a move was once more made to the belfry, where ringing continued till 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods rung ranged from Grandsire Doubles to London and Bristol Surprise. The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Bolney, Crawley, Ditchling, Heene, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Southover (Lewes), Lindfield and Twineham. Mr. F. Rogers (Pursea) was also present. Thanks are due to the local branch for the excellent arrangements made.

### A DATE TOUCH.

At Great Dunmow, Essex, on Monday, January 17th, at the Parish Church, 1,925 Plain Bob, in 1 hour 15 mins.: B. Claydon 1, A. Ribbans 2, A. Smith 3, A. Petry 4, G. Richardson 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6.

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. B. E. Owen), a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, January 24th, members being present from Finedon, Irthlingborough, Wellingborough, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Earls Barton, Yardley Hastings, Northampton, Great Addington, Thrapston, Raunds, Ringstead, Burton Latimer, and the local ringers. The bells (a fine peal of eight) were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, ranging from Plain Bob Minor to Superlative, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise, and some very good ringing was enjoyed.

Owing to the illness of the Vicar, the Guild service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. G. E. Stevenson), and the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves, president of the branch, gave an excellent address, based on words taken from the Sermon on the Mount (St. Matthew v. 14), 'A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.' He congratulated the Guild on the good work it was doing, not only for the great art of scientific change ringing, but also for the church. He went on to point out the importance of their work as ringers. They were indeed as a city set on a hill, and their work could not be hid. He, therefore, appealed to them to make themselves worthy of their calling, and to let their light so shine before men that they might see their good works.

The party then adjourned to the old Grammar School adjoining, where a bountiful tea had kindly been provided by the local ringers and their wives, some 54 members sitting down.

After the tea the president, having another engagement, had to leave, but before he did so the Secretary said he was sure he should be voicing the feeling of all in saying how delighted they were to have him with them, it being the first anniversary of his election as president of the branch. It was also the first time that they, as a body of churchworkers, had met him since his appointment as Archdeacon of Oakham, and begged to offer to him the sincerest congratulations on that appointment. — In replying, the Archdeacon thanked the members for their kindness, and assured them of the great interest he took in all that concerned the ringers. He would do all he could to help them in every possible way.

The business was then proceeded with, Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Guild, presiding.—Yardley Hastings was suggested as the next place of meeting, and three new members were elected.

The Secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, which were considered most satisfactory, and were passed unanimously.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist, and to the local ringers and their wives for their help with the tea.

Further ringing was then indulged in, and a notable visitor during the evening was Miss Vera Robinson, daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Afterwards a social was held in the Clubroom of the Green Dragon Hotel. Touches and selections were given on the handbells by the Irthlingborough ringers, and some capital songs were rendered by various members of the company. Mr. A. Perkins presided at the piano.

### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. WORK IN THE DEVIZES BRANCH.

During last quarter the Devizes branch held three meetings. The first was at Bishop's Cannings on October 4th, when 34 ringers attended. The bells here are of beautiful tone, and, as they were put in the tower in 1602 are one of the oldest rings of eight bells in England.

The second meeting was at Hilperton on November 1st, but a wet day marred the attendance. Ringing after tea took place at Trowbridge.

The annual meeting of the branch was held at Devizes on December 15th, when the bells at three towers were available. A peal board was unveiled in St. Mary's tower, and the service was held at St. John's. A company of about 70, including seven hon. members, were present at the tea and business meeting. Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, chairman of the branch, was cordially welcomed back after his long illness, and he reported that the branch had made steady progress during the year. Various bell restorations had been carried out, and others were in hand.

The secretary's report showed a satisfactory state of affairs, and an increase in membership. The numbers were 20 honorary members and 226 ringing members.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes, was re-elected chairman; Mr. F. Green, Devizes, was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. Francis, Trowbridge, was elected Ringing Master; and Mr. S. Hillier, Devizes, was elected as advisory expert for the branch. Two life ringing members and four ringing members were also elected.

The death of Mr. E. O'Leary, of Keevil, was reported at this meeting, and the company stood in silence for a few moments to the memory of one who had been a very staunch supporter of the branch for many years.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Tabrett 1, A. C. Kay 2, C. Franklm 3, C. W. Everett 4, P. Page 5, H. C. Castle 6, E. W. Powell (conductor) 7, H. Parkes 8. Rung to celebrate the 17th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

**STREATHAM.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins., taken from Holt's original: H. Smith 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, J. Lee 4, R. D. Marshall (conductor) 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, February 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 minutes: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. James 3, J. Crowder 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, T. A. Easterby 6, E. B. Crowder 7, C. H. Macklin 8. A birthday compliment to E. J. Pannett.

**PORTISHEAD.**—At St. Peter's, for evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the 25th anniversary of the first peal rung on the bells. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Cullum (steeplekeeper): Miss G. Staddon 1, Miss A. Stokes 2, Miss Alice Stokes 3, Miss D. Willett 4, Miss G. Dobbs 5, J. Nisbett 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. Colburn 8.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**—For evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Ely, two 720's of Oxford Bob, the 1st being rung by W. White 1, C. Jennings 2, G. Dean 3, A. E. Austin 4, W. Hoppitt 5, H. Harvey (conductor) 6; and the 2nd by W. White 1, C. Jennings 2, T. Finch 3, E. Finch 4, W. Hoppitt 5, H. Harvey (conductor) 6. The above are all members of the local company.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—At St. Peter's for evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, 1,376 Superlative Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: E. Crofts (first in the method) 1, F. White 2, B. V. Collison 3, Miss Dorothy E. Orlebar 4, W. Collison 5, W. Latter 6, H. Markwell 7, S. H. Green 8. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the church.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, at St. Mildred's Church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Cramp 1, J. Neve 2, E. Parsons 3, W. Tickner 4, G. Sims 5, R. Edwards (conductor) 6, C. Tribe 7, A. Baitin 8. Also 168 of Stedman Triples.

**LLANDAFF.**—At the Cathedral, on Feb. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: J. Pritchard 1, P. J. Bailey 2, C. Hobbs 3, F. Bailey 4, J. Davies 5, F. Smith 6, E. T. Carter 7, E. Coombes 8, S. Dawe 9, W. Bolton (first quarter of Bob Royal as conductor) 10. Longest length by all except 8th, 9th and 10th.

**DALTON-JN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Jan. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: T. Coulthurst (first quarter-peal) 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, A. Brown 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe 7, T. R. Jackson.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—At Holy Trinity Church Watermoor, on Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: P. W. Bond 1, P. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, A. V. Bond (Swindon) 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dore 6, W. Andrews (Winchester) 7, F. Edwards 8. — On Sunday, Feb. 1st, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook (conductor) 2, A. Parsons 3, J. E. Water 4, J. E. Eden 5, F. J. Lewis 6, W. H. Hayward 7, H. C. Bond 8.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, January 25th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Monk 1, T. Streeter 2, F. Day 3, G. Grover 4, J. Goacher 5, F. Bennett (conductor) 6.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 43 mins.: W. A. Hunnisett 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. J. Moore 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**—On Sunday, January 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Peter's Collegiate Church, for evensong, in 49 minutes: W. A. Cooper 1, H. A. Farlow 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, F. J. Steele 4, J. D. G. Harris 5, E. F. Mitchell 6, W. H. Lawley 7, R. Thompson 8. Arranged for F. J. Steele, of Manchester.

**HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, January 4th, for evening service, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Green 1, Miss O. L. Lumley 2, S. Sadler 3, W. O. Talbot 4, W. Woods 5, G. Robinson 6, H. Lindsay 7, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 8. Composed by H. W. Wilde.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, December 21st, 503 Grandsire Caters: A. E. Simpson 1, F. W. Bailey 2, Miss E. C. Webster 3, F. A. Salter 4, A. R. Leader 5, F. Bradley 6, G. West 7, L. Chadburn 8, W. C. Hunt (cond.) 9, J. H. Cragg 10. First touch of Caters by 1st, 3rd and 10th.

**RAINHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, January 4th, for morning service, 200 Grandsire Triples: S. Hales 1, W. Seager 2, W. Cooke 3, W. J. Walker 4, J. H. Champion 5, T. Jull 6, C. Belsey (conductor) 7, A. Naylor 8. — For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Cooke 1, W. Seager 2, W. J. Walker 3, M. White 4, J. H. Champion 5, T. Jull 6, C. Belsey (conductor) 7, V. Tucker 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Belsey.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Jan. 11th, 720 London Surprise, in 23 mins.: A. Livermore 1, Fred A. Mitchell (first in the method on a hob bell) 2, J. Buries 3, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6.

**CALVERTON, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, Dec. 28th, for Matins, 360 of Cambridge Surprise Minor and 240 of London Surprise Minor, the following taking part: J. H. Tomkins, W. Pedley, H. Tomkins, W. Bonham, T. Tompkins, H. Edwards and E. C. Lambert (conductor).

**BREWOOD, STAFFORD.**—On Sunday, December 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 47 mins.: F. R. Blewitt 1, G. Warner 2, J. Walford 3, P. Bill 4, H. E. Booth 5, T. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8.

## THE LATE SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

## MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT DUFFIELD.

A memorial tablet to the late Sir Arthur Perceval Heywood has been erected by the parishioners in Duffield Church, and was dedicated by the Bishop of Derby on Sunday morning, January 25th.

There was a large congregation, amongst whom was Miss Heywood, a daughter of the late baronet. Mr. H. O. Moore, son of the late Rev. F. W. Moore, a former Vicar of Duffield, unveiled the tablet. Morning service was read by the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Causton), and the choir feelingly sang Tennyson's 'Crossing the Bar' to Bridge's setting. During the procession, the hymn, 'Saviour, Blessed Saviour,' was sung, and later 'We love the place, O God.' Psalm ciii. was also sung. Mr. C. S. Brighouse presided at the organ.

The Bishop (says the 'Derby Daily Express') took the subject of 'Great Men' based on a chapter of Ecclesiasticus, for his sermon, and said that a careful study of the New Testament appeared to him to reveal the fact that it was men of affairs that Jesus loved and admired—soldiers and business men. He referred to the lives of the late Sir Arthur Heywood and Mr. Richard Waite (formerly a churchwarden for many years, who died the previous week), the two they were remembering that day, as such lives—although they were not soldiers in the British Army, they had both served their generation with all their might and strength.

The tablet, which is of marble, is of Gothic type, and is placed on the church wall near the main entrance.

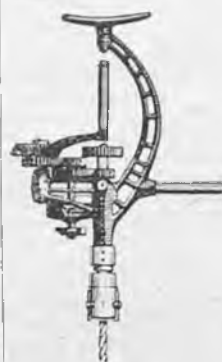
The inscription is as follows:—

In gratitude for the life and example of Sir Arthur Perceval Heywood, Baronet, who died at Duffield, 19th April, 1916.

A loyal and devout churchman, for upwards of 40 years he was a worshipper in this church, which he loved, and which, on his initiative—and largely by his munificence—was restored in the year 1897.

An enthusiastic campanologist, each Sunday he took his place in the ringing chamber, and by his efforts the old peal of six bells in the tower of this church was replaced by a peal of ten bells, and ultimately endowed by him in perpetuity. A tribute from the parishioners.

**SAWRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.**—On the bells of St. Mary's, on New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 52 mins.: Rev. A. Rust 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, A. Lever 3, W. Morris 4, H. J. Tucker 5, H. Sahan 6, W. Tarling 7, S. White 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd and tenor.



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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 37th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 19th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 12th (at 8 p.m.); \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Ipswich District. — A meeting will be held at Sproughton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells at Sproughton and Bramford available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Sproughton.—G. E. Symonds, Dis. Sec., 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. It is essential that South and West members should make an effort to attend this meeting. The Vicar and churchwardens will entertain members to tea in the New Church Hall, South Street, after service.—W. H. Hoilier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after in Church Room. Wilton bells available 2.30 to 4.15 and after tea up to 7 p.m.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Esher on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guilsborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6. A good attendance requested.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea as usual, followed by meeting. A hearty welcome to all ringing friends.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held on Feb. 7th at Wareham. Ringing from 2.30. Service and address by Canon Blackett 4.30. Tea at Bennett's, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Southampton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's bells available from 2.45. Tea in Deanery Schools at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting. Gentlemen specially invited.—E. L. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch. — The annual district meeting will be held at Bridgnorth on Saturday, Feb. 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock (8) and (6). Short service at St. Leonard's 4.30. Tea at Castle Restaurant 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Dis. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Woodhouse Eves on Feb. 7th. Bells 6. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Paddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting for the Hunts district will be held at Hemingford Abbots on Feb. 7th. Service at the Church 4.30. Tea, followed by business meeting, at the Axe and Compasses at 5 p.m.—H. B. Woolley, Dis. Sec., Long Stanton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Eardisley on Sunday, Feb. 8th. Bells (6) available 2 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock at the Rectory. Election of officers and annual report. Service in Church 6.30.—J. P. Hyett, Dulas Terrace, Hay.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 4d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members are urged to attend, if possible, the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C., from 2 to 3.30, and at St. Clement Danes from 3 to 4.30. Service at latter church at 4.30, preacher Rev. J. A. Mayo. Tea at Express Dairy opposite (corner of Essex Street) at 5.30, and names should be handed in beforehand. Business meeting in the Parish Room, Clare Market, at 6.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 4.20 to 5.30 and 6.15 to 7.30. — G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready early. Tea arranged for those sending their names to Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, before Feb. 9th. Meetings are to be held at Darfield in March, and Penistone April.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Peterborough and Oundle Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Alwalton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Service 4.30, followed by tea at Wheatsheaf. Bells ready 3 p.m.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will all members make a special effort to attend? All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempford Road, Sandy.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672.—The next practice and meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing: St. Mary's, from 4.30 p.m. to 7.30. Meeting at County Tavern at 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.45, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pattison Farm, Mersham.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by invitation of the Rector. Business meeting after tea.

Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Feb. 16th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blandford (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Greenwood. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Stourpaine (5 bells), Durweston (6 bells), Bryanston (6 bells). Will those intending to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Feb. 17th?—K. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4.15 p.m. Will all those intending being present let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 18th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Giles' and St. Mary's will be available from 3 p.m. until the service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon E. J. Norris. Tea at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each. 1s. 6d. will be allowed by the branch to all members who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 18th. Business meeting and smoker to follow.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Exminster on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Victory Hall. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

## MARRIAGE.

**BURTON—BIRD.**—On the 29th January, at Christ Church, Eaton, Norwich, by the Rev. H. Webster (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. H. A. Swann, George P. Burton, of Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich, elder son of Mr. G. J. Burton, of 137, Newmarket Road, Norwich, to Ellen S. Bird, daughter of Mr. Arthur D. Bird, and of Mrs. Bird, of 82, Mornington Road, Norwich, and late of Danbury, Essex.

## DEATH.

**PAINE.** — On Jan. 24th, at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, suddenly, from heart failure, following an operation, Mabel Emily, beloved wife of Richard Paine, of St. Maurice's Hall, Winchester, and dearly loved eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goddard, of 12, Highcliffe Road, Winchester. Age 44.



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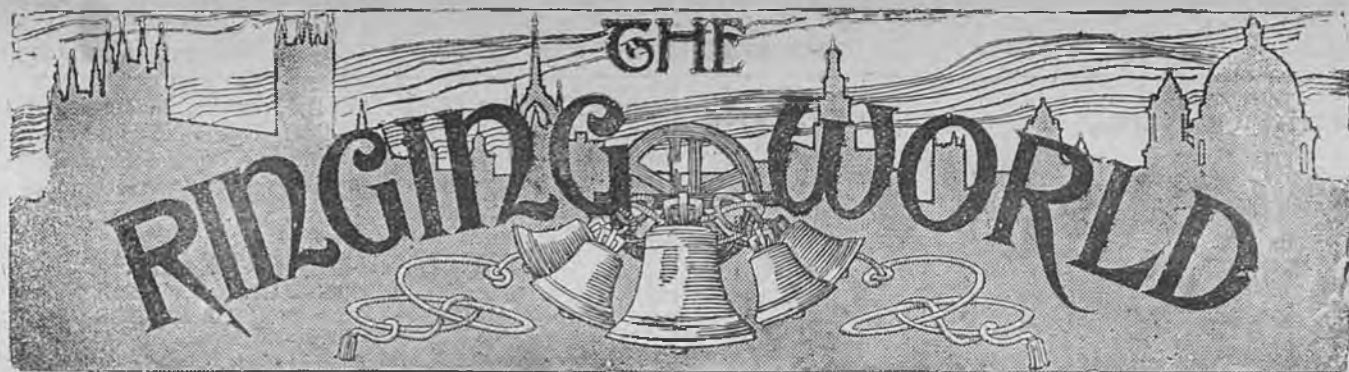
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### A NOTABLE PERFORMANCE.

The record of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus at St. Paul's Cathedral last Saturday is the record of a great performance. The peal appears exactly as sent by the conductor, without any footnote whatever, but if ever a peal was worthy of comment such an achievement certainly is. It was the first peal of Cambridge Maximus on the bells, which are the heaviest ring that have been rung 'all in' to a peal. Moreover, the tenor at St. Paul's is the heaviest bell ever turned-in to a peal by one man, and congratulations will be extended to the band of College Youths who made the successful attempt. It is some years since the first effort was made to ring a peal in this difficult method on the noble bells of St. Paul's, and the real merit of the performance can only be fully appreciated by those who have had experience in ringing a method of this character on bells of such a weight.

Peal attempts at St. Paul's Cathedral are only very rare occurrences, and we believe there have been but nine peals rung on the bells in the forty odd years they have been in the tower. At first it was considered that the tenor was necessarily a two-men job, but in course of time it was proved that not only was it possible for one man to ring this great bell behind to Cinques, but it was demonstrated that the bell could also be turned in singlehanded.

Peals of Kent Treble Bob Maximus have been rung in the past, and now at length a band of College Youths has added yet another great achievement to the many which have marked the history of the Ancient Society, while Mr. Alf. Peck, who rang the tenor to the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral in 1923, has once more proved his marvellous capacity to undertake a giant's task. Others there may be who could equal what he has done, had they the opportunity, but their number is extremely limited. On such a ring of bells as those at St. Paul's, however, every man who takes part fully deserves a share of the credit, and last Saturday's achievement will undoubtedly go down in ringing history as one of the most notable peals on record.

The performance recalls some other fine feats, such as Mr. William Pye's singlehanded task at Exeter Cathedral, when he rang the great tenor bell behind to a peal of Stedman Caters, and the achievement of a man like Mr. James George, who, when past 70 years of age, can turn a bell like Southwark tenor in to a peal of Maximus. Mr. James Washbrook, in his prime, performed some herculean tasks, among them the peal at Wells Cathedral many years ago. Then, too, there should be included those who have previously rung St. Paul's tenor singlehanded to peals of Cinques or Maximus, and those great achieve-

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### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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On Tuesday, February 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5619 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| A. PADDON SMITH ... .. Treble | JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 7       |
| ALBERT WALKER... .. 2         | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 8     |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 3   | ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9        |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4        | JOHN NEAL ... .. 10            |
| ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. 5    | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... .. 11 |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6     | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor  |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal, arranged for the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, has the first 24 courses in four-course blocks in the tittums position, and 14 courses in the handstrokes home position.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Four Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 62 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST G. FENN... .. Treble | HENRY G. MILES... .. 7      |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2  | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 8 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3        | JOHN W. GOLDING ... .. 9    |
| HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4   | THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 10    |
| LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 5      | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 11   |
| HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 6    | ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by A. B. PECK.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. Treble   | * JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 6   |
| SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 2        | THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... .. 7   |
| G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 3    | HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 8     |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... .. 4 | ERNEST MORRIS... .. 9         |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5      | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

\* First peal on ten bells, and first peal of Surprise in any method.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN H. SHOLICAR ... .. Treble | HENRY PYLES ... .. 5       |
| * JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 2         | * EDWARD ROTHWELL ... .. 6 |
| JAMES TAYLOR ... .. 3          | JAMES MARSH ... .. 7       |
| * ROBERT LARKEY ... .. 4       | JOHN GARDINER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

\* First peal, and rung as a compliment to ringers of 2nd and 6th, who attained their majority on the 28th January and 4th February respectively.

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## BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *PETER WOOD ... .. Treble | *ALFRED C. GREENFIELD ... 5 |
| ALBERT FIEST ... .. 2     | WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 6   |
| RAYMOND WOOD ... .. 3     | PERCY DOICK ... .. 7        |
| JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 4  | *WALTER WICKS ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by W. STANFORD.

\* First peal.

## WELLS, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 56½ cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HARRY FRY ... .. Treble    | EDGAR LUSH ... .. 5            |
| FRANK D. RICKARDS ... .. 2 | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6        |
| RONALD G. BECK ... .. 3    | WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7         |
| STANLEY CARTER ... .. 4    | REGINALD BECK ... .. Tenor     |
|                            | THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| *JACK DOVE ... .. Treble | THOMAS LAW ... .. 5       |
| FRANK ROLLINGS ... .. 2  | JOHN METHERELL ... .. 6   |
| *HARRY MARLOW ... .. 3   | TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7      |
| BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 4 | FRED WILFORD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

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

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                              |                                      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| *ERNEST NOY ... .. Treble    | FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 5          |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2    | JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6                |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 3 | HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... .. 7          |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4      | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Major.

## ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, February 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN H. SHOLICAR ... .. Treble | JAMES MARSH ... .. 5       |
| *ERNEST FYLES ... .. 2         | JOHN GARDINER ... .. 6     |
| JAMES TAYLOR ... .. 3          | JOHN PILKINGTON ... .. 7   |
| *WILLIAM PILKINGTON ... .. 4   | *JAMES DRAPER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. SHOLICAR.

\* First peal.

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On Wednesday, February 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| STANLEY HARRISON ... .. Treble | FRED GRUNDY ... .. 5             |
| SIDNEY JAMES ... .. 2          | THOMAS HOWARD ... .. 6           |
| JOHN FREMAN ... .. 3           | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7       |
| DANIEL HOWARD ... .. 4         | PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

First peal in the method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th are from Swinton: the rest the local company. Rung as a birthday peal to the niece of the tenor ringer, Miss Mabel Dempsey.

## EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 4, 1925, 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.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FRANK D. RICKARDS ... .. Treble | *WILLIAM G. MOON ... .. 5  |
| WILLIAM OSMENT ... .. 2         | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6    |
| HARRY SANGER ... .. 3           | WILLIAM KEEVILL ... .. 7   |
| CHARLES MILLARD ... .. 4        | REGINALD BECK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the approaching silver wedding of Mr. R. Whitehead, the captain of the local ringers.

## HASLEMERE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| RICHARD HAYES ... .. Treble | JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 5     |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 2   | MAURICE SMITHER ... .. 6   |
| ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... .. 3 | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 7 |
| FRED BOWDEN ... .. 4        | HARRY MULLARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Lady Garton, of Lythe Hill, Haslemere.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| C.S.M. W. ROWE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2     | D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3    | OWEN H. GILES ... .. 7            |
| WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4      | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by the late SIR A.P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER

Rung in honour of the induction on the previous day of the Rev. W. H. Hellier (formerly senior curate and ringer at North Stoneham) as Vicar of Chilworth.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble | JACK CARMAN ... .. 5            |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2          | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 6 |
| ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 3      | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 7         |
| *WALTER GLOVER ... .. 4         | CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

## WANDSWORTH.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, February 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... .. Treble | HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 5   |
| LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 2      | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 6  |
| ALFRED B. PECK ... .. 3          | JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 7       |
| HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4        | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

## SAMBLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. Treble | JOHN BAILEY ... .. 5          |
| JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 2    | FREDERICK HARWOOD ... .. 6    |
| E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 3     | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7  |
| JOHN T. Bimson ... .. 4      | EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (325).

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. T. Wright Broadhead, M.A., 12 years Vicar of this parish.

## WOODSTOCK, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Treble | JACK JUDGE ... .. 5          |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2  | WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 6       |
| ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 3       | WILLIAM STONE ... .. 7       |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 4       | GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal in the method by all the band. Believed to be the first in the method by the above Guild.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Treble | GEORGE WILSON ... .. 5        |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2        | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 6    |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 3    | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4        | ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for C.S.M. J. Bennett, R.M., who was spending a holiday in the district.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5      |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2     | HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 3       | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7      |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4    | ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. E. PEGLER.

First peal of Cambridge in North Wales, and by the association. Messrs. Jenkins and Bibby were elected members before the peal. Rung in honour of the election of the Rev. Canon Daniel Davis, Vicar of Bodelwyddan, to the Bishopric of Bangor. Also a birthday compliment to the association's president, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Glanadda, Bangor, and Messrs. A. E. Pegler and H. W. Wilde. Rung on the first anniversary of the 10,400 of Kent Treble Bob rung at Rhyl. R. Sperring's 300th peal. A. J. Hughes' 100th peal. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. George Williams for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *GEORGE H. RICHARDS ... .. Treble | ALBERT GREY ... .. 5           |
| IDRIS MITCHELL ... .. 2           | WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 6      |
| SAMUEL JONES ... .. 3             | SIDNEY RIDGEWAY ... .. 7       |
| JACK DARCH ... .. 4               | WILLIAM A. GULLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

\* First peal.

## TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES RICHARDS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM CRABTREE ... .. 2    | †REV. ROBERT MARLE ... .. 6    |
| MISS ROSE A. BELL ... .. 3   | FRED HODGSON ... .. 7          |
| *MISS HESTER BELL ... .. 4   | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN BARKER. Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

\* First peal. † First peal on a working bell. ‡ First peal in the method. F. Hodgson hails from Liversedge, Yorks, and is a non-resident member of the association. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and tenor belong to Todmorden Parish, and the rest to the local company.

## MACHEN, MON.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. (approx.)

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| †A. J. HURFORD ... .. Treble | G. COOKE ... .. 5        |
| PERCY JONES ... .. 2         | *G. H. MARTIN ... .. 6   |
| W. PIKE ... .. 3             | A. E. SLATTER ... .. 7   |
| H. BROUGHTON ... .. 4        | A. ADDICOTT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Arranged for ringers of 1st and 6th. \* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 5   |
| WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 2       | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3   | WILBY HAZELL ... .. 7      |
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4       | DAVID ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of W. J. Nevard, who rang his first peal in this tower on his 29th birthday, February 7th, 1885. W. Hazell was elected a life member of the Guild before starting for the peal.

## WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, <sup>10</sup>

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MISS VERA ROBINSON ... .. Treble | *WILLIAM J. BROOKS ... .. 5     |
| *FRANK LUSH ... .. 2             | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... .. 6   |
| JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 3        | †WILLIAM J. PAICE ... .. 7      |
| ARTHUR WIGGINS ... .. 4          | RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. J. PAICE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Wokingham (the Rev. B. Long), and also Miss Vera Robinson.

## TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM J. ELLIS ... .. Treble | NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2          | CHARLES A. BUTTON ... .. 6      |
| EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... .. 3    | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 7 |
| †STEPHEN W. CRABB ... .. 4      | EBENEZER A. HULL ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

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

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London, Woodbine, Violet,  
College Exercise, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| RAYMOND WOOD ... .. Treble | JAMES BURDFIELD ... .. 4      |
| JOHN AKEHURST ... .. 2     | ALBERT FIEST ... .. 5         |
| THOMAS ADAMS ... .. 3      | WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. STANFORD,

This was the first peal of Treble Bob in seven methods on the bells.

## CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *ALFRED HUGHES ... .. Treble | ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 4    |
| DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 2    | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM BEAVER ... .. 3      | JAMES L. GOODE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

\* First peal away from the tenor. First peal as conductor.

## BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, five 720's of Kent Treble Bob  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *FLOWERS BATTERHAM ... .. Treble  | *STANLEY E. BENNETT ... .. 4    |
| *FREDK. W. BENNETT, SEN. ... .. 2 | JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 5          |
| ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 3         | *ALBERT H. BENNETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Batterham, wife of the  
ringer of the treble.

## HARTLIP, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and 1440 each of Canterbury Pleasure,  
Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 20 lb. in F sharp.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *LAWRENCE HALES ... .. Treble   | THOMAS JULL ... .. 4           |
| WILLIAM A. MILES ... .. 2       | †WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM ... .. 3 | C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

\* First peal of Minor. † 200th peal. This peal was specially ar-  
ranged so that C.Q.M.S.G. Gilbert could conduct the 200th peal of Mr.  
W. J. Walker, who gave the conductor such valuable assistance in  
change ringing prior to his enlistment. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd  
are local men.CASTLE DONINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford, and two of  
Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FREDERICK W. TURNER ... Treble | *GEORGE H. WILKINS ... 4  |
| EDWARD JOYCE ... .. 2          | JOHN W. BOOTH ... .. 5    |
| †RICHARD A. HICKTON ... 3      | ALBERT JOYCE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. JOYCE.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. First as conductor. First peal on the  
bells.

## LANGDALE, WESTMORELAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS &amp; LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *HAROLD HARDY ... .. Treble | THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4     |
| CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. 2    | THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. 5     |
| FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 3    | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| †THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. Treble | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 4    |
| †THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 2        | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5  |
| *CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... .. 3     | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor |

Arranged by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Surprise Minor. Also first  
peal of Surprise on the bells.

## ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of  
Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| †JAMES WITHERS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 4   |
| *FREDERICK BANTON ... .. 2   | HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 5 |
| *FREDERICK C. AMOS ... .. 3  | JOHN COOKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN COOKE.

† First peal. \* First peal in three methods. First peal as conduc-  
tor. A birthday compliment to Mr. F. C. Amos and Mrs. J. Cooke.

## WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: 1 Double Court, 2 St.  
Clement's, 3 Cambridge Surprise, 4 Oxford Treble Bob, 5 Kent  
Treble Bob, 6 Double Oxford and Single Oxford, 7 Bob Minor.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *DAVID SHATFORD ... .. Treble | MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 4       |
| TOM TEBBOTT ... .. 2          | HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5         |
| WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 3     | †ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. G. BLACK.

\* First peal of Minor. † 50th peal.

LONDON.—At All Saints', Wandsworth, on Dec. 31st, for Watch-  
Night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: D.  
Collins 1, L. Attwater 2, T. J. Holloway 3, H. N. Pitstow (conductor)  
4, B. Bish 5, J. Rumley 6, W. S. Langdon 7, W. Gray 8.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor size 26 in G.  
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 1-2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6  
EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 3-4 | JOSIAH MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

This is the heaviest set of handbells yet rung to a peal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February, 3 1925, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

### A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRED HODGSON ... 1-2 | \*ERNEST BETTS ... 5-6  
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4 | WILLIAM BARTON ... 7-8

Composed by YORKE GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

\* First peal on handbells. Ringers of 1-2 and 5-6 hail from Liversedge.

## SWINDON RINGER'S DEATH.

At St. Mark's Church, Swindon, Wilts, on Tuesday, January 27th, touches of Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late J. Tazewell, a member of the band since the opening of the bells, twenty years ago: G. Lawrence 1, H. Wheeler 2, H. Hatton 3, J. Penny 4, S. Hopper 5, A. Hurst 6. Four of the above acted as bearers at the funeral on the same afternoon.

## BELLS DEDICATED AT WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

At Willingham, a Cambridgeshire village, the old peal of five bells have been recast, and a new treble added. On Tuesday, February 3rd, they were dedicated by the Bishop of Ely (Dr. L. J. White Thomson). Other clergy present included the Rev. R. Copeman (secretary, Ely Diocesan Association), and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (district secretary, Hunts District). After the dedication, rounds were rung by the local band: A. Huckle 1, E. J. Bonus 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, C. H. Frohock 4, N. Robinson 5, H. T. Frohock 6—all of them resident ringers. Following the service, 180 Plain Bob was rung by A. Huckle 1, C. W. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, H. T. Frohock 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6, followed by a 720 Kent Treble Bob by A. Huckle 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, C. W. Cook 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Touches of Oxford and Cambridge Surprise were also brought round. Ringers from Over, Long Stanton, Histon and Cambridge were present.

The bells, which are in a new steel frame, have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, and run in ball bearings. The 'go' is excellent, and leaves nothing to be desired. It is hoped, however, that a better circle will be obtained for the ropes in the ringing chamber.

## PRESENTATION AT EXETER.

A very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry of St. David's Church, Exeter, on Monday evening, February 2nd. In the presence of the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Burkitt), Mr. Westaway (churchwarden), Mr. T. Laver (hon. secretary pro tem. of the Exeter Branch, Devonshire Guild), Mr. J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), Mr. W. J. Southwood (late hon. secretary), and the St. David's band, Mr. F. J. Davey was presented with a gold bell pendant and a fountain pen, both suitably engraved, to commemorate his having successfully accomplished the feat of ringing 100 peals, many of which he has conducted.

Mr. J. C. Oke, in asking the Vicar to make the presentation, congratulated Mr. Davey on his splendid achievement, and said, in addition to his having accomplished this feat, the presentation was also being made in recognition of his excellent services as Ringing Master at St. David's, and for his valuable help to the Guild.

The Rev. E. C. Burkitt, in making the presentation, heartily congratulated Mr. Davey, and thanked him for his services. He hoped that he would be spared to continue his work, and also that he would be able to make his total peals twice that number.

Mr. Davey, in reply, expressed his thanks. He said without the help of others it would not have been possible for him to have rung those peals, and he tendered them his best thanks. The greatest honour, he felt was when the opportunity occurred to get a young hand through his first peal.

## THE W. D. CROFTS' COMMEMORATION DINNER. SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT NOTTINGHAM.

On Saturday evening, January 31st, the Nottingham Society of Sherwood Youths, at the Albert Hotel, held their annual dinner to the memory of William D. Crofts, who was the genius of the society 150 years ago. It was in every way a most successful function, a company of 84 sitting down. The Master (Mr. A. Coppock), who occupied the chair, was supported by the Sheriff of Nottingham, Councillor R. A. Young, the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (Mansfield), Mr. C. Riley (churchwarden of St. Peter's, Nottingham), Mr. G. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. W. E. White, Mr. F. Blood (local secretary), and other prominent local ringers.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master congratulated the Beeston ringers on their initial performance of a peal of London Surprise Major, to which Mr. F. S. Price replied.

The 'star' turn of the evening was the able and witty response by the Sheriff to the toast of the City and Corporation of Nottingham. One point in particular he emphasised, namely, his delight in finding, in this mercenary age, a body of men who loved their art for its own sake, and not for any pittance that might accrue from it.

Another speaker always a source of pleasure and delight, the Rev. R. R. Wilkinson, regaled the company with stories of the difficulties of incumbents with their ringers in the year 1871. How thankful present day incumbents ought to be to the ringers' associations.

Mr. W. Willson should have replied, but indisposition prevented his attendance, and his presence was greatly missed. At very short notice, Mr. E. C. Gobey stepped into the breach.

The toast of 'The Sherwood Youths' was proposed by Mr. W. Hunt, who likened the revival of the society to the splicing of a bell rope, and he congratulated the Master on its accomplishment. This toast the Rev. F. S. Price, who is developing a raciness of speech, supported.

The programme was in capable hands, amusement being caused when the chairman called upon himself for a song. And such a song! At any rate, the weather has been a wee bit finer since. Songs were also sung by Mr. J. T. Bradley, Mr. J. F. Adkin, Mr. Matthews, and the Welbeck Quartette. Mr. W. Hunt contributed oboe and saxophone solos, with Mr. W. Taylor at the piano. Each dinner has been one better than its predecessor, and the committee tender their thanks to each and all for making this one such a success.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. EASTERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Sibsey on Saturday, January 31st, and proved one of the best meetings since the branch was set going again after the war. Members were present from Boston, Benington, Bicker, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Stickney, Wrangle, members of the local band, and also several friends from the Elloe Deaneries and Northern Branches. The Ringing Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) was prevented from being present, through illness. Ringing was commenced shortly after 2 p.m. This beautiful-toned ring of eight has recently been in the hands of Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and everyone remarked on the splendid 'go' of the bells. Various touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich were successfully brought home.

A short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. V. Camplin Cogan), was held, and his address was most inspiring. Afterwards, the company was entertained to tea at the White Hart by the Vicar.

The business meeting followed, the chair, in the absence of the President (the Rev. J. R. Trotter), being occupied by the Rev. C. V. Camplin Cogan.

The President was unanimously re-elected. The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. C. V. Camplin Cogan. Mr. J. Phillips, of Butterwick, was again unanimously re-elected to the joint offices of secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. W. Lakin, junr., of Wrangle, was also unanimously re-elected as Ringing Master of the Branch, and Mr. Alex. Sharp as Guild representative.

Votes of condolence were passed with the families of the late Mr. Enos Clayton and Mr. John Sharp, the members standing in silence. The former at one time held the office of secretary of the Old East Lines Association, succeeding Mr. E. Mason in that capacity. The latter was a member of the Guild for nearly forty years. Both the deceased ringers were members of the Freiston band.

The Vicar of Sibsey was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality, for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service. Leake was selected for the next quarterly meeting.

Two new ringing members were duly elected.

At the conclusion of the business, a touch of Grandsire Caters on Mr. Rupert Richardson's handbells was rung by the following: Mrs. R. Richardson 1-2, W. Wood 3-4, R. Richardson 5-6, J. W. Wood 7-8, G. Ladd 9-10.

The tower was again visited, and several touches in eight-bell methods, as well as some in six-bell methods and a touch of Stedman Triples, were brought round.



**THE REPAIRS TO WYCOMBE TOWER.**

The annual meeting of the Wycombe belfry was held on Monday week, when the members spent a pleasant and enjoyable time.

The officers for the year were re-elected as follows: President, the Vicar (the Rev. F. M. Molyneux, M.B.E., M.A.); foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. Edward Markham; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twitchen. Several new members were elected, the membership of the tower now standing at 22.

The finances were highly satisfactory, and among the grants made were 10s. to a former member, 10s. to the Washbrook Memorial, £1 to the Tower funds.

The repair of the tower, in its relation to ringing, was, of course, a great topic for discussion, but, unfortunately, no time could be stated as to when ringing would be resumed; though gratitude was expressed that ringing was permitted during the time the scaffolding was being erected. The work is being begun at the top first, Weldon stone being used for the mullions of the louvre windows, and the scaffolding will be removed gradually. There is a slight hope that ringing may be resumed when the louvres are finished.

Business over, the President kindly invited the members to dinner—a typical old-English repast—which was thoroughly enjoyed. After the meal, the rest of the evening was spent in conviviality. A hearty expression of thanks to the Vicar for this generosity, and his practical interest in the belfry generally, brought a very pleasant 'annual' to a close.

**'A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RECORD.'**

A correspondent writes that our paragraph under the above heading was not accurate. In chronological order, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung by a local band in the county of Notts was a 7,040, at St. Peter's, Nottingham, on Feb. 15th, 1774, conducted by W. D. Crofts. The first peal of Kent was also at St. Peter's, Nottingham, December 12th, 1836, conducted by W. Johnson; and, finally, the first local peal of Stedman lies to the credit of the Retford men.

We would add that the information which we used in our paragraph was supplied to us, and the sender was apparently unaware of the earlier performances.

Mr. H. W. Wilde writes congratulating the Beeston band, and inquires if Mr. Clifford, senr., is the oldest man to ring a peal of London Surprise.

**CHURCH HAS TO REFUSE BELLS.****LIVERPOOL TOWER NOT STRONG ENOUGH.**

St. Barnabas's Church, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, is not, after all, to have the peal of bells which did service for so many years in the old Church of St. Peter, Church Street, Liverpool. At the morning service, on Sunday, the Vicar of St. Barnabas's, the Rev. J. Kirk Pike, prefaced his sermon with an announcement which, he said, he knew would be a disappointment to the congregation. It had been found that the tower of the church would not bear the strain of the bells.

Subsequently, in an interview with a representative of the 'Liverpool Daily Post,' the Vicar said the offer of the bells was gladly accepted by St. Barnabas's people, who never had any doubt but that the church tower was strong enough to carry them. An expert survey, however, had shown that this was not the case. 'Our disappointment,' added Mr. Pike, 'is very great, but we have to accept facts, and make the best of them. Those lovers of the bells who have kindly contributed to the fund for their being hung will be communicated with at an early date.'

It was estimated that the cost of hanging the bells would be £1,000. This was a heavy responsibility for the congregation, but they accepted it. A subscription list was opened, and there was no doubt that in due time the money would have been raised.

**RINGER AND VERGER FOR 40 YEARS.**

The funeral of Mr. Edward Lucas, of Shalford, Surrey, whose death, at the age of 69 years, occurred on January 22nd, took place on January 26th. The first part of the service, which was held in the Parish Church, where Mr. Lucas was for 40 years a ringer and verger, was fully choral, and was attended by many who had known him in his official capacities. The music included his favourite hymn, 'The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended.'

The bells were muffled, and the whole pull and stand was rung 69 times before the service began, also for a few minutes while the cortege reformed to proceed to the cemetery. Immediately after the committal sentences had been recited, the ringers' beautiful farewell was given by Messrs. G. W. Steere, A. H. Pulling, C. Hazelden, W. R. Melville, a perfect course of Grandsire Triples being rung on handbells over the open grave. Other ringers present were Messrs. H. Hutton, C. N. Burdock, G. Petter, E. G. Heath, T. Streeter, etc.

Thanks are due to Mr. W. R. Melville, who at some sacrifice to himself made the necessary preparations for the ringing at Shalford.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'The company rung on Monday, Feb. 14th, 1731, a complete peal of 7,018 Grandsire Cinques, being the longest that was ever done, and in 5 hours and 19 minutes it was completed.' Thus the College Youths' record of a peal rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, when 'B. Annable call'd bobs.'

And it was February 14th, 1920, that the greatest number of changes in a twelve-bell peal was rung—13,001 Grandsire Cinques, at Painswick, in 8 hours 45 minutes.

The 'four nines' of Grandsire Major (9,999 changes) was rung at Oldham exactly one hundred years ago next Sunday, but from a note in Snowdon's 'Grandsire' it would appear that the figures of this peal eventually proved false.

Next Monday is the anniversary of two long peals, a 14,224 Bob Major at Aston, by St. Martin's Youths, on Feb. 16th, 1769, and 8,448 Stedman Cinques at Painswick in 1858. On Feb. 16th, 1790, a 6,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at Cambridge.

London lost a peal of twelve bells on Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 1836, when Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire.

The College Youths rang a peal of 10,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch on Feb. 18th, 1777—one of the series of increasing lengths which were the outcome of the rivalry existing at that time between them and the Cumberlands.

The first peal of what we now call New Cambridge Surprise was rung at Huddersfield on Feb. 18th, 1822, and, as far as we are aware, no other peal in the method was rung until that at Burton in 1887.

At Warnham, Sussex, the first peal of College Single Major was rung on Feb. 18th, 1889.

Henry Haley, one of London's greatest ringers of the last century, was born at Bethnal Green on Feb. 19th, 1819. He took part in many memorable performances on tower and handbells, and rang, in all, 182 peals, of which he conducted 155 and composed 105.

'Little Bob' writes, with reference to the ancient dated bells at Eytherne, that in North's 'Bells of Northamptonshire,' and 'Bells of Leicestershire,' too, speaking of ancient dated bells, the author says: 'Two, richly ornamented and dated 1323, are in the tower of St. Mary's Church, Somercotes, Lincolnshire.'

At the annual meeting of the St. Lawrence (Thanet) ringers the other day, the record of the attendances was read, and it was found that the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Wilcox, M.A., Hon. C.F.) had visited the tower 31 times during the year. Can any other tower boast of such frequent visits from their Vicar?

Ringers will see from a notice elsewhere that all ringing is suspended for the present at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London.

The peal at Long Melford, on Saturday, is an interesting link with forty years ago. It was rung on the 69th birthday of Mr. W. J. Nevard, who rang his first peal in that tower on his 29th birthday, on Feb. 7th, 1885. This was a peal of Bob Major, composed by the late Mr. Samuel Slater, and conducted by Mr. Fred Pitstow. His friends all over the country will join in wishing Mr. Nevard 'Many happy returns,' and health long to pursue his favourite hobby.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June the 2nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Chester. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 18th.

Will secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and, together with the names and addresses of representatives, should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

## HEAVY HANDBELL PEAL.

It is interesting to note that in the handbell peal at Leicester (reported elsewhere), the heaviest set of bells yet rung 'in hand' was used, the tenor being size 26 in G. The peal was rung at the first attempt. The previous records were on bells with size 22 tenor: Grandsire Triples, on April 20th, 1888, at Ipswich, and Stedman Triples on May 13th, 1914, at Guildford.

The peal had its amusing side, for after half-way the ringer of 5-6 could be seen hanging out signals of distress, by wriggling about and screwing up his mouth, through the soreness of his fingers, while, when a little later, a well-known part end came up, the tenor-man sighed, and said, 'I wish that was all.' The conductor cheered him up with the cryptic remark, 'only another few blocks to go,' and the last quarter not yet started on! He hung on gamely, and finished in fine style, even though minus several inches of skin from his fingers, whilst 5-6 had 'knobs' on his. The conductor guarded his delicate fingers by having them bound up beforehand, whilst 3-4 didn't seem any the worse, except for a little soreness.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Bradford on Saturday, January 31st. The day's business commenced with the audit, conducted by Messrs. G. Titterton and J. Wotton during the morning. The fine peal of ten bells, cast by the famous Loughborough foundry, were rung in a variety of methods until 4 p.m., when the annual service was held in the Cathedral. Owing to the tempestuous weather, only some 130 visitors were present at the service, at which an encouraging and most interesting sermon was preached by the Vicar of Bradford (Ven. Archdeacon Jones). The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, and, taking as his text, 2 Corinthians, v., 14 ('The love of Christ constraineth us'), the speaker stated that, owing to being out of sight, the ringers' ministry of joy was seldom recognised. The muffled bells reminded them of sorrows, while the joyous ringing at Christmas and the New Year reminded them of the saving of the world by our Lord, and the glory of the coming year. Bells were a beautiful accompaniment to the ministry, and change ringing was a splendid hobby, but the love of Christ must be the driving force behind any church work, however attractive it might be as a hobby. The ringers' part was the highest form of service, and must be regarded by them as being actuated from the highest motives. 'They that bear the vessels of the Lord must be clean.' The preacher urged his hearers to train and develop their spiritual character, so that their example might have a great influence on the young men, making for Christian manhood and the increase of spiritual influence.

A bountiful tea was afterwards served in the neighbouring Cathedral schools, this most enjoyable function being immediately followed by the business meeting. Apologies were read from Mr. Pryce Taylor, the Rev. E. Drage, and Messrs. F. Willey and G. B. Bolland, the two senior vice-presidents of the association, who were absent through illness.

Mr. J. Cotterell the retiring treasurer, was re-elected, with acclamation, on the motion of Mr. F. Cryer, seconded by Mr. F. Dale.—In responding to a hearty vote of thanks for his many services to the association, Mr. Cotterell urged the meeting to consider the advisability of getting new blood into the official work of the association, in order that the interest in the administration should not get too stereotyped.

The auditors having presented their report on the excellent state of the accounts and books, the balance sheet, which showed a gain of £11 0s. 11d. for the year, was accepted, on the motion of Mr. F. Dale, seconded by Mr. J. W. Cundale.

The annual report of the committee was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. J. Perfect, seconded by Mr. J. Cooper.

It was decided that the arrangements for the annual meeting should be left to the general committee.

The committee placed before the meeting an invitation from the Lancashire Association to hold a joint meeting at Todmorden, it being agreed that the invitation be accepted, and that the officers of the respective associations make the necessary arrangements.

The President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) announced that the Snowdon Memorial Dinner would be held at Leeds on Saturday, Sept. 19th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bradford and his churchwardens for kindly granting the use of their magnificent peal of bells, also for the eloquent address and service in the Cathedral, was moved by the Chairman.—The local company and the ladies who officiated at the tea-tables were specially thanked for their services, on the motion of Mr. J. Lawson, seconded by Mr. F. Cryer.—This was replied to by Mr. J. Cotterell.

Mr. A. C. M. Field brought to the notice of the meeting the deplorable state of the bells at Knaresborough Parish Church, which are now totally unringable, and, owing to their being in an isolated district, great difficulty is being experienced in raising the necessary funds for restoration. He invited the various towers in the association's area to contribute as liberally as possible to the restoration fund, when the collecting sheets were issued.

A vote of thanks to the chairman, further ringing at the Cathedral, with an enthusiastic gathering subsequently at 'a house within the meaning of the act,' brought a most enjoyable day's proceedings to a close.

## MR. W. J. WALKER'S 200 PEALS.

Mr. W. J. Walker, who has just rung his 200th peal, is one of those silent workers who go from one tower to another on practice nights giving very valuable assistance to many in their early stages of ringing, and the thanks of many ringers are due to him for piloting them through their first 720 of Bob Minor. Would that there were more like him.

His peals include: Minor (from 1 to 9 methods), 180; Grandsire Triples, 26; Bob Major, 8; Victory Major, 1; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 15; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, \*26; Stedman Triples, 31; Stedman Caters, 9; total, 200. Rung in 41 different towers. † Includes 10,080. \* Includes 8,000.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. TONBRIDGE DISTRICT AND MEETINGS AT SIX-BELL TOWERS.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Tonbridge on Saturday, January 31st. The usual service was held, conducted by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. S. H. Clark, Vicar of Tonbridge, based on the inscriptions on the bells of the church.

Tea was provided at the Carlton Cafe, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber and Mr. A. M. Darling and Mr. F. D. Topham, churchwardens.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, which was considered satisfactory. In this he stated that there was a slight falling off in the number of members, compared with the previous year. One band, Shipbourne, had dropped out, but Hadlow band had rejoined. He also reported that a complete restoration of the bells had just been carried out at Brenchley by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The old six bells had been taken down, retuned, two new trebles added, and the peal rehung in a new iron frame. The two trebles were to be dedicated on Sunday, March 1st. He had offered, and the Vicar had accepted, the services of a band of members of the association for this occasion.

The Rev. F. L. Schreiber said that he regretted that his band had dropped out, but he hoped that this was only temporary. The bells were rung regularly for the services, but there were only two of the original band left. The others were all young ringers, and they were all too busy with football or cricket to attend Saturday meetings.

Mr. W. Latter was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. F. White and G. Edwards were unanimously re-elected district representatives. Seven new practising members and two hon. resident life members were elected.

In selecting towers for meetings during the ensuing year, a discussion arose as to the claims of six-bell towers. The general feeling seemed to be that if the six-bell ringers would attend eight-bell tower meetings much more could be done in educational work than in holding meetings at six-bell towers. At the same time, it was felt that six-bell towers should not be left out, and as an invitation had been received to hold a meeting at East Peckham, it was ultimately decided to hold meetings at Brenchley, East Peckham, Cranbrook, Hadlow, and the next annual district meeting at Penshurst.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding at the meeting, to the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, and the organist for their services, to the churchwardens for their attendance, and to Mr. W. Steed for making the arrangements, were passed, and responded to by those gentlemen.

The members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

## CLASHING MEETINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Christ Church, Erith, on Saturday, January 31st. The bells were kept going to various methods throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the church, with an interesting address by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Coleridge). The curate (the Rev. A. V. Ledbury) presided at the organ. This was followed by a splendid tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar, who presided, but was unable to stay for the business meeting owing to pressure of other duties.—Mr. T. Groombridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for the service and address, and for the splendid tea.—This was carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. W. M. Browne, Vicar of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, kindly acting as chairman.

The Rev. W. M. Brown (Vicar) and the Rev. T. H. Pyke (curate), of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, were elected hon. members.

Eight new practising members and probationers were elected, and the election of two members previous to peals was confirmed.

Eltham and St. Mary's, Woolwich, were proposed for the next meeting, St. Mary's, Woolwich, being chosen. The hon. secretary was instructed to communicate with Eltham with a view to holding the summer meeting there.

The district representative on the Central Committee of the Association (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) read a report of the meeting held at Canterbury in November last.—This was adopted by the meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., asked if some arrangement could not be made to avoid the clashing of meetings of the various districts. He mentioned that there were four Kent County Association meetings on that date (January 31st).—This matter was left to the committee to deal with.

It was mentioned that the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, were to be rehung, and the chairman agreed to communicate with the general secretary of the association on the question of a grant from the Association's Belfry Repairs Fund.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. M. Browne for presiding at the meeting, to the Rev. A. V. Ledbury for his services at the organ, and to the ladies who helped at the tea.—The Chairman responded, and this brought the meeting to a close.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.****'BELL RINGERS' SUNDAY' SUGGESTED.**

The annual meeting was held at Doncaster St. George's on Saturday, January 24th. There was a fair attendance of members, and the bells were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, touches in the four standard methods being rung.

A short service was held in the Forman Chapel, and an address was given by the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford, the president of the society. The text chosen was: 'Their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the earth' (Romans 10, 18). The Archdeacon praised the art of change ringing, and said that, although he could ring a bell in rounds, he had never been able to master the art of change ringing because he "hadn't the brains."

Tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall, and the business meeting followed. The chair was taken by the Rev. A. A. Barham, who was supported by Mr. G. Halksworth, vice-president; Mr. G. Clark, Ringing Master; Mr. H. Woodhouse, J.P., hon. treasurer; Mr. H. Walker, hon. secretary; Mr. W. Reynier (representing the Barnsley and District Society), and Mr. J. Holmes (representing the St. George's Society).

The secretary's report was considered satisfactory, and approved. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of over £11.

The secretary was voted a gift of £2 2s. from the funds as a small token of appreciation of his services during the four years the society has been in existence. Mr. G. Halksworth was re-elected to serve another three years as vice-president.

Four new members were elected, and Adwick-le-Street was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

In his report, the Secretary said: The attendance of members at the meetings has not been so good as one would expect, and there is room for improvement in this direction. Perhaps the promise of a revival in trade in the new year and a consequent fall in the cost of living may reflect favourably on the attendance at our meetings in the future.

The number of names on our books is at present 182, but only 145 of these have paid their annual subscription. Fifteen new members were elected during the year, and we lost two members by death.

After only four years' working we have the sum of £11 15s. 2d. standing to the credit of the society. This shows that our financial affairs are in a very healthy condition. We have no object in view that we should accumulate such a large sum of money, and in my opinion the best use that it can be put to is to provide instruction for young ringers, either by subsidising the cost of books of instruction, or by helping to pay the expenses of an instructor.

**SUGGESTED ADDITION TO DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH BELLS.**

Two peals have been rung for the society during the year, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, and a peal of Grandsire Triples. Progress has been made in method ringing, and at most towers in the district three or four different methods are practised. In method ringing we must adopt a progressive policy and not be satisfied until we can ring the most difficult methods for Sunday Services. It is almost impossible to make much progress in ringing on the higher numbers of bells, on ten and twelve bell peals, because we have not the bells to practice on. Our headquarters, the noble Doncaster Parish Church, is surely worthy of a peal of ten, or even twelve bells, and it is to be hoped that before many more years have been rung out, the additional bells will be installed.

During the year the bells of Thorne Parish Church have been thoroughly restored. Two members of the Bell Repair Advisory Committee visited Thorne on the invitation of the Vicar, and having made an examination of the bells and fittings, advised that they be recast and rebung with new fittings. The work of recasting and rebunging was carried out by J. Taylor and Co., to the satisfaction of all concerned. The peal is now the most up-to-date in the district. Canon Littlewood, the Vicar of Thorne, is to be congratulated on his keenness in getting the work carried out, it being the second time during his long ministry in Thorne that an extensive scheme of bell restoration has had to be undertaken.

I think it would be a good plan if in each parish where there is a peal of bells, one Sunday in each year should be set aside as a Ringers' Sunday. One hears of Choir Sundays and Special Services for this and that cause, but never of a Bell Sunday or a Ringers' Sunday. An annual service could be arranged with very little trouble, and a great deal of good might be done. Special sermons could be preached and special music sung, and the collections could go towards a fund for keeping the bells in decent repair. The idea is worthy of consideration by the powers that be.

Our relations with the clergy are getting more and more cordial as time goes on, and we seem to understand each other better. They seem to have only one complaint against us, and that is that we do not attend church often enough after we have finished ringing for service. Be this as it may, we as ringers have also a complaint against

the clergy, and that is, that they do not visit their belfries often enough. There are instances where incumbents do not visit their belfries from one year's end to another, and, what seems more strange, do not know who their own ringers are. This is not as it should be, and improvements would be of great benefit to all concerned.

Our loss of members through death has not been so heavy as last year, but we mourn the loss of one ringing member, Charles Scott, of Doncaster; and also one honorary member, ex-Alderman S. Balmforth, also of Doncaster.

**NEARLY SIXTY YEARS AT ONE TOWER.****PRESENTATION TO FARNHAM VETERAN.**

On Tuesday, Feb. 3rd, a very interesting meeting of the ringers was held in the belfry of the Parish Church at Farnham, Surrey. The occasion was a presentation to Mr. E. Clapshaw, the esteemed captain of the band, of an umbrella from the Rector and bell ringers for his 80th birthday.

The Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum), in making the presentation, spoke of Mr. Clapshaw as a good worker in connection with the church, and congratulated him on reaching such a good old age. Not only was he highly respected by everyone who knew him, but his more intimate friends and co-workers had an affection for him which was remarkable. The Rector went on to say that, although Mr. Clapshaw had reached the age of 80 years, he was quite young compared with the tower in which he rang, which was over 300 years old, the church itself dating back over 700 years. He then handed the umbrella to Mr. Clapshaw, with the very best wishes of himself and the whole of the bell ringers. The umbrella, which is silver-mounted, has engraved on a silver band, 'Presented to E. Clapshaw by the Rector and bell ringers of Farnham, on his 80th birthday.'

Mr. Clapshaw, in thanking the donors for the handsome gift they had made him, said they had been pretty cute about the matter, as he had not the slightest idea they were going to make him a presentation. They could not have given him anything more acceptable, and he should prize and value it very much. He said he had been connected with the tower as a ringer for a great number of years, and could tell a few tales about it if he liked to do so. He had seen many changes, and a good many members come and go. When he first joined the ringers there was no change ringing done, and until about 1875 he did not think there was much done in the Winchester Diocese. After that, however, change ringing was more practised, and eventually they had a band at Farnham who could ring Grandsire Triples. They, however, had some ups and downs, sometimes having a hand of change ringers, and at other times not, although at the present time they had got a band who held together, and worked together, and which he thought he could say was about the best band they had had during the whole of his career. In conclusion, he again thanked them all for the very handsome present they had given him, and hoped he would be able to put in a few more years to help the band ring for both service and practice.

Immediately after the presentation, 336 Grandsire Triples were rung by the following members of the local band: R. Knott 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

Mr. Clapshaw reached his 80th birthday on the 26th January, 1925, and in the evening an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples to commemorate it, but this unfortunately came to grief, through a shift course, after three hours' ringing, and within 196 changes of the end. The ringers were: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Prior 4, C. Q.J.S. G. Gilbert 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

Although Mr. Clapshaw is 80 years of age, he is still a very regular attendant for service and practice ringing. He has been a ringer at this church for 59 years.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****WIMBORNE BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting was held at the Parish Church of Lady St. Mary, Wareham, on Saturday. The Rector (Rev. Canon Blackett) gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, showed them some of the features of the ancient church, and gave a striking address on the service of the bells, for witness, warning and worship. The Guild office and hymns were accompanied on one of the finest organs in Dorset.

An excellent tea was provided at the Church Institute by Messrs. Bennet Bros. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Rector of Iwerne Courtney), presided, and there were members present from Bournemouth (St. Peter's and St. John's), Iwerne Courtney, Lytchett, Minster, Poole, Wareham and Swanage. During the afternoon and evening there was some useful practice in Grandsire, Kent and Double Norwich, and all our readers would have enjoyed that touch of Stedman, as heard about 7.30, through the full moonlight from the North Gate.



## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## THE DISPOSAL OF FUNDS.

A most enjoyable and successful afternoon and evening were spent at Woodhouse Eves, on the occasion of the Loughborough District meeting on Saturday. The village is rather an 'outlandish place,' situated right in the heart of the Leicestershire hills, and outside attendance was, therefore, rather poor, but the local ringers turned up in good force, when, soon after three o'clock, the beautiful peal of six bells were raised, and touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles brought round.

At the business meeting, lively discussion took place regarding the way in which the association's money might be spent.

Mr. Harry Haynes, the local tower secretary, stated that he hoped the Central Committee of the M.C.A., when they met in March, would consider how best to dispose of a little portion of the money they had in hand. It would be a great advantage if the Central Committee would make a grant to local district secretaries to use for bringing a band to such towers as that to which he belonged, for the purpose of helping to teach the young ringers, who were at present drifting away for the want of outside support.

The district secretary endorsed this idea, which will be put before the committee.

The next practice meeting is fixed for Woodhouse Eves, in a fortnight's time, and the usual monthly meeting will be held at Kegworth.

Mr. Arthur J. Berry was elected a member of the association, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. Hilley).

## NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Nottingham district was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 31st. Ringing commenced soon after 2.30, but owing to weather conditions and counter attractions, in the form of cup-ties (both the big local football teams being engaged), the attendance suffered, only 24 members being present out of a total membership of 183, which was very discouraging to the officers who had been doing their best to make a record meeting. Ringing in various methods was indulged in up to 4.15, when those present attended evensong, conducted by Canon Field, D.D., Vicar of St. Mary's.

The business meeting was held in the large vestry, kindly lent by Canon Field for the occasion. Members attended from the following towers: St. Mary's, Nottingham (4); Sutton-in-Ashfield (5); Mansfield (2); Ilkeston (3); Greasley (1); Lenton (1); Bottesford (2); Barton (1); Daybrook (2); Southwell (1); St. Peter's (1); Hough-on-the-Hill (1). Mr. A. Coppock (vice-president) presided.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Blood) read his report of the year's work, in the course of which he said 11 monthly meetings had been held during the year, and all were fairly well attended. The association had been entertained during the year by the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston), the Rev. A. Chaplin (Colgrave), and the Rev. S. J. Gallo-way (Greasley), and these gentlemen were heartily thanked for the kindness. The last meeting of the year was followed by a lecture given by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of St. Peter's, Mansfield, on 'Church bells and bell founders of Notts,' and this was greatly appreciated, the hope being expressed that other lectures of the kind would be given in the future. Hon. members had increased from 21 to 30. The ringing members on December 31st, 1923, numbered 167; joined during 1924, 33; lapsed, 5; transferred, 3; elected hon. life members, under new rule of reaching 70 years of age, 4; transferred to non-resident members, 3; deaths, 2; leaving a total of 183 on December 31st, 1924. The receipts amounted to £25 10s. In honorary and ringing members, and finance, this constitutes a record for the branch, and only eight members were in arrears on December 31st. One new tower was added, viz., St. Mary's, Nottingham. Two members were lost during the year by the death of Mr. J. Iliffe, a much-respected member of the Ilkeston band, and Mr. W. J. Sevier (known as 'the prophet'), who passed away in November, after a few days' illness.

The Chairman also mentioned the loss of the two ringers named, and the members stood in silence to their memory.

The question of the Sevier Memorial was left over until the next meeting, after discussion.

The following officers were then elected for 1925: Vice-president, Mr. A. Coppock; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Blood.

Nominated for committee: Messrs. F. W. Bailey, W. E. White, E. C. Goby. The voting resulted as follows: Messrs. Bailey, 15; White, 8; Goby, 17; and Messrs. Bailey and Goby were declared elected.

Three places were proposed for the next meeting: Daybrook, Birmingham and Mansfield, and the first named was selected, the meeting to be held on Feb. 28th.

Various other matters were left over until the next meeting, including the proposed alteration of rules, quarterly meetings and monthly practices.

A very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Field for the use of the bells, and for allowing the use of the vestry for the meeting, was unanimously carried, and the meeting then closed.

## BELL HANGERS &amp; ODD-STRUCK BELLS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to carry the subject of my brother's letter on 'false' bells a step further.

Many ringers seem to think that there is a certain amount of chance in connection with bell hanging as to whether a bell will strike falsely or not. In my opinion this is not the case.

I consider that if, when the bell hangs in 'down' position, the lip lies symmetrically and horizontally about a perpendicular dropped from the axis of the gudgeons and midway between them, and the knuckle joint of the clapper is fixed symmetrically about this perpendicular, then the bell will not be false. Now, such a simple geometric construction as this could as easily be applied to bell hanging as to any other department of engineering. Yet we find new bells not only striking falsely, but very falsely.

What is the reason for this? It is, I think, that some bell hangers, like a good many other artisans, do not always do their work thoroughly unless they are well looked after.

The benefits derived from having true striking bells are twofold. First, it is easier for young hands to learn on them; in the second place it is easier to produce good striking with them, thereby reducing the liability of outside complaints of 'noise of the bells.'

It is quite common now, I think, to find the clause 'the bells are to be in perfect tune' in bell founder's contracts, and I think it just as essential that 'the bells shall not strike falsely' should also be stipulated.—Yours faithfully,

J. F. D.

Norwich.

## MORE EXPERIMENTING REQUIRED.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. E. P. Duffield, in your last issue, criticising 'Bell hangers and odd-struck bells,' provides matter for reflection on the curious manner in which many rings of bells are left by first-class bell hangers. I am strongly in sympathy with Mr. Duffield, who objects to bells being left by modern founders, which are in many cases hopelessly false. I have vivid recollections of ringing a splendid tenor on a modern peal of bells, to a peal of Double Norwich. This bell was very wide at back, while the seventh was equally close at back, with the result that the long dodging back and front involved much unnecessary labour.

One fruitful cause of insufficient attention being paid to experimenting, particularly with regard to peals of ten and upwards, is, in my opinion, the fact that in the great majority of cases the tenor is simply used as a covering bell. It is obvious that the task of covering with an odd-struck bell is much easier than ringing it in, and if some means could be devised to make bells clapper with greater precision, the whole Exercise would be laid under a great debt of gratitude.—Yours faithfully,

Leeds.

PERCY J. JOHNSON.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.  
GENEROUS DONATION FROM OXFORD SOCIETY.

A meeting of the Oxford Society was held on January 21st, at headquarters, Holywell, when 16 members were present. The usual business of the society having been transacted, the question of a subscription to the Washbrook Memorial Fund was brought forward. After some discussion and some very effective remarks from Mr. H. Miles as to the unique situation of the society with regard to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, a sum of 10 guineas was voted to the fund.

The members would like also to say that this society, in active ringing members in the city of Oxford, numbers 26, which is a very small number compared with other societies in which Mr. Washbrook was also well known, but if any members of the society who have lost touch with the same would care to subscribe to the fund, will they please forward their subscription to the Secretary, Mr. H. Tolley, 39, Windmill Road, Headington, Oxford, who will undertake to forward it to the general secretary of the above fund.

## ZEAL MONACHORUM CHURCH BELLS.

A new treble has been added to the ring at Zeal Monachorum, and among those present at the dedication was Mr. Cedric Drewe, M.P. for the South Molton Division. Bell ringers came from the neighbouring parishes, including Spreyton, Newton St. Cyres, Colebrooke, Mordach Bishop, Coleridge, Lapford, Down St. Mary, Exeter, Cheldon and Bondleigh.

The service of blessing the new treble bell was witnessed by a crowded congregation. The processional hymn was 'The Church's One Foundation.' After the lesson, the Rector (the Rev. A. McCarthy) and Mr. Drewe went to the belfry, and, after the blessing, Mr. Drewe was asked to formally open the bell by giving the first pull upon it.

The new treble weighs 4 cwt., and was supplied by the firm of Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The ringers kept the bells merrily going until nearly midnight, and all spoke in great praise of the augmented peal.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**TIVERTON.**—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Grater 1, Mrs. Knowles 2, Miss Hanson 3, B. Grater 4, C. Knowles 5, P. C. Orchard 6, J. Elsworthy (conductor) 7, F. Viney 8.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by J. Barratt, in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Evans (conductor) 2, H. T. Hughes 3, G. Williams 4, R. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, G. Beaton 8.

**STAMFORD HILL, N.**—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Anne, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: T. C. Ringrose 1, Miss M. E. Ringrose 2, E. G. Hibble 3, J. G. Nash 4, W. E. Ringrose 5, A. Pulland (conductor) 6.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Jones 1, J. A. Howard 2, S. H. Hoare 3, G. Seaman 4, E. M. Elliott 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. J. Norris 8.

**LEYTONSTONE.**—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 16th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Theobald 1, W. F. Sermons 2, W. Miller 3, W. Mansfield 4, G. Dawson (conductor) 5, E. Smith 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Smith 1, W. F. Sermons 2, W. Theobald 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, G. Dawson 6. Arranged for Messrs. W. F. Sermons and W. Mansfield, of Barley, Herts.—On Monday, November 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Prior (conductor) 1, D. Vincent (first 720 in a Surprise method) 2, W. Theobald 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller 5, P. H. Avey 6.

**BUSHEY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, November 16th, for the afternoon memorial service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, at the Parish Church, in 50 mins., the bells being half-muffled: M. F. R. Hibbert 1, H. Dix 2, W. Seeley 3, W. Whitehead 4, W. Oakley 5, F. Smith 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Simons 8.

**TYNEMOUTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On 'Mayor's Sunday,' Nov. 16th, the following touches were rung: Before morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major; after morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples; before evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples and 504 Bob Triples; after evening service two courses of Bob Triples. The extra ringing was done in honour of the Mayor (Mr. A. E. Hill), who for several years has been Vicar's warden.

**BRABOURNE, KENT.**—At St. Mary's, on Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, for Armistice service, the bells being half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob Minor: F. Castle 1, E. Cheesman 2, P. Pierce 3, W. Cheesman 4, S. Finn 5, A. Castle (conductor) 6.

**CARDIFF.**—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evening service, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes), in 49 mins.: G. Large 1, F. Smith 2, W. Biss 3, W. Richards 4, J. Davies 5, W. Heath 6, A. Farnell 7, E. Coombes 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

## A. J. HUGHES' 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, rung 1; Grandsire Triples, 24 (conducted 2); Grandsire Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 12; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 12; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Forward Major, 1; Forward Maximus, 1; Union Triples, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 18; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; total, 100. \* Includes 10,400, North Wales Record. Rung for seven associations and in eleven counties. Mr. Hughes' first peal was rung on Dec. 10th, 1900, and, owing to his limited opportunities, it has, therefore, taken nearly twenty-five years to complete his century.

## NOTICES.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, 28th February. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be followed by the meeting at 6 o'clock, after evensong. Will Secretaries kindly advise Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, numbers attending from their towers.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available: St. Nicholas (6) 2.30 to 4.30, All Saints (8) 2.30 to 4.45, Cathedral (10) 7 to 8.30. Service at All Saints at 4.45. Tea at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than February 18th.—A. E. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

## EAST MARKHAM'S RING OF EIGHT.

## GENEROUS GIFT OF TWO NEW BELLS.

The two new treble bells for the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, East Markham, the gift of Mr. W. T. Hopps, of Leamington, in memory of an uncle and aunt (Mr. and Mrs. Cowlshaw), and also a new clock for the tower, were dedicated by the Bishop of Southwell at a service held on Sunday afternoon, in the presence of a large congregation of parishioners and others. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Ormandy Owse), who read one of the lessons, the Rural Dean of Tuxford (the Rev. A. K. Moore) reading the other, Mrs. Owen Clarke was at the organ.

Mr. William Freeman, captain of the ringers, asked the Bishop to dedicate the new bells, and this having been done, the Bishop then dedicated the new clock, and afterwards gave an appropriate address.

Before the service, Mr. Hopps laid two handsome floral crosses on the graves of Mr. and Mrs. Cowlshaw. Before the dedication service, the new band of ringers, recently trained by Messrs. W. Freeman, H. E. Page and T. W. Hopkin, rang touches on the old six bells, and after the service, as the people were leaving the church, the eight bells were rung in rounds for twenty minutes.

Mr. Hopps presented each ringer with a photograph of the new bells, and a gift. Later, a few visiting ringers, including Mr. Pryce Taylor, of the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, Mr. H. Haigh and Mr. H. Weaver, hon. secretaries of North Notts Association, and visitors from Blyth, Stockwith, Lincoln, Ordsall, Grassthorpe and Workson, were cordially invited by the Vicar and local ringers to ring for an hour, and completed touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, conducted by H. Haigh. The following took part: Messrs. Pryce Taylor, H. Haigh, H. Weaver, G. H. Haigh, T. Bartholomew, H. Revell, J. T. Bartram, A. Freeman and W. Tomlinson.

A number of visitors who remained outside the church were loud in their praise of the beautiful tone of the two new bells. The excellent blending and 'splice' to the old ring, always reputed to be a good peal of six, reflects the highest credit on Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The inscriptions on the two new bells are as follows:

Treble: Let this bell ring to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Cowlshaw, who passed to her rest April 6th, 1916.

Second: Let this bell ring to the Glory of God and in loving and grateful memory of Henry Cowlshaw, who fell asleep 2nd July, 1924.

The name of Messrs. John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, who have cast and hung the bells, also appear on them.

The other bells are inscribed as under: 3rd: Give God the Praise. Taylor, 1895. 4th: To God and his Church, 1895. This is the gift of an anonymous friend through Mr. F. W. Wells, Solicitor, Retford. G. W. Brameld, M.A., Vicar; W. H. Cannon, curate; H. Cowlshaw, junr., and C. Crawford, churchwardens. 5th: All Glory be to God, 1637. 6th: God save the Church, 1637. 7th: Sweetly tolling men do call to taste on meats and feed the soul, 1637. 8th: All men that heare my mournful sound repent before you lye in ground, 1637, T.E.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The January meeting of the Western District was held at Hemel Hempstead, when about 20 members were present. The bells were available from 3 p.m., when the usual methods were rung, and the novices received due encouragement. The chief business took place in the tower, when a tablet, recording two peals of Bob Major, rung on the bells on October 11th, 1923, and April 3rd, 1924, respectively, was unveiled by Mrs. Lovel Smeathman, with suitable words. The Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Robson) then offered prayers, following this by welcoming Mr. and Mrs. Smeathman to the belfry for the performance of this office, and also giving advice to the company present.—Mr. Smeathman suitably responded.

Afterwards, at the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Robson, the company adjourned to St. Mary's Hall for tea. The meeting followed, when the Vicar was unanimously elected chairman. Four new members were welcomed from the local tower, much to the Vicar's joy.

Great Gaddesdon was chosen for an early meeting, to be followed by one at Berkhamsted, when it is hoped that the bells there will be in ringing order.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the donors of the splendid tea; Mrs. Smeathman for unveiling the peal tablet, and the Vicar for the use of the bells.—Both the Vicar and Mrs. Smeathman suitably responded, and this concluded the meeting.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Monday, November 10th, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), with 9, 8, 10 covering, in 55 mins.: J. Bain 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. Fairhead 5, J. Evans 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, R. Pole 8, John Evans 9, H. Jones 10. Rung on the occasion of the installation of the Mayor, Councillor Bates-Maddison.

## NOTICES.

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 37th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, 1s. 4d. a head.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members are urged to attend, if possible, the annual meeting on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing at All Hallows, Lombard Street, E.C., from 2 to 3.30, and at St. Clement Danes from 3 to 4.30. Service at latter church at 4.30, preacher Rev. J. A. Mayo. Tea at Express Dairy opposite (corner of Essex Street) at 5.30, and names should be handed in beforehand. Business meeting in the Parish Room, Clare Market, at 6.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 4.20 to 5.30 and 6.15 to 7.30.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at South Kirkby on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready early. Tea arranged for those sending their names to Mr. A. E. Harrison, 74, Mill Lane, South Kirkby, near Pontefract, before Feb. 9th. Meetings are to be held at Darfield in March, and Penistone April.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Potton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Will all members make a special effort to attend? All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempford Road, Sandy.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**—Established 1672.—The next practice and meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Ringing: St. Mary's, from 4.30 p.m. to 7.30. Meeting at County Tavern at 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at the George and Dragon at 4.45, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pattison Farm, Mersham.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Macclesfield Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at the Parish Church, Macclesfield, on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 p.m.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec., 37, Church Side, Macclesfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, Feb. 14th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening, 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing: Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock, except the first Sunday in each month. The adjourned annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 18th, at 8 p.m. sharp for the election of officers and other business.—F. W. H. Serghison, Hon. 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, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 19th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th; both at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Barming on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by invitation of the Rector. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Feb. 16th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Giles' and St. Mary's will be available from 3 p.m. until the service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon E. J. Norris. Tea at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each. 1s. 6d. will be allowed by the branch to all members who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 18th. Business meeting and smoker to follow.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4.15 p.m. Will all those intending being present let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 18th?—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blandford (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Greenwood. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Stourpaine (5 bells), Durweston (6 bells), Bryanston (6 bells). Will those intending to be present at the tea kindly let me know by Feb. 17th?—R. E. P. Gorrington, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Exminster on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Victory Hall. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Selston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Mr. Knight's, Lombard Street, at 5 o'clock. All those intending being present kindly advise not later than Wednesday, the 18th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3. Service in Bramley Church at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Womersley bells available in the evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Divine service, in the Cathedral, at 3 o'clock, by kind permission of the Dean, who has kindly consented to give an address. Tea at 4.30 at the Oddfellows' Hall. The bells of the Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) will be available. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to attend this meeting, and will let me know by Tuesday, Feb. 17th.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 18th inst.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Pytchley (5) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 17th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Warmley on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by Feb. 16th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Important matters concerning the association to discuss. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Poole, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The next meeting of the division will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available during the afternoon. There will be service in the Church at 4.15, followed by tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped that a goodly number of ringers will make an effort to attend. In order to ensure that proper provision may be made, will all those intending to be present at the tea please send their names to Mr. G. Saunders, Market End, Coggeshall, Essex, not later than Thursday, Feb. 19th?—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Hurworth-on-Tees on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Committee meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Temperance Café, Croft Spa, 1s. 9d. to members and 2s. 6d. to non-members. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 17th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 18th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—There will be a meeting at Stevenage Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells at 2.30.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Ripley on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.



**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on Saturday, Feb. 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Thursday, Feb. 26th. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Spring meeting at Carisbrook (8) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kindly inform me not later than the 23rd those who require tea.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

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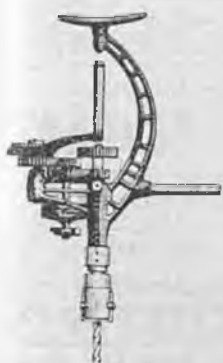
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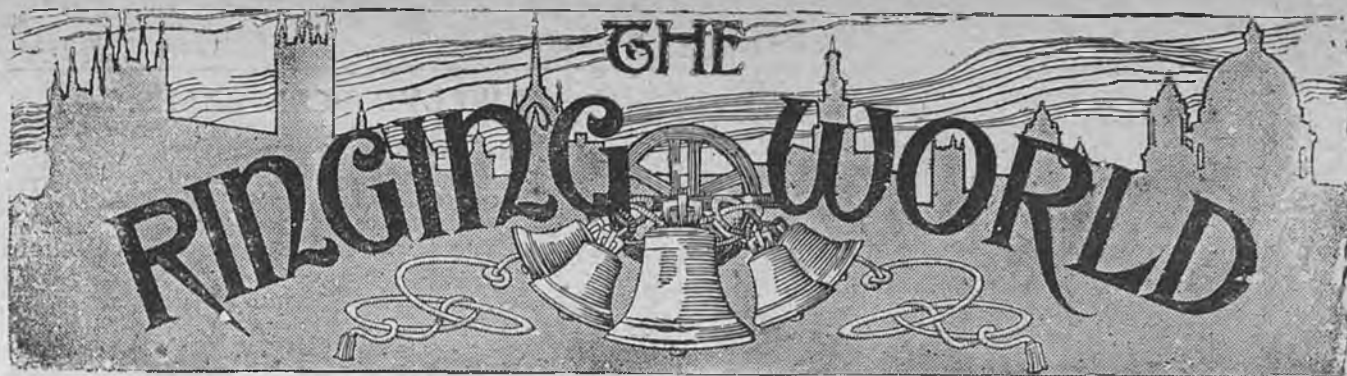
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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 40 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| COLIN HARRISON ... .. Treble | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 7   |
| JOHN H. BOWER ... .. 2       | WILLIAM T. CHOWN ... .. 8     |
| *FRANCIS WARD ... .. 3       | HAROLD NAYLOR ... .. 9        |
| SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 4    | WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. 10      |
| †ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 5     | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 11 |
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. 6      | JOHN THORPE ... .. Tenor      |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

\* 50th peal. † First peal of Maximus.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 50 cwt.

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. Treble  | CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 7      |
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... .. 2 | CHARLES S. BURDEN ... .. 8       |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 3   | ERNEST BRETT ... .. 9            |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4    | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 10 |
| *ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 5   | WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... .. 11   |
| JACK CARMAN ... .. 6          | RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

\* First peal on twelve bells.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;  
Tenor 53 cwt.

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7       |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2      | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 8           |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3         | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. 9 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4      | HAROLD W. CLARKE ... .. 10        |
| WILLIAM HEWETT ... .. 5        | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11          |
| WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6           | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor    |

Composed by F. DENTH. Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.  
PAINSWICK.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5189 CHANGES;

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HERBERT BISHOP ... .. Treble | FRANK COLE ... .. 7            |
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 2      | WALTER TRUMAN ... .. 8         |
| WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3     | J. D. GEORGE HARRIS ... .. 9   |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 4         | ALFRED HANNIS ... .. 10        |
| CHARLES GARDINER ... .. 5    | JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 11       |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6       | CHARLES BARNFIELD ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the record peal of Grand-sire Cinques (13,001 changes), which was rung on Feb. 14th, 1920.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| †THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6    |
| WALTER FISHER ... .. 2          | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 7      |
| †THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3        | †ERNEST JONES ... .. 8       |
| †CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... .. 4     | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 9       |
| *SIDNEY F. BARNES ... .. 5      | *WILLIAM BETLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters in the method.



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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
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On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble | *HERBERT J. ELDRED... .. 6   |
| NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 2      | WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... .. 7   |
| *HARRY E. BALAAM ... .. 3      | HARRY MILLER ... .. 8        |
| ALFRED KING ... .. 4           | JOHN ARMSTRONG ... .. 9      |
| JOHN E. MILLER ... .. 5        | ALFRED G. CRANE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. ARMSTRONG.

Arranged for H. E. Balaam, of Woolton Hill (Hants), and A. King, of Luton, who were elected members of the above association previous to starting. \* First peal on ten bells. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the local captain, J. E. Miller.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## EXETER, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| *S. MILTON ... .. Treble | F. H. GARDNER ... .. 5    |
| T. LAVER ... .. 2        | W. S. LETHBRIDGE ... .. 6 |
| †W. J. HOXTABLE ... .. 3 | F. J. DAVEY ... .. 7      |
| J. ARBURY ... .. 4       | H. BEDFORD ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

\* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the church. The above is the 102nd peal for the conductor, 83 of which have been rung to the credit of the Devon Guild.

## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qrs. in F.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MISS NORA M. BIBBY... .. Treble | JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5     |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2        | HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 6  |
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Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Bibby.

## ELTHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| †FRANCIS FRASER ... .. Treble | *JOHN DAFTERS ... .. 5       |
| CHARLES DEAN ... .. 2         | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 6 |
| PERCY SPICE ... .. 3          | ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 7  |
| *WILLIAM ANDERSON... .. 4     | *JIM HURRELL ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by R. BRETT SMITH.

Rung in honour of the 75th birthday of Francis Fraser. † First peal in the method. \* First peal. P. Spice's 50th peal. First peal on the bells, and first attempt.

## PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. BACON ... .. Treble | HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 5     |
| ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 2      | LEONARD H. BAYBUTT ... .. 6  |
| CHARLES P. CHALK ... .. 3      | STANLEY W. BAYBUTT ... .. 7  |
| JOSEPH BARRETT ... .. 4        | WILLIAM H. JUDD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HEATH ROBINSON.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

## LONDON.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                            |              |                        |
|----------------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| ALFRED H. PULLING          | GUILDFORD    | 6FT. 1½INS. ... Treble |
| CYRIL F. JOHNSTON          | CROYDON      | 6FT. ... .. 2          |
| REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE | CROWTHORNE   | 6FT. 4½INS. ... 3      |
| JAMES E. HOBBS             | NOTTINGHAM   | 6FT. 3INS. ... 4       |
| PERCY E. BEN               | BENLEY HEATH | 6FT. 2½INS. ... 5      |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS        | PORTSMOUTH   | 6FT. ... .. 6          |
| GEORGE W. FLETCHER         | SOUTHGATE    | 6FT. 2INS. ... 7       |
| WILLIAM T. FROGGATT        | BIRMINGHAM   | 6FT. 2INS. ... Tenor   |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The company take this opportunity to thank Mr. A. W. Coles, who, owing to illness, was unable to stand in, for obtaining permission to attempt the peal.

## BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM HARRIS... .. Treble | GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 5   |
| JOHN AUSTIN... .. 2         | FRANCIS A. WAITE ... .. 6  |
| JESSE GILLET ... .. 3       | HERBERT BECKETT ... .. 7   |
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 4     | GEORGE CONDICK... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung after meeting one short for Double Norwich.

## CHERITON KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES TURNER ... .. Treble | HAROLD JONES ... .. 5          |
| STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 2    | CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6       |
| ARTHUR S. BINFIELD ... .. 3  | CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... 7     |
| RICHARD H. STEVENS... .. 4   | FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. First peal of Stedman by Messrs. Baker and Slingsby. First peal by Mr. Harold Jones, who was proposed a member previous to starting. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles R. Millway.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| RICHARD HAYES ... .. Treble | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 5    |
| JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 2      | WALTER FARLEY... .. 6         |
| HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3       | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 7   |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4       | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

A peal of London Surprise had been arranged, but Mr. Farley, of Wells, unexpectedly calling on the way to his new home at Folkestone, Mr. Melville kindly stood out to allow him to ring his birthday peal.

## MIDDLESBROUGH.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1925, in Three Hours,

At THE PARISH CHURCH.

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE WORTHY... .. Treble | GEORGE KEMBALL ... .. 5      |
| JOHN C. POLLARD ... .. 2   | THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM AINSWORTH... .. 3  | WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7    |
| JOHN G. HALL ... .. 4      | THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Hedley, who was a life-long worshipper at the Parish Church, and also took the keenest interest in the church, both financially and otherwise, and was vice-chairman of the Church Council.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

|                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Mrs. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. ... Treble | THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 5           |
| CHARLES WINNER ... .. 2             | THOMAS JULL ... .. 6               |
| CHARLES E. NORRIS ... .. 3          | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7         |
| FRANK BELSEY ... .. 4               | C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by G. GILBERT, R.E.  
Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

## BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

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

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble  | ARTHUR PEAKE ... .. 5       |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2   | ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 6      |
| †GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 3    | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7     |
| †FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 4 | ALBERT ASTBURY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal in the method away from the tenor. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung on the completion of the new chancel and east window erected to the memory of the late Earl of Madeley, heir to the Earl of Crewe.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HERWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5      |
| JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 2       | ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 6      |
| EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 3       | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7     |
| *WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 4    | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER

\* First peal of Stedman Triples 'inside.'

## WARGRAVE, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5162 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOSEPH HANDS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 5     |
| MISS STELLA DAVIS ... .. 2 | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6   |
| GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 3     | JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 7    |
| HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 4   | RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This was arranged as a birthday peal for three 'lads' of the A.S.C.Y., Messrs. H. R. Newton, S. Andrews and R. T. Hibbert, whose birthdays were on Feb. 12th, 13th and 15th respectively.

## SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

## (THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. in E flat.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *CHARLES W. LEE ... .. Treble | HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 5     |
| *JAMES BAIN ... .. 2          | †JOHN PERRY ... .. 6        |
| JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 3       | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 7   |
| JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 4      | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

\* First peal of Double Norwich. † 100th peal. Rung as a birthday peal to Mr. J. Bradney. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Ringer of 5th is from St. Peter's, Wolverhampton; 6th from Brewood, Staffordshire; remainder from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. It is interesting to note that the first four ringers are only 17 years old.

## BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Treble  | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5    |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2      | HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6   |
| *MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 3 | THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7    |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4   | FREDK. H. DENTER ... Treble |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells. \* First peal of London 'inside.'

## DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... Treble | JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS W. GILMOOR ... 2      | JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6     |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 3    | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4       | FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGELEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal of Surprise Major.

## LANCASTER, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble | WILLIAM WILSON ... .. 5    |
| CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 2   | JOHN WATSON ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 3  | PETER CROOK ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 4   | RICHARD DENNISON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Newton, of U.S.A.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BUSHEY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                     |                       |                        |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| FREDERICK WHITE     | HOLMESDALE 874        | TONBRIDGE WELLS Treble |
| *JOHN EDWARD JONES  | RICKMANSWORTH 2218    | RICKMANSWORTH 2        |
| HENRY HODGETTS      | WILSON-ILLES 2054     | OXHEY ... .. 3         |
| STAFFORD H. GREEN   | WHITGIFT 3617         | TONBRIDGE WELLS 4.     |
| HOBERT EDEN         | WILSON-ILLES 2054     | CXHEY ... .. 5         |
|                     | (SEMPER FIDELIS 4393) |                        |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM | ST. ALBANS 2786       | ST. ALBANS 6           |
|                     | (EARL AMHERST 3230)   |                        |
| W. G. WHITEHEAD     | ABERCORN 1549         | BUSHEY ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM HODGETTS    | WILSON-ILLES 2054     | OXHEY ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by WORSHIPFUL MASTER W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

This is the first peal by a band of Freemasons in the province or county of Herts. \* First peal in any method, and believed to be the first Rickmansworth man to take part in a successful peal for more than 100 years. As Brother Eden is leaving the district permanently, the peal was in the nature of a farewell. Masons and others wish him the greatest success in his new avocation.

## THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN CLARK ... .. Treble   | WILLIAM BISHOP ... .. 5       |
| ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 2 | EX. SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3 | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7       |
| WALTER T. BENNETT ... .. 4 | GEORGE WILKES ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for Mr. W. T. Bennett, of Mitcheldean. Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5       |
| *HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 2  | EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 6 |
| LESLIE J. CLARKE ... .. 3  | WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 7      |
| JOHN WOOD ... .. 4         | ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor      |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Major on the bells. \* First peal in the method. W. Lincoln's 150th peal. Rung on the 36th anniversary of the treble ringer's first peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. Treble | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5    |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2        | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6  |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3          | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4     | WILLIAM T. LAST ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. T. LAST.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5    |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 2       | WALTER RUFFLES ... .. 6       |
| ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 3      | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7   |
| FRANK RUFFLES ... .. 4         | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

EYE, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FREDERICK BRUNNING ... Treble | GEORGE CATTERMOLE ... 5       |
| JAMES BETTS ... .. 2          | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3    | HARRY MOSS ... .. 7           |
| ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... .. 4     | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—On Wednesday, Feb. 11th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes, being 480 St. Simon's Doubles, 480 Bob Doubles, and 300 Grandsire Doubles: H. Wadey 1, R. Langridge 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hindes 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6. First quarter-peal by 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE WHITING ... .. Treble | *LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2      | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 3   | WILLIAM T. LAST ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 4        | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. T. LAST.

\* 50th peal. First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, February 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Single Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble | ALPHAUS J. BERRY ... .. 4     |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2       | *LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3         | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor |

Conducted by C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M.

\* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the anniversary of his birthday. This peal, together with those rung at Framdsen, Debenham, Eye and Helmingham, were arranged to oblige C.-S.-M. J. Bennett, R.M., whilst on a few days' leave from Chatham.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, February 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN SPENCER ... .. Treble | FREDERICK WADE ... .. 4      |
| JOHN LARTER ... .. 2       | GEORGE LEE ... .. 5          |
| ALFRED H. WATSON ... .. 3  | FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung as a last tribute of respect to Albert James Naunton, father of the conductor, who was interred in Wrentham Cemetery on the above date. It was the deceased's special wish that the bells should be rung open, and that the method should be Oxford Treble Bob, his favourite.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | ARTHUR PHILLIPS ... .. 4      |
| SIDNEY CARTER ... .. 2         | GEORGE H. CARTER ... .. 5     |
| ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... .. 3       | WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

HITCHAM, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven differently called 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *DENNIS NEWCOMB ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4    |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2    | *PHILLIP G. MORRIS ... .. 5    |
| †GEORGE J. BERRY ... .. 3     | FREDK. J. RUSSELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| BERT HUCKLE ... .. Treble   | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 4  |
| REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5    |
| ALBERT E. AUSTEN ... .. 3   | CHARLES W. COOK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

First peal on the bells, which have just been recast and rehung, and a new treble added, by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the tone and 'go' being excellent.

## RODMERSHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CHARLES TUMBER ... .. Treble | THOMAS JULL ... .. 4            |
| GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2      | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM NYE ... .. 3         | C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

## RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *FRED W. RANDALL ... .. Treble | MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 4   |
| †DAVID SHATFORD ... .. 2       | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 5  |
| WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 3      | HARRY BAXTER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

\* First peal of Minor. † First of Minor 'inside.'

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, CHILDWALL.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM BETLEY ... .. Treble  | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 4    |
| *ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... .. 2 | †GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3       | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in three methods. † 150th peal as conductor.

## NORTON, EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EGWIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JAMES HEMMING ... .. Treble     | *WILLIAM HUGHES ... .. 4  |
| *RICHARD STEPHENS ... .. 2      | *ALBERT HUGHES ... .. 5   |
| *HARRY MIDDLETON, JUN. ... .. 3 | †THOMAS EMMS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal. † First peal for 23 years. Rung on the 85th birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Vervors). Also as a farewell peal to him on resigning the living. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Emms, whose 65th birthday fell on the following day. All the ringers except the conductor belong to the local band.

## HUTTON, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,200 of Stedman, 2,400 of Grandsire, and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| *GEORGE MILES ... .. Treble  | †HARRY TURNER ... .. 3  |
| ALBERT E. RAINBIRD ... .. 2  | ERNEST FORBANK ... .. 4 |
| WILLIAM LEGGETT ... .. Tenor |                         |

Conducted by H. TURNER.

\* First peal of Doubles, and 50th peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

## BATHFORD, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt. 7 lb.

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|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *THEODORE GRANT ... .. Treble    | JESSE HALLETT ... .. 4       |
| *WILLIAM H. CANNINGS ... .. 2    | †WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... .. 5 |
| *MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3 | *CHARLES ELLIS ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER.

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

## COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *BETTY HUCKLE ... .. Treble | FRED C. GINN ... .. 4        |
| *FRED THURBON ... .. 2      | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5    |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 3 | F. HOBERT DRING ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal and first attempt. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The band thank Mr. F. W. Camps (the local captain) for having the bells in readiness.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT FERN VILLA, CENTRAL ROAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor, size 18 in G.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 1-2  | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 5-6 |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3-4 | *CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7-8  |

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Stedman 'in hand.'

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

|                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... .. 1-2  | FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE ... .. 5-6    |
| ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 3-4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 7-8 |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by F. GROOMBRIDGE.

Rung in honour of the conductor's birthday.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MR. P. O. LAFLIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. Walker and Mr. Thos. Russam.



**CAMPANOLOGY AND FREEMASONRY.****RINGERS AT DINNER.**

On Thursday evening, February 12th, the members of the Watford District of the Hertford County Association held a dinner and social evening at the Wheatsheaf Inn, Watford, the repast being provided by nine host Mr. R. Darlow, an erstwhile member of the Bushey band, and Mrs. Darlow. This part of the programme was much appreciated by the 22 members present, judging from the good humour which was apparent throughout the evening. Mr. C. Horton, a past Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. H. Eden, a former district secretary of the association.

After the loyal toast, a musical programme was enjoyed, songs being rendered by Messrs. Brinklow, Cooper, Freeborn, Gale and Horton.

The toast of the local branch of the association was given by Mr. W. Hodgetts, who referred to the gradual loss of the stalwarts of the art in this district. He mentioned the name of Mr. G. N. Price, who was responsible for many great achievements at Oxhey, also some who were taken from us during the great war, and others who had given up the Art owing, no doubt, to lack of interest. Mr. Hodgetts lamented the state of affairs, and stated that a further loss was shortly to be sustained by the departure from Oxhey of Mr. Eden.

Mr. Horton said that he felt that Mr. Hodgetts was rather pessimistic, and that co-operation and such social gatherings as that now being held would greatly help matters.

Courses of Stedman Caters and Cinques were rung upon handbells during the evening.

It is worthy of note that all the ringers present, with one exception, were Surprise ringers, and several took part on Saturday in a Freemasons' peal at Bushey.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Tuesday, January 27th, for practice, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: H. Cashmore (aged 12), first quarter-peal, 1, R. Foddy (aged 15), first quarter with a bob bell, 2, A. J. Green (conductor) 3, L. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, F. Case 6, C. Read 7, G. Green 8.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District of the Northern Branch was held at Grimsby on Saturday, January 31st. A fair number of members were present, considering the bad weather, Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Waltham, and the local towers of St. Andrew's and St. James' being represented. Both peals of eight were available, but owing to weather conditions the members concentrated on St. Andrew's. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung.

Service was held in St. Andrew's, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Russel Warrilow), assisted by the Rev. W. D. Chapman. An address was given by the Vicar, who spoke on the duties of ringers.

Tea was held in St. Andrew's Hall at 5 p.m., 25 members and friends sitting down.

The business meeting followed, the president of the district (the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby), presiding, supported by Canon Markham and the Rev. T. Russel Warrilow, and the Rev. W. D. Chapman, Mr. W. Heyhoe kindly deputising for the secretary (Mr. H. Mingay), who was absent through illness.

The president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) was re-elected, as was the secretary (Mr. H. Mingay). Mr. C. W. Taylor was elected representative on the Northern Branch Committee, Mr. R. S. Long as Ringing Master, and Mr. G. Blanchard as Deputy Ringing Master. The Rev. T. Russel Warrilow and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, of Kingerby, were elected hon. members, and the following as performing members: Mr. G. White, Mr. J. Allenby; Mr. F. Smith, of St. James', Grimsby; Mr. F. Pepper, of Barrow-on-Humber; and Mr. W. Howson, of Goxhill. Places and dates of meeting were fixed as follow: Elsham, May 16th; Bigby, June 6th; Thornton Curtis, July 4th; Burton-on-Stather, August 15th; Brigg, September 12th. A combined meeting with the Gainsborough district at Scunthorpe was suggested as an extra meeting.

It was decided to form the Grimsby District Committee again. This committee has been in abeyance for many years. Each tower is requested to inform the secretary of the name of the representative appointed.—Votes of thanks to the president for taking the chair, to the Vicars of St. Andrew's and St. James' for the use of the bells, to the organist, and the caterer, were heartily given, and brought a very pleasant meeting to a close. Members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Those who proposed to attend the Bedfordshire Association meeting at Milton Ernest to-morrow should note that the meeting is postponed until March 7th.

The ten bells at the Cathedral, Birmingham, are to be broadcast from 7.45 to 8 p.m. on Sunday. It has been suggested that they need recasting before broadcasting, but there is not time for that before next Sunday evening.

The peal at Painswick on Saturday is the fourth successive and successful anniversary celebration of the 13,001 rung in 1921. It must be almost a record to pull off such an unbroken series of commemorative peals.

There is a scheme afoot to abate the noise of the bells when they are being rung at Rowley Regis Parish Church. When completed this should be a source of satisfaction to everyone concerned.

At a recent parochial gathering at Kington Magna, where the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), is Rector, two members of the Sunday School, Gilbert Crew and Harry Hannam, were given prizes for praiseworthy progress in campanology.

The offertories at Kington Magna Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st (the Feast of Candlemas) were devoted to the Ringers' Fund.

The 'long' peal of Stedman Triples at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields was rung on February 7th. Six feet and over was the height of the ringers, and the President of the Central Council, with his 76½ inches, topped the lot.

To-day is the anniversary of the beginning of the Oxford University Guild, which was founded on Feb. 20th, 1872.

The first 'silent' peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was rung at Leicester on February 21st, 1903.

An old record of the Ancient Society of College Youths says that they rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields on Feb. 23rd, 1783, this 'being deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistanean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other sett of men whatever.'

As London Youths they had previously rung a peal in the method in 1780, '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.'

On Feb. 26th, 1777, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury.

## INCUMBENTS IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A note in your 'Belfry Gossip' last week records that the Vicar of St. Lawrence (Thanet) paid 31 visits to the tower during the year, and adds: Can any other tower boast of such frequent visits from their Vicar? Yes. At St. Nicholas', North Stonham, Hampshire, we get a visit from our Rector (the Rev. T. Salmon) each time he takes the service, which is, on the average, about once a Sunday, it being a very rare occurrence for him not to enter the ringing room (which, by the way, is on the ground floor). The regret of the band is that he did not keep up his regular practices with them, as the ringing clergy in the Guild are so very few.—Yours, etc.,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## PREFERMENT OF A RINGER AT TANFIELD.

A piece of good news, and very welcome to his friends, has recently been announced, i.e., the preferment, by the Dean and Chapter of Durham Cathedral, of the Rev. A. W. Lister, M.A., curate of Tanfield, R.S.O., County Durham, to the Vicarage of St. Stephen's, South Shields.

He has been a regular and enthusiastic ringer at the church for several years, and has also done some meritorious work in the parish.

The late Canon T. Hewan Archdall, M.A., his previous Vicar, was at Tanfield for many years, and was always a strong supporter of good change ringing. A request to him for the use of the bells for a peal was rarely turned down.

The training Mr. Lister has received under his guidance will be very useful to him in his new sphere, and his friends wish him every success.

His loss at Tanfield Church tower will be much felt, but with Mr. Henry Tyson, the energetic secretary, at the helm, we trust the temporary gap will soon be filled.

It is gratifying to know that the new Vicar of Tanfield, the Rev. Pestell, M.A., formerly of Durham University, has already enlisted as a new ringer, and has had his first pull at the bells. He has every intention of mastering the art of change ringing.

It is a pity there is no peal of bells at St. Stephen's, South Shields, at present, but we feel assured that this temporary want will be among the first schemes for which the Rev. A. W. Lister will enlist the help of his parishioners to overcome.

## CONCERNING CONSTRUCTIONAL SHUNTS.

By J. AEMIGER TROLLOPE.

First of all, I want my reader to ring a course of Plain Bob Major. In the tower, if possible, if not on paper, and in imagination. I want him to study carefully the different coursing orders in that course. He will find that all the working bells keep the same coursing order among themselves throughout (2, 4, 6, 8, 7, 5, 3), but that the treble is in a different position in each lead. She starts between 2 and 3. In the second lead she is between 3 and 5. In the third between 5 and 7. At each lead end she makes one step in coursing order until she has, in regular succession, occupied each of the seven possible positions. When she has completed the cycle she gets back again between 2 and 3, and the bells run round.

Every method which has treble and working bells, contains at least one similar cycle; most methods contain two or more. For instance, in Double Bob you will find that the treble alters her position in coursing order twice in every lead; and during the course completes two full cycles.

The operations which cause these alterations in the position of the treble in coursing order we call 'Constructional Shunts'; and my present object is to explain the various ways in which these alterations can be made. These constructional shunts will themselves produce a great number and variety of methods, but many methods (including practically every Treble Bob method) contain other work, which is called 'Additional Shunts.' With them we are not at present concerned.

For the sake of clearness and to avoid having to write largely in general terms, I am going to deal only with Major methods, which have one plain hunting treble and seven 'Extreme' or 'Working Bells.' But all I say can, with the necessary verbal alterations, be applied to all methods on all numbers.

The various Constructional Shunts are as follows:—

## A. THE EXTREMES.

1. The Extreme Before. The bell the treble turns from the front makes second's place, the bells above dodging.
2. The Extreme Behind. The bell the treble turns from behind makes seventh's place, the bells below dodging.

## EXAMPLES.

|    |                      |    |                      |
|----|----------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1. | 21345678<br>12436587 | 2. | 87654321<br>78563421 |
|    | 12345678<br>21436587 |    | 87654321<br>78563412 |

## B.—THE COURT SHUNTS.

3. R. Court Shunts, and
4. P. Court Shunts.

The bell coursing immediately in front of the treble (hunting up) makes any one internal place, the bells above dodging. The place-making bell then crosses the treble's path, and immediately makes another place (the bells below dodging).

Or, the bell coursing immediately in front of the treble (hunting down) makes any one internal place, the bells below dodging. The place-making bell then crosses the treble's path, and immediately makes another place (the bells above dodging).

The two places and the accompanying dodging together form one operation.

R. Court Shunts are those made at back stroke.

P. Court Shunts are those made at hand stroke.

## EXAMPLES:—

|    |  |    |  |
|----|--|----|--|
| 3. | 12345678<br>21436587<br>24135678<br>42316587<br>24361857<br>42638175 | 4. | 78563412<br>75836142<br>78581624<br>75813264<br>57183624<br>51738264 |
|----|--|----|--|

5. R. Single Court Shunts, and
6. P. Single Court Shunts.

The bell coursing immediately in front of the treble (hunting up) makes any one internal place, the bells above dodging. All the bells then plain hunt until the place-making bell (hunting up) again crosses the treble's path (hunting down), when another place is made, the bells above dodging.

R. Single Court Shunts are those made at back stroke.

P. Single Court Shunts are those made at hand stroke.

## EXAMPLES:—

|    |  |    |  |
|----|--|----|--|
| 5. | 12345678<br>21436587<br>24135678<br>42316587<br>43261857<br>34628175<br>26482715<br>65847251 | 6. | 21486587<br>24163857<br>42613587<br>46231857<br>64328175<br>63482715<br>36847251<br>38674521 |
|----|--|----|--|

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| 68374521 | 83765412 |
| 86735412 | 87356142 |
| 87663142 | 78581624 |
| 78561324 | 75813264 |
| 75816342 | 57183624 |
| 57183624 | 51738264 |

## 7. The London Court Shunt.

The bell coursing immediately in front of the treble makes any one internal place, the bells above dodging. The place-making bell then crosses the treble's path, hunts down and makes any one internal place away from the treble's path, the bells below dodging. All the bells then plain hunt until the place-making bell (hunting up) again crosses the treble's path (hunting down), when a third place is made, the bells above dodging.

## EXAMPLE:—

|    |  |
|----|--|
| 7. | 24163857<br>42618375<br>46281357<br>64823175<br>68432715<br>86347251<br>68374521<br>86735412<br>87653142<br>78561324<br>75816342<br>57183624 |
|----|--|

The result of all these seven Constructional Shunts is the same. It is to reverse the positions in coursing order of the treble and the bell immediately next before it. Each shunt is one step in the treble's cyclical path in coursing order. In the plain course on eight bells each shunt puts the treble from between 2 and 3 to between 3 and 5; and brings up the lead end 13527486.

## C.—THE SLOW WORK SHUNTS.

One or more of the bells which the treble (hunting up) leaves on the front, remain in the same position until the treble returns, when all the bells plain hunt. The slow work bells are the bells coursing immediately after the treble.

## EXAMPLES:—

| 1-Bell Slow Work Shunt.  | 4-Bell Slow Work Shunt.  |
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| 12345678<br>21436587<br>24163857<br>24618375<br>26481735<br>26847153<br>28674513<br>28765431<br>27856341<br>27583614<br>25788164<br>25371846<br>23517486<br>23154768<br>21345678<br>12436587<br>14263857 | 12345678<br>21436587<br>24163857<br>42678375<br>46281735<br>46287153<br>46287513<br>46285731<br>64825371<br>64823517<br>64823157<br>64321375<br>68412735<br>86147253<br>81674523<br>18765432<br>17856342 |

The result of a Slow Work Shunt is that the treble is put forward in coursing order as many positions in coursing order as there are Slow Work bells. Thus, the lead end produced by a 1-Bell Slow Work Shunt is 14263857. By a 2-Bell Slow Work Shunt 6482735. By a 3-Bell Slow Work Shunt 8674523. And so on.

These Constructional Shunts include every one of the operations by which the position of the treble can be altered in coursing order. They can be used in combination, several shunts being made in a single lead. But, of course, the work of one must not interfere with the work of another. For instance, if you have a Slow Work Shunt you cannot in the same lead have an Extreme Behind, for the latter would upset the Slow Work Shunt. You will also notice that several of these shunts produce features that are not desirable in a finished method. P. Court Shunts and Slow Work Shunts cause bells to lie still for more than two consecutive blows. The majority of the Court Shunts are not symmetrical about the treble's path. But there are means by which these blemishes can be removed, and they do not lessen the value and use of these Constructional Shunts in producing good methods. However, we need not trouble about that now. What we are concerned with for the moment, is what Constructional Shunts are, and the work they do in producing a method.

All these Constructional Shunts can be applied directly to Treble Bob methods, and there are in addition one or two variations which are peculiar to that Principle.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****HEALTHY SIGNS IN WESTERN BRANCH.**

A very successful meeting of the Western Branch was held at Powick, on Saturday, Feb. 7th. A fine day and a good bus service helped to make a record attendance, 50 members being present, including the Rev. F. G. Copeland, of Madresfield, Mr. J. R. Newman (general secretary), Mr. J. Hemming (Southern Branch secretary), and Mr. and Miss Johnson, of Evesham, while nearly every tower in the branch was represented. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and except for a break during service was kept up till 9 p.m. The Vicar of Powick (the Rev. F. C. Champion) conducted the service, and gave a very interesting address, which was much appreciated. The Vicar and Mrs. Champion thoughtfully provided tea, and, as this had to be partaken of in relays, it was pleasing to hear the sound of the fine peal of bells between the clatter of cups and saucers and the merry conversation.

At the business meeting which followed, it was arranged that the quarterly peal should be attempted at Powick, Mr. C. Camm to be conductor, and that the next meeting be at Crowle. Several new members were admitted, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. and Mrs. Champion for all the good things provided.

Whilst some made for the tower to ring, the Rev. F. G. Copeland, as usual, greatly amused the rest of the company by his ever-ready yarns.

The Ringing Master (Mr. S. T. Holt) saw that everyone had a pull, and is to be congratulated on his success. The ringing included rounds and London Surprise.

A very healthy sign in this branch is to be found in the number of young members attending the meetings and being in their places for Sunday Service ringing.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ROCHESTER DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Sillingbourne on Saturday, January 31st, and, although not largely attended, a special word of welcome was extended to Q.-M.-S. George Gilbert, R.E., and Mr. Fred Richardson, of Brockley. The high quality of the ringing at this meeting is worthy of special mention, and all methods up to Cambridge and Superlative were rung, even the 'Cam' variation of Treble Bob coming in for attention.

The bells were going from 3 till 5, when the association service was conducted by the curate, owing to the absence of the Vicar from the district, a lady parishioner kindly presiding at the organ.

Tea was partaken of at Cremer's Restaurant, to which 30 sat down, after which the business meeting was held, presided over by the district representative, Mr. W. Haigh, which proved to be of a short and harmonious character.

Eleven new practising members were elected, notable among them being a third generation of the well known Spice family, of Tunstall, and the election as a non-resident life member of Mr. Gilbert R. Goodship, of Nottingham, who was proposed previous to a peal.

In proposing the place for the next meeting, Mr. C. Winsor, of Frindsbury, said they had been dragging the secretary from one end of the district to another during past years, and giving the six-bell towers a rest, so he thought as a compliment to their secretary they should visit his 'home' tower at Milton-next-Gravesend.—This was unanimously decided upon, the date being the last Saturday in April. Mr. F. M. Mitchell thanked them for their kindly thought, and advised them to look up their London Minor. He said he would do his best to get them suitably entertained.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and all concerned in the meeting, was proposed by Q.-M.-S. George Gilbert, and heartily carried.

The tower was again visited, and at 8.30 the bells were 'rung down' on another highly successful meeting in this district.

**BIRTHDAY PEAL AT SHIFNAL.**

On Saturday, the 'annual' birthday peal, arranged as a compliment to Mr. J. Bradney, the late captain of the Shifnal band, was rung for the veteran's 76th birthday. With the kind assistance of Mr. H. Knight, of Wolverhampton, and Mr. J. Perry, of Brewood, and six of St. Chad's ringers, Shrewsbury, a first-class peal of Double Norwich was scored, being the first in the method on the bells, and, incidentally, Mr. Perry's one hundredth peal. It has been the conductor's ambition for the last two years to get a peal in this method on Shifnal bells, which are undoubtedly the finest ring of eight in Salop. Four of the ringers are only 17 years of age.

Mr. Bradney afterwards entertained the band to tea at the Star and Garter Hotel, where a pleasant hour was spent.—Mr. Lilley proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Bradney, and Mr. H. Knight also added congratulations and good wishes.—Mr. Bradney thanked the band for coming to Shifnal and ringing a peal in honour of his birthday. He was pleased to see the young men keen on the advanced methods, and hoped next year it might be a Surprise peal.—Thanks were tendered to Mr. Page for his arrangements.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth on Feb. 7th, by permission of the Rector the Rev. H. M. Relton, D.D.). Ringing took place from 3 to 5 p.m., when the service was conducted by the Vicar, after which the tea and business meeting took place at the Parish Hall, presided over by the Vicar, who was supported by the president of the association (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.), Mr. H. Edgley (churchwarden), the vice-president, the Ringing Master, and Mrs. Relton.

The Vicar welcomed the president and the association to Isleworth, and a company of over 60 sat down to tea, as the guests of the Vicar and churchwardens, whose hospitality was greatly appreciated.

The hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier) presented the balance sheet, which was adopted, and read the report for the year, in which it was stated that eleven meetings were held on Saturdays and two in the mid-week, with an average attendance for Saturdays of 35. During the year, 41 ringing and four honorary members were elected, and the standard of ringing had greatly improved.

The Ringing Master and hon. secretary were re-elected, and Mr. J. Armiger Trollope was elected as hon. treasurer.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers; to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality; to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and presiding at the meeting; to the president of the association; the vice-president; Mrs. Relton; the organist; and all who kindly assisted to make the meeting a success. Ringing was afterwards indulged in till 9.15 p.m.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.****IPSWICH DISTRICT MEETING AT SPROUGHTON.**

On Saturday, Feb. 7th, a most successful meeting was held at Sproughton. The bells at Bramford were also available, and a variety of methods were rung from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise. Between forty and fifty members were present from Ipswich, Sudbury, Debenham, Stowmarket, Blaxall, Ufford, etc., and the local ringers were in full force.

The Rector of Sproughton, the Rev. T. J. Miller, M.A., presided at the tea, supported by the Rev. W. H. Lillie, M.A., Rector of Bramford, and both churchwardens of Sproughton.

The Chairman expressed regret at the absence of the Rev. H. Drake, the general secretary, who was unfortunately unable to attend the meeting owing to an attack of influenza. The Chairman humorously mentioned that Sproughton contained many wealthy people, and one of the chief of these was apparently Mr. Charles Mee, in view of the sumptuous repast he had placed before them that day.

Mr. Charles J. Sedgley proposed, and Mr. G. E. Symonds seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. T. J. Miller for presiding, also to the other gentlemen for their presence.

Mr. Frederick Tillet was present, having partially recovered from his accident, but Mr. Charles Parker was prevented from attending through having fallen from a ladder, injuring one of his arms.

On the proposition of the Chairman, ten new members were elected. Both rectors readily agreed to place their bells at the disposal of the ringers on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild, to be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL RINGERS ENTERTAINED.**

On Saturday evening, January 31st, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. Richard Pugh) and the Rector's warden (Mr. D. M. Davies, Chief Constable of the borough), the ringers, clergy, churchwardens and the Mayor (Mr. F. Phillips) sat down to an excellent dinner at Billam's Restaurant, High Street, the party numbering twenty-two. After justice had been done to the good things provided, and the loyal toasts honoured, the Rector proposed 'The Ringers of the Parish Church.' He said he felt honoured to be with such a loyal band of men who had never missed ringing for the Sunday services once during the four years he had been in Merthyr, which was an excellent record. He concluded by heartily thanking the ringers for their past services.—Mr. J. Coles (captain) suitably replied, and thanked the Rector, the clergy and churchwardens for the interest they had taken in the ringers and the tower. They now had, he said, one of the nicest and most comfortable ringing chambers in the diocese.—The Chief Constable, as Rector's warden, said that anything he could do for the ringers should have his whole-hearted support. He especially thanked the ringers for the ringing on New Year's Eve, as he had not heard anything like it before. The bells were rung two whole pulls after each verse of a carol sung in church, rounds after the first verse, 'queens' after the second verse, and tittums after the third, the bells being in the same key as the setting of the carol, the key of F.

The Rev. Pugh (curate) spoke of the welcome he always received in the belfry, and the Mayor also spoke.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the caterers, and the party, after joining in various games, broke up about 11 p.m.



### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. LEOMINSTER AND PRESTEIGN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the combined districts was held at Leominster on Saturday, January 24th. Ringing commenced at 4 p.m., and a service was held in the Priory Church at 5, the Guild's special form being used, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Gillenders, M.A., M.C.), who also gave an address. The Vicar entertained the members to tea at the Neville Cafe, when 31 sat down, including the Guild hon. secretary, the Rev. G. W. Turner, M.A., R.D. (of Madley), and the Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards, Madley).

The business meeting was afterwards held, the Vicar presiding.

The District Secretary reported a well-attended combined practice at Lyonshall on December 13th, on the occasion of the reopening of the bells, after relanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Forty-five members attended. A peal of Doubles was rung at Lyonshall on Sunday, January 4th, three of the local band taking part, it being their first peal. A combined practice was held at Dilwyn on Jan. 10th, when 17 members attended.

The secretary presented the report for the year and the balance sheet (audited by Preb. S. Cornish Watkins, Staunton-on-Arrow). The present membership is five honorary members, 46 ringing members, and 18 probationers, with a balance on the year of 19s. 11d., and a total balance in hand of £9 7s. 2d.—Some discussion took place as to rearranging the districts, as the two combined were too widely scattered to be worked satisfactorily. It was finally decided to work the districts separately, as was intended when the Guild was first divided in 1919.

The Guild Hon. Secretary (the Rev. G. W. Turner) proposed that the Leominster district be worked separately, and that Bodenham tower be included in the district, there being a very progressive band at that church, which was at present in the Hereford district.—This was unanimously agreed to.

The following officers were appointed for Leominster: Ringing Master, Mr. Rushton (Bodenham); Assistant Ringing Master, Mr. F. Jaine (Kimbolton); hon. secretary, Mr. Worsey (Bodenham). The first quarterly meeting for the Leominster district will be held at Bodenham on April 25th.

The following officers were re-elected for Presteign: Ringing Master, Mr. W. Evans, Lyonshall; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Preece, Staunton-on-Arrow. The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Weobley on April 18th, or second Saturday in May.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, and for taking the service.

The tower was again visited, and touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Bob Doubles, Minor and Major, and Stedman Triples. The following towers were represented: Bodenham, Clifford, Eve, Hereford, Kimbolton, Kingsland, Leominster, Ludlow, Lyonshall and Staunton-on-Arrow.

### FORTY YEARS' RECORD. LONG SERVICE AT CHEDZOY.

On Sunday, Feb. 15th, in the quiet little village of Chedzoy, near Bridgwater, Somerset, Mr. Thomas Jeanes, one of the local ringers, put up the magnificent record of ringing and attending at one or more services during the Sunday for forty years, with the exception of two Sundays in November, 1904, when he was confined to the house through an accident. Usually he rings at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m., 6 p.m. each Sunday, and attends the 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. services.

He has only been out of the village at week-ends on two occasions in all this long period, one spent at Cheltenham, where he rang at the Parish Church in the morning, and attended the evening service, the other spent at Wellington, when he rang and attended the service at St. John's in the morning, and at All Saints' in the evening.

Unfortunately, through some of the ringers having Sunday employment, it was not possible to ring a quarter-peal for either of the services last Sunday, but several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung at each service, Mr. Jeanes ringing the 2nd to 240, the last touch for evening service.

After evensong, the ringers ascended the tower with somewhat mixed feelings, all anxious to ring a quarter-peal in honour of their brother ringer's achievement, and at the same time to ring the last 'touch' on the old peal, as two of the bells, and probably three, are consigned to the melting pot at Whitechapel.

The quarter was rung in 44 minutes by E. Heal 1, B. T. Jeanes 2, O. Bennett 3, F. Gigg 4, W. Gigg (conductor) 5, H. Chappel 6. First quarter by ringers of 1st and 4th, and first as conductor by W. Gigg. During the ringing, three ringers, T. Jeanes, W. Stone and W. Tucker, sat in the belfry. They all rang together over 40 years ago on the same bells. After 'stand' had been called, the veterans congratulated the three 'firsts'. After a few rounds, the bells were lowered for the last time by T. Jeanes 1, W. Gigg 2, B. T. Jeanes 3, W. Stone 4, W. Tucker 5, H. Chappel 6, who, between them, have put in 215 years' service as ringers, their respective individual records being as follows: 46, 17, 25, 47, 44, 36. Three verses of the well-known hymn, 'Now the day is over,' were tapped on the bells as a finale.

### AN 'OPEN' FUNERAL PEAL.

A well known Suffolk ringer has passed away in the person of Mr. Albert James Naunton, of Wrentham, who had been a regular ringer at the Parish Church for about 57 years. The deceased had reached the advanced age of 80 years, and was interred on Feb. 2nd, when, as a last tribute of respect, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung. In accordance with Mr. Naunton's expressed wish, the bells were rung open, and he chose the method which was his favourite. The peal was conducted by his son.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Southampton on Saturday, Feb. 7th. St. Mary's bells were available to members during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Tea, followed by a short meeting, was held in the Deanery Schoolroom, presided over by the Rev. H. L. Watkins (curate-in-charge of the parish), supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. George Pullinger (general secretary), and members from Bishop Sutton, Fareham, Romsey, Dibden, Ringwood, Twyford, Curdridge, Winchester, North Stincham, and the local band.

Messrs. R. Curtis and Read, of St. Mary's, were elected full members of the Guild.—A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for the use of the bells and schoolroom, to which the Chairman briefly replied.

The next meeting is fixed for Saturday, May 2nd, at Stockbridge.

### TYLDESLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place, on the 5th inst., of Mr. Robert Allred, of Tyldesley, Lancs, after an illness extending over four years. He commenced to ring at Tyldesley when 15 years of age, and has continued for the past 45 years, the last 19 years as chief ringer and towerkeeper. He joined the Lancashire Association in 1910, and rang 61 peals in five methods, conducting 17. One peal he rang for the Chester Guild. He was made a member of the College Youths in 1911, and was always proud of the emblem which hangs framed upon the wall. During his office as chief ringer at Tyldesley he was the instigator of the scheme to increase the ring of six to one of eight, and an ardent worker to raise the funds. He was well known throughout Lancashire.

He was interred at Tyldesley Cemetery on the 9th inst., the service being conducted by the Rev. Stones, a former curate, assisted by the Vicar and curate, and the Rev. Canon Elsee (the president of the association). As the cortege was going to the church, 896 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled by a representative band, viz.: G. Pincott (Bolton Parish Church) 1, J. Potter (Walkden), conductor, 2, H. Smith (Leigh) 3, Herbert Allred (Tyldesley) 4, Wm. Hindley (Tyldesley) 5, W. Pennington (St. Peter's) 6, P. Crook (Holy Trinity) 7, T. Barlow (Deane) 8. Later, 1,344 Bob Major was rung in 52 minutes by H. Watts 1, R. Allred, junr., 2, H. Smith 3, G. Pincott 4, T. Barlow 5, P. Crook 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, H. Allred 8.

### STAINDROP VETERAN RINGER.

#### DIES BEFORE HEARING NEW PEAL OF BELLS.

Many of the older members of the Durham and Newcastle Association will read with regret of the passing away, at the ripe old age of 84 years, of Mr. Daniel Shipp, who was one of the original members at the formation of the association in 1877. He was born in the village of Great Wilbraham, in the county of Cambridge, where, as a boy, he used to go up into the belfry to watch the ringers, and at home used to look over his elder brother's shoulder as he pricked out the changes. He came to Staindrop in 1863, where he formed a band for change ringing, of which he was the captain for very many years, being succeeded in that office by his younger son, Mr. H. Shipp, who, assisted by his elder brother, Mr. J. W. Shipp, is ably carrying on the work started by his father. There are still two of the original band at the tower, in the persons of Messrs. T. Leonard and W. E. Johnson.

The late Mr. Shipp was one of the keenest ringers that the writer has ever met, walking or cycling many miles to ring long after other men had ceased to take interest in ringing. He conducted the only 5,040 of Minor ever rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Staindrop, which, at the time of his death, had been removed for restoration, as they were not considered safe to ring.

There is to be a new frame and new peal of eight installed and dedicated on Palm Sunday by the Lord Bishop of Durham. They will be rung for the first time on Easter Day. This new frame and peal of eight are by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier) has thrown open the tower on Easter Monday to members of the association, and any other ringers who would like to be present. Visiting ringers will, no doubt, regret that Mr. Shipp should have passed away before hearing the new peal of eight in the tower which he so loved.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**SOUTHGATE.**—On Sunday, February 15th, for morning service, a course of Cambridge Surprise Royal: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, H. E. Balaam (first in the method) 3, E. G. Tomlinson 4, J. Armstrong 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, S. Wade 10.

**TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Paul, Cross Stone, on Sunday, Feb. 15th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, being 360 Plain Bob and 360 Grandsire: Miss R. A. Bell 1, Rev. R. Marle 2, Miss H. Bell 3, H. Hutchinson 4, W. Horan (conductor) 5, J. W. Escritt (longest touch) 6.

**HIGHWORTH, WILTS.**—At the Church of St. Michael, on Sunday, Feb. 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, V. Williams 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, W. Peachey 8.

**MISTLEY, ESSEX.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Meadows (first 720) 1, S. Moss 2, C. Hall 3, G. Moss 4, C. Honeywood 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. (from Parker's twelve-part): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, G. J. Winter 3, V. Williams 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, E. Gardener (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8. Great credit is due to the ringers of 7th and 8th for the advance they have made.—For evensong, 419 Grandsire Triples.

**WOODBURY, DEVON.**—At St. Swithun's Church, on Feb. 8th, in 48 mins., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), the first for many years: J. Glanville, junr., 1, W. Manley 2, F. Dimond 3, E. Pook 4, J. M. Skinner 5, R. J. Hayman (conductor) 6, J. Glanville, senr., 7, S. Marks 8. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th are from Withycombe, the rest are local men.

**GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, for morning service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Cooper 1, T. Harrop 2, E. T. Malkin 3, J. Cooper 4, L. Wood 5, T. Potts 6, J. Bentley 7, J. W. Penberton (conductor) 8.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: L. Squires 1, J. Morley 2, A. C. Rose 3, J. J. Cawdell (conductor) 4, E. S. Thompson 5, A. Buck 6, W. C. Hanscombe 7, A. Spicer 8. First quarter-peal by all the ringers except 4th and 6th.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Feb. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Smith 1, Miss P. Moss 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, H. Chandler 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, W. Corke 6, W. Honor 7, J. H. Lucas 8. Rung after meeting one short for Caters.

**WEST GRINSTEAD.**—At St. George's Church, on Thursday, Feb. 5th, 720 Marple Delight: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, 720 Marple: V. Turrell 1, \*T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, \*R. Strudwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor), 6. \* First 720 in the method.

**LECHLADE, GLOS.**—At St. Lawrence's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins.: P. Pudwell 1, A. King 2, J. Hope (conductor) 3, E. Telling 4, P. Kirby 5, E. Gardener (first quarter-peal) 6.

**SWINDON.**—At St. Mark's Church, for evening service, on Feb. 8th, a 720 of Plain Bob Minor: G. Lawrence 1, T. Ricketts (conductor) 2, J. Penny 3, S. Copper 4, H. Hatten 5, A. Heath 6.

**RICKMANSWORTH.**—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 576 Bob Major: W. Croseley, C. Lord, J. E. Jones, G. Foster, J. A. Jones, E. Hookham, J. B. Marks, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor). Longest touch in the method by all except 7th and 8th.

**LOCKINGTON.**—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Joyce 1, F. W. Turner 2, J. W. Booth 3, G. H. Wilkins 4, R. A. Hickton 5, A. Joyce (conductor) 6.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday morning, Feb. 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, H. W. H. Strickland 3, S. W. Crabb 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, C. A. Button 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Patmore 8.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Racher 1, S. W. Crabb 2, E. A. Hull 3, J. A. Dart 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

**WESTON-SUPER-MARE.**—On Sunday evening, January 25th, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Crandon 1, J. Blackmore 2, W. Tanner 3, E. Parker 4, W. Popham 5, L. Tanner (conductor) 6, W. Pitman 7, H. Parsons (first quarter-peal) 8. First quarter as conductor.—On January 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. T. Dyke (conductor) 1, J. Blackmore 2, L. Tanner 3, E. Parker 4, W. Popham 5, W. Farley 6, A. Evans 7, H. Parsons 8. First touch of Stedman by ringers of 3rd and 5th. Rung after meeting late for a peal of Grandsire.

## NOTICES.

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 37th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30, Bishop Ryders, 2.40 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**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, should be paid before Feb. 28th. Meeting for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 24th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at Barning on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea, by invitation of the Rector. Business meeting after tea. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due, and can be paid at this meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The bells of St. Giles' and St. Mary's will be available from 3 p.m. until the service at St. Mary's at 5 p.m. Preacher: The Rev. Canon E. J. Norris. Tea at the Central Café, Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting and smoker to follow.—F. W. Hopgood, 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Pinchbeck on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at the Bull Inn at 4.15 p.m.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blandford (8 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Preacher: Rev. Dr. Greenwood. Tea 5 (6d. for members). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Stourpaine (5 bells), Durweston (6 bells), Bryanston (6 bells).—R. E. P. Gorrings, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Exminster on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at the Victory Hall. All ringers welcome. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Petworth on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at Mr. Knight's, Lombard Street, at 5 o'clock.

—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) available at 3. Service in Bramley Church at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting to follow. Womersley bells available in the evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Canterbury on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Divine service, in the Cathedral, at 3 o'clock, by kind permission of the Dean, who has kindly consented to give an address. Tea at 4.30 at the Oddfellows' Hall. The bells of the Cathedral (12), St. Stephen's (8) and St. Alphege (6) will be available.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.30.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting of this district will be held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Ringing at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 5 p.m. All members are earnestly requested to be present. Important matters concerning the association to discuss. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Poole, Hon. Dis. Sec., 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The next meeting of the division will be held at Coggeshall on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available during the afternoon. There will be service in the Church at 4.15, followed by tea at 5 p.m. It is hoped that a goodly number of ringers will make an effort to attend.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Hurworth-on-Tees on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Committee meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 o'clock, at the Temperance Café, Croft Spa, 1s. 9d. to members and 2s. 6d. to non-members.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—There will be a meeting at Stevenage Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting will be held at Mathon on Saturday, Feb. 21st. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Church service and tea will be arranged.—Richard Thomas, Dis. Hon. Sec.

**COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.**—Holy Trinity Church.—Annual bellringers' sermons on Sunday, Feb. 22nd. Special sermons will be preached in the morning

by the Rev. J. W. Isherwood, M.A., Vicar of Much Wenlock, and in the evening by the Rev. J. Hayes, B.A., Vicar of Wellington. Musical service 3 p.m., when the following will take part: Miss Malcolm (violinist), Miss Ida Pritchard (contralto), Master Jack Lloyd (chorister soloist), the Hadley Quartette Party, the Choir, Mr. Wallace Wall (organist and choirmaster), and the local handbell ringers. Miss Ida Pritchard and the Hadley Quartette Party will also help at evensong. The offertories all day will be given to the Coalbrookdale Bells Restoration Fund.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, 28th February. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be followed by the meeting at 6 o'clock, after evensong. Will Secretaries kindly advise Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, numbers attending from their towers.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, February 21st. Bells available: St. Nicholas (6) 2.30 to 4.30, All Saints (8) 2.30 to 4.45, Cathedral (10) 7 to 8.30. Service at All Saints at 4.45. Tea at the Spread Eagle Hotel at 5.30 p.m.—A. E. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Binfield on Saturday, Feb. 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names to Miss R. A. Bell, Lower East Lee, Eastwood, Todmorden, not later than Thursday, Feb. 26th. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—Spring meeting at Carisbrook (8) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5. Kindly inform me not later than the 23rd those who require tea.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Social Centre at 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please advise Mr. R. Elson, Ramsdale Villas, Church Drive, Daybrook, not later than Feb. 23rd?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 4.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., (altered address) 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By the kind invitation of the Rev. H. P. Boulton (Rector) the annual meeting will be held at Exton on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Schoolroom. It is hoped to have a big attendance, and will all who intend being present notify me not later than Feb. 21st?—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m., for those who send me their names by Feb. 23rd, at 1s. per head.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Six bells. Tea at 4.30. All who require tea must notify me before the 24th. — Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Sapcote on Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. C. Brown, New Walk, Sapcote, by Wednesday, the 25th. Important business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall. Will those requiring tea notify the undersigned by the 23rd inst.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting at Milton Ernest is postponed until Saturday, March 7th. —L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea. If tea required, please write by March 3rd to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. to members. Please advise me by March 4th all who require same. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Tea in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Applications for tea tickets to be made to Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than Wednesday, March 4th. For further details see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—A social will be held at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, on Saturday, March 7th. Commence 7 p.m. Mr. W. A. Cave will give explanations upon 'In and Out of Course.' Mr. W. Knight in the chair. All ringers and their friends heartily invited. — E. Guise, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at White Cot Dairy. Kindly let me know by Tuesday, March 3rd, if requiring tea. — E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Chiswick on March 14th. Particulars later.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 2nd, the 16th and the 30th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the North and South Forest Branch will be held at Lydney on Saturday, March 14th. Every ringer in this branch is particularly requested to attend. Full details later. — Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting and meeting of representatives will be held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, April 13th. Alteration proposed to Rule 3. Full details later. Charabanc conveyance from Bristol for those who notify before March 28th. Belfry repair fund forms should be sent in to me whether full or blank.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

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**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, 7th February, the quarterly meeting of the Northern District was held at Baldock, when some 20 members attended from Apsley End, Graveley, Hitchin, Kimpton, London, Royston and Wellington, and the Baldock band. After ringing during the afternoon, service was held in church, and an address given by the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Alington). This was followed by tea and meeting at the White Lion.

The Rector was voted to the chair, and it was reported that Mr. Darlow (of Royston) had arrived safely at Cape Town, having been ordered to South Africa through ill-health.

The next association meeting was decided to be held at Stevenage on Saturday, February 21st, and the summer meeting at Knebworth.

The quality of the ringing, both afternoon and evening, was good, and ranged from Cambridge Surprise, Superlative and Stedman Triples to Plain Bob, and everyone concerned went home well pleased. One member rang his first touch of Cambridge Surprise.

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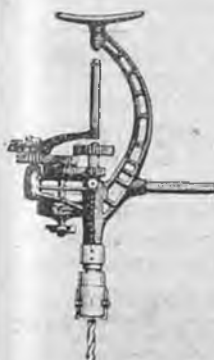
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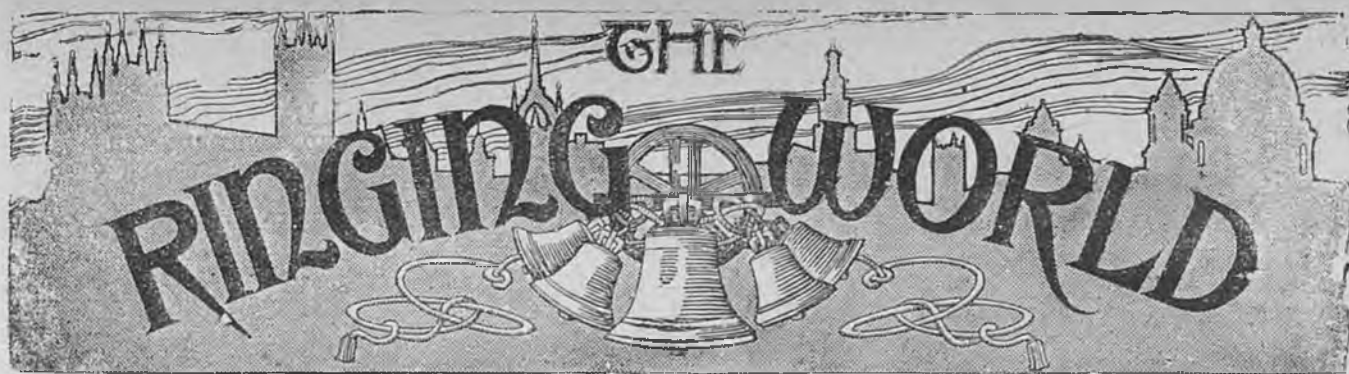
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### DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Happily the recent experience at a Surrey district meeting, of which a correspondent complains this week, is not a common occurrence. A meeting at a six-bell tower was arranged and duly advertised, but only nine ringers attended, and those attached to eight and ten bell towers were notable for their absence. As our correspondent points out, this is extremely disheartening to the officials, and especially to a secretary who is struggling to work up a district and has been promised help from outside, which assistance failed to materialise. It is seldom, especially in areas where hands are fairly numerous, that ringing meetings are as poorly attended as the one mentioned, but the point of greatest interest is whether, as our correspondent seems to think, ringers on higher numbers than six bells shun meetings at six-bell towers. This is a complaint which, we think, cannot be made of ringers in general. Experience proves that, as a whole, ringers at eight and ten bell towers give valuable support to the six-bell meetings. Often they are more strongly represented than are the six-bell men at eight-bell towers, and their assistance is a great asset.

The question arises, however, do we make the most of the opportunities which these district meetings present? For the most part the ringing is of a casual kind, with no definite object in view, except that everybody shall get a pull. Often, of course, someone gets a touch in a fresh method, or some beginner is given a start, but there is generally an entire absence of any organised attempt to make the ringing progressively educational. Nor would it be easy to arrange the ringing on these lines. At the same time we think something might be done, particularly in those districts where it is the practice to hold monthly meetings, which enable members to come together with frequency. For instance, it might be possible to arrange to devote certain periods at each meeting to the definite practice of specific methods, efforts being made beforehand to secure the attendance of sufficient accomplished ringers to ensure adequate help for those who availed themselves of the opportunity thus offered for advancing themselves in the art. Obstacles to such a step as this are easy to be found, but there is unquestionably a need for ringing more organised, educationally, than is usually the case at district meetings, and the subject is worth thinking over. We are pleased to note that our earlier observations on the question of more advanced instruction for ringers at such gatherings is already bearing fruit, and that in more than one association arrangements are being made for competent ringers to read papers on subjects dealing with the art.

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On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *FREDERICK VICARS ... .. Treble | CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 6   |
| ERNEST HERBERT ... .. 2         | HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 7     |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3       | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 8     |
| *ALBERT FLEET ... .. 4          | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 9   |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 5      | JOSIAH NICHOLLS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal on ten bells. First in the method by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 9th. First peal in the method on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5139 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. Treble | FRANK W. CHAPMAN ... .. 6  |
| CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 2      | JACK CARMAN ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3       | C. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 8 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4          | RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 9   |
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5          | WALTER GLOVER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. DALTRY

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TICKHILL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| GIBSON JACKSON ... .. Treble | *OLIVER GREATHEAD ... .. 5 |
| GEORGE CLARK ... .. 2        | *EDGAR C. STACEY ... .. 6  |
| *PERCY GLEDSON ... .. 3      | *ROBERT SAREBY ... .. 7    |
| *FREDERICK CLARK ... .. 4    | HAROLD WALKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

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

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(DUFFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *REGINALD BOULTON ... .. Treble | HARRY HILL ... .. 5          |
| WILLIAM BATES ... .. 2          | *GEORGE WARRINGTON ... .. 6  |
| HENRY LETTS ... .. 3            | SYDNEY DAWSON ... .. 7       |
| *MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... .. 4  | CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor |

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *FRED A. LEASON ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 5    |
| MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 2        | JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3    | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7         |
| HARRY BAKER ... .. 4          | WILLIAM J. DAY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM E. PITMAN, Mus. Bac., Oxon, F.R.C.O.

\* First peal.



## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                         |        |                                |   |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---|
| WILLIAM SPICE ... ..    | Treble | SAM TAYLOR... ..               | 5 |
| *GEORGE KENWARD ... ..  | 2      | THOMAS JULL ... ..             | 6 |
| *WILLIAM NYE ... ..     | 3      | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... ..       | 7 |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. | 4      | C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor |   |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by G. GILBERT, R.E.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the birth of a grand-daughter to the ringer of the treble.

## BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

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| ARTHUR H. BUNDLE ... .. | 2      | DANIEL COOPER... ..       | 6     |
| EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. | 3      | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..  | 7     |
| FRANK E. DAREY... ..    | 4      | *JOHN AVERY ... ..        | Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

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## FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                          |        |                         |       |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| *THOMAS LIGHTFOOT ... .. | Treble | HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. | 5     |
| *NORAH M. BIBBY ... ..   | 2      | JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..    | 6     |
| *CYRIL VALENTINE ... ..  | 3      | GEORGE RANGLES ... ..   | 7     |
| WILLIAM BIBBY... ..      | 4      | FRANCIS BIBBY ... ..    | Tenor |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by FRANCIS BIBBY.

\* First peal in the method.

## SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                        |        |                          |       |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| ALFRED PITSTOW... ..   | Treble | ARTHUR JAMES ... ..      | 5     |
| WALTER PRIOR ... ..    | 2      | WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... ..  | 6     |
| LEONARD PITSTOW ... .. | 3      | FREDERICK DENCH ... ..   | 7     |
| ERNEST PITSTOW... ..   | 4      | FREDK. J. PITSTOW ... .. | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED PITSTOW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the brothers Alfred and Fredk. J. Pitstow. The brothers Prior hail from Stansted.

## FULHAM.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(The All Saints', Fulham, Society.)

On Thursday, February 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                           |        |                               |       |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------|
| H. A. FOLKARD ... ..      | Treble | FRANK SKEVINGTON ... ..       | 5     |
| ARTHUR CUTMORE ... ..     | 2      | ARTHUR HARDING ... ..         | 6     |
| FREDK. GODFELLOW ... ..   | 3      | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. | 7     |
| WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. | 4      | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ..    | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Arranged as a birthday peal for Mr. Hollier, and rung after meeting short for Stedman Calers.

## HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                         |        |                         |       |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. | Treble | ALFRED W. GROVES ... .. | 5     |
| GEORGE SHOKER ... ..    | 2      | ERNEST GOWER ... ..     | 6     |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... ..  | 3      | WILLIAM C. HART ... ..  | 7     |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..   | 4      | KEITH HART... ..        | Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes

At the Church of St. Helen,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                         |        |                         |       |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE HATTON... ..     | Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... ..   | 5     |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. | 2      | JOHN CURTIS... ..       | 6     |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. | 3      | JAMES GEORGE ... ..     | 7     |
| JAMES PAGET ... ..      | 4      | GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The members of the band wish to congratulate Mr. Geo. Hatton upon the excellent way he rang the treble, he being 74 years of age.

## BRIDGEND, GLAM.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                            |        |                         |       |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| *ALFRED W. WRIGHT... ..    | Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. | 5     |
| RICHARD EVANS... ..        | 2      | ALLEN C. JONES ... ..   | 6     |
| JOHN W. JONES ... ..       | 3      | DAVID R. JAMES ... ..   | 7     |
| FREDERICK J. BAILEY ... .. | 4      | BERT WEAVER ... ..      | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHAS. H. PERRY.

First peal in the method by all the band and for the association. Also the first peal of Union Triples rung in Wales. The ringer of the 3rd bells from Newport; 4th from Whitchurch; tenor from Penarth; the rest are local men. \* First peal away from the tenor.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF DARTFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                              |        |                                |       |
|------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|-------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... ..   | Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... ..        | 5     |
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. | 2      | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... .. | 6     |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... ..    | 3      | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... ..     | 7     |
| JOHN WHEADON ... ..          | 4      | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... ..       | Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first time a peal in this method has been rung. It was Mr. J. A. Trollope's 300th peal. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the Archbishop of Canterbury, president of the Kent County Association, his first curacy being at Christ Church, Dartford.

## WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                            |        |                          |       |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| JAMES F. PARKER ... ..     | Treble | FREDERICK OAKEILL ... .. | 5     |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... ..         | 2      | ALBERT BURCOMBE ... ..   | 6     |
| *HORACE V. ROBINSON ... .. | 3      | HENRY W. FUSSELL ... ..  | 7     |
| JESSIE GILLET ... ..       | 4      | JAMES L. SMITH ... ..    | Tenor |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

\* First peal of Bob Major.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Treble | JOHN YATES ... .. 5          |
| WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 2       | ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... 6   |
| GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 3      | JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 7   |
| WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4     | *WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. Oscar Reginald Plant, who was inducted at the above church on Saturday, February 7th.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.  
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION  
AND CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | WALTER THOMAS ... .. 5        |
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. 2  | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6      |
| EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 3      | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7      |
| THOMAS BUTLER, JUN. ... .. 4  | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. J. HUGHES.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. The band wish to thank the Rector for granting permission, and also Mr. Jones for having everything in readiness.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;  
Tenor 17 cwt.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *HARRY HILL ... .. Treble | ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 5     |
| EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. 2 | JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 6      |
| *HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 3  | HENRY HARRISON ... .. 7       |
| *HENRY LETTS ... .. 4     | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Treble |

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. This composition is now rung for the first time, and is the first peal of Treble Bob rung containing these qualities, viz., 22 of the 468's at back stroke, also 22 of the 568's.

MILNROW, ROCHDALE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

|                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| W. STAFF ... .. Treble | *S. W. DONN ... .. 5         |
| *H. HAMER ... .. 2     | G. STAFF ... .. 6            |
| JOHN FITTON ... .. 3   | *A. BUCKLEY ... .. 7         |
| *JAMES SHAW ... .. 4   | J. H. C. MASSEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. STAFF.

Rung to commemorate the long service at this church of Mr. J. Fitton and the late Mr. R. Buckley. Both were devoted ringers from the installation of the bells, and Mr. Fitton is still a regular ringer. The peal also commemorated Mr. N. Butterworth's jubilee as a chorister.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthias,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST GIBBS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5  |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2   | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 6   |
| *JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 3  | JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4 | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal of Surprise.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| LEONARD NELMES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM BISHOP ... .. 5    |
| JOHN J. BEVAN ... .. 2       | ERNEST MATTHEWS ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 3   | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7    |
| GEORGE WILKS ... .. 4        | WILLIAM BEARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for Messrs. Nelmes, Wilks, Bishop, Matthews and Beard, of Ruardean.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Treble | JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 2 | *JOHN BOOTH ... .. 6        |
| HARRY FRANCE ... .. 3      | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7   |
| *JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 4 | †EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GOBEY. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First touch in the method. † 50th peal. A birthday peal to Alfred Blogg.

CROYDON.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble | ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 5    |
| HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 2       | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6    |
| JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 3        | DANIEL COOPER ... .. 7         |
| FRANK E. DARRY ... .. 4         | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF  
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| OLIVER G. NORMAN ... .. Treble | ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 5     |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2    | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6     |
| RICHARD INGRAM ... .. 3        | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7      |
| GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 4       | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

WITHYCOMBE, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.  
(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM MANLEY ... .. Tenor | *JOHN SPRAGUE ... .. 5      |
| FRED DIMOND ... .. 2        | *JOHN GLANVILLE ... .. 6    |
| JOHN M. SKINNER ... .. 3    | ADOLPHUS SNOW ... .. 7      |
| JOHN R. HAYMAN ... .. 4     | EDWARD G. STOCKER ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. R. HAYMAN.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. Pook, a local ringer, and Miss Rendell, daughter of a local ringer. \* First peal. Ringer of 6th is from Woodbury; 7th from Otterton; rest are local men.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

## OLD CLEEVE, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(St. James' Society, Taunton.)

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Transposition of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Treble | DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. 5     |
| PERCY MERSON ... .. 2         | EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM CORDING ... .. 3      | JAMES HUNT ... .. 7          |
| WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 4     | WILLIAM J. TARR ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal on the bells.

## LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Sir A. P. Heywood's Variation of Thurstan's. Tenor 9 cwt.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| * ERNEST L. HUMPHRISS ... Treble | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 5   |
| THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. 2        | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6 |
| CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... .. 3       | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7    |
| ERNEST JONES ... .. 4            | HENRY MARTIN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

\* First attempt to ring a peal in this method.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## KEMPSTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Christmas Eve, December 24, 1924, in Three Hours &amp; Eighteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| W. FRANCIS ... .. Treble | C. W. CLARKE ... .. 4  |
| G. HUTCHINGS ... .. 2    | N. WILES ... .. 5      |
| A. DOLLING ... .. 3      | P. INSKIP ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

## HARROLD, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kingston Treble Bob, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and 240 Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WM. SHARP ... .. Treble  | ALFRED ROBINSON ... .. 4      |
| WM. STOCK ... .. 2       | PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5         |
| HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3 | CHAS. WM. CLARKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

Longest peal on the bells.

## BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * FREDERICK PEARSON ... Treble | STANLEY E. BENNETT ... .. 4   |
| FREDK. W. BENNETT, SEN. 2      | ALBERT H. BENNETT ... .. 5    |
| JOHN PHILLIPS ... .. 3         | ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

\* First peal, with Treble Bob methods included. The ringer of the treble is only 15 years of age. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. W. Bennett, wife of the ringer of the 2nd, and mother of the ringers of 4th and 5th.

## CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * PERCY HOWELL ... .. Treble | BASIL LATHAM ... .. 4      |
| LESLIE BARRY ... .. 2        | TREVOR PRITCHARD ... .. 5  |
| GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 3      | GEORGE LATHAM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung as a birthday peal to the ringer of the 4th.

## ASTON CANTLOW, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in twelve different callings.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| LAURIE HAWCOTT ... .. Treble | ALBERT BOSWELL ... .. 4       |
| HORACE TERRY ... .. 2        | HENRY COLLEY ... .. 5         |
| * ARTHUR GOWER ... .. 3      | * GEORGE PARSONS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells.

## KIRTON-IN-LINDSEY, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob, and 10 of St. Simon's.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| BERNARD GILLATT ... .. Treble | GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 4         |
| ERNEST F. GODFREY ... .. 2    | JACK BRAY ... .. 5            |
| WILLIAM LEANING ... .. 3      | JOHN H. CRAWSHAW ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal in three methods by all the band. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

## FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, February 18, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven differently called 720's.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN YOUNG ... .. Treble  | WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 4  |
| ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. 2 | HARRY PALMER ... .. 5       |
| * FRANK DEWEY ... .. 3    | GEORGE COLEMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

\* First peal.

## WIDFORD, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * ARTHUR WREN ... .. Treble | JOHN SUCKLING ... .. 4         |
| * LEONARD LADLEY ... .. 2   | † WILLIAM T. COOK ... .. 5     |
| MISS E. CHITTY ... .. 3     | ARTHUR REDDINGTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM T. COOK.

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

## TEYNHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| SAM TAYLOR ... .. Treble   | THOMAS JULL ... .. 4       |
| GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2    | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 5 |
| C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 3 | WILLIAM NYE ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob, and 20 of Grand-sire, each called differently. 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.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rt. Hon. Earl Beauchamp, K.G.

GUILSBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven different 720's.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *CHARLES SMITH ... .. Treble | NORMAN HEERPS ... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM BOTT ... .. 2        | FRED WILFORD ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS LAW ... .. 3          | TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEETING.

The two villages of Bramley and Womersley were visited on Saturday by members of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild. There was a good attendance, and the ringing during the afternoon at Bramley, and in the evening at both churches, each of which possesses six bells, included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. The Rev. Selby Lowndes, Rector of Bramley, conducted the service, and, led by the organ, the singing was very hearty. The Rector, in a practical address, offered words of encouragement, appreciation and exhortation to the members, and, in urging ringers to put their best into their work and to do it for the glory of God, instead of for purely personal pleasure, pointed out that music and art were material adjuncts to worship in which men should offer to the service of God the great gifts which He had bestowed upon them.

Mr. W. Melville, chairman of the district, presided over the tea and business meeting which followed, and was supported by Mr. C. Hazelden (Ringing Master), Mr. E. Raddon (hon. secretary), and nearly thirty members.

The Chairman referred to the loss which the Guild had recently sustained by the death of Mr. E. Lucas, of Shalford, and the members expressed their sympathy with the relatives by standing in silence for a few moments.

The Ringing Master reported that since the last meeting the Guild had been asked to open the bells at West Horsley, after restoration. There were only three bells, and they were not hung for ringing, but the Guild were glad to be of service. He believed they made an impression, and that in future, perhaps, something more might come of it. Change ringing on handbells provided a voluntary at the service, and demonstrated the advantages of a larger number of bells.

Congratulations were offered to the band that rang the peal of London Surprise at Holy Trinity, Guildford, recently, there being several 'firsts in the method,' and none but the conductor had previously rung more than two peals in the method.

Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., churchwarden of Woking Parish Church, was elected an honorary member; Mr. Norman Harding, of Glandon, was elected a practising member; Mr. Voller, of Womersley, a probationer; and Mr. W. Farley, late of Wells, and now of Folkestone, a compounding member.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rectors of Bramley and Womersley, and to the organist.

Touces of Grandsire Triples and Stedman were rung on handbells, and then the visitors divided themselves between the two towers for further practice.

A MEMORIAL TOUCH.

On Friday, February 13th, at the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, Erdington, Birmingham, a touch of Stedman Triples (1,383 changes) was rung in 50 minutes, with the bells muffled, to the memory of Francis Genders, donor of the bells, it being the 34th anniversary of his death: C. Waithman 1, T. Ward 2, W. Stringer 3, \*H. Price 4, W. Davies 5, \*C. Dale 6, B. W. Wittchell (conductor) 7, J. Caulfield 8. \* Longest touch in the method.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
THE BOUNDARY LINE.

The annual meeting of the London County Association was held on Saturday, February 14th. Ringing took place at All Hallows', Lombard Street, from 2 to 3.30 p.m., and at St. Clement Danes' from 3.30 to 4.30. The service was conducted by the honorary chaplain, the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A., and the preacher was the Rev. J. A. Mayo, M.A., Rector of Whitechapel, who gave a very interesting and helpful address. The presence of organist and choir was much appreciated. With the Rector's approval it was subsequently decided to devote the offertory to the James W. Washbrook Memorial Fund.

Sixty-three members sat down to tea at the Express Dairy, and afterwards proceeded to the Parish Room for the business meeting, where they were joined by further members.

The balance sheet was presented, and passed. The secretary gave a report on the past year's work, and mentioned, among other things, the centenary dinner, the summer outing to Chertsey, and the successful efforts to restart the Northern District organisation. Sixteen new members were elected during 1924, and thirty peals were rung as follows: Grandsire Cinques 1, Bob Major 2, Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Court Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 2, Stedman Triples 10, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 2, Cambridge Surprise Major 4, and Superlative Surprise Major 3. Eighty different members, representing thirty different parishes, took part in these peals, of which the Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender, conducted 25, Mr. J. Bullock 1, Mr. J. H. Cheesman 1, Mr. E. J. King 1, Mr. F. Skevington 1, and Mr. J. A. Trollope 1.

Proposals were brought forward dealing with the rearrangement of the boundary line between the two districts, but these met with little support, and no alteration was made. — The District Master and Secretary stated that they were content with the present division, and were hopeful of the future. It was, however, suggested that help might be given by the central body to certain local bands who were striving to become proficient, and this will be considered by the committee in due course.

Mr. T. H. Taffender was again re-elected Master, without opposition, the meeting registering its full support in his favour. Mr. A. H. Keighley was appointed hon. secretary, and the other elections resulted as follows: Senior assistant secretary, Mr. R. Newman; junior assistant secretary, Mr. T. W. Taffender; treasurer, Mr. E. A. Young; trustees, Mr. J. George and Mr. E. A. Young; senior steward, Mr. W. E. G. Hewson; and junior steward, Mr. F. W. Chorley.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to those who had helped in the arrangements, and to the retiring officers.

LADIES' GUILD.

INAUGURAL MEETING OF CENTRAL DISTRICT.

The first meeting of the newly-formed Central District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Beckenham on Saturday, Feb. 7th, and the enthusiasm shown by the members present augurs well for the success of this district. With the help of the gentlemen, ringing was commenced about 3.30 p.m., and later a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by eight members of the Guild. Service was held at 5 p.m., followed by a splendid tea at the Greyhound Hotel, to which ample justice was done, the company numbering in all 16.

At the business meeting which followed, Mrs. R. F. Deal was elected to the chair. Mrs. A. W. Clarke, Miss E. E. Chapman, Miss P. Moss and Mrs. R. F. Deal were elected to form the committee, while the last named, with the secretary (Mrs. F. I. Hairs), were voted to the general committee.

The following new members were elected, viz.: Miss Dorothy Tall, Miss Ida Swinger and Miss Olive Hairs.

The next meeting was proposed to be held at Willesden, if permission is granted, at the beginning of April, and it was also decided to arrange a few week-night practices where possible.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. W. Smith, who so kindly made the arrangements, concluded the business.

Another visit was made to the tower, when a capital touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the ladies, followed by touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge, until 9 p.m., thus bringing to an end a very successful and pleasant gathering.

AN UNFORTUNATE ENDING.

At Wern, Shropshire, on Saturday, at the Parish Church, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, all going well until in the last 500, when the conductor had to call stand, owing to one of the band being indisposed, after ringing 2 hours and 38 minutes: F. Grocott (longest length and first attempt for a peal) 1, F. A. Barnett (churchwarden) 2, W. J. Benimas 3, W. Lycett 4, G. R. Lilley (conductor) 5, W. T. Goodfellow 6, H. Vickers 7, R. H. Faulkner 8; 1st and 2nd are local men; 3rd from Ludlow; 4th from Stanton; 5th and 6th from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; 7th from Morton; tenor from Ightfield.



**'A NOTTINGHAMSHIRE RECORD.'***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the above record, I always take it that 'local band' means all the ringers belong to one tower. I had not forgotten the peals of Oxford Treble Bob of 1774, or Kent Treble Bob rung in 1836, but there is no record of those ringers belonging to one tower, and the great probability is it was not so. I am afraid my delight at our band accomplishing the peal of London Surprise Major (which I had almost given up as impossible) made me forget for the time being the peal of Stedman by the Retford men, and I apologise to them and withdraw all claim with regard to that method. I should like to add, in conclusion, that the only two peals of London conducted by Notts men have been by members of the Beeston band, viz., Mr. A. Coppock and Mr. P. Price.—Yours faithfully,

FREDK. S. PRICE.

**BRISTOL SURPRISE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your leader this week is especially interesting to me, and probably others in the city, from whence it takes its name. I think it was early in 1900, at the annual dinner of the St. Stephen's Guild, that the late Mr. F. E. Ward spoke of the method, and promised to send on a lead of it. This I duly received, and in my spare time set up in type the full plain course, and printed off some 150 copies. We then set to and rang it, and it was only then we heard the Brighton men were ringing it. This, I confess, put the damper on a little. We knew their capabilities; Brighton was up to the 'London' standard when Bristol was in the 'Grandsire' stage. However, a peal was not rung at once, and we might have been first had we persevered.

When the peal was rung I wrote to the 'Bell News' and offered congratulations, but disagreed with the description 'harder than London,' but was told I would soon find it was when we started to make the bobs. (I have made a few since, but still say London is the most difficult.) At the same time, I offered free copies of the plain course to anyone who would send me a stamped addressed envelope. I have the list of those who sent; it was a very short list. I have, however, given all the 150 away now. Has this done a little to popularise it, do you think?

I have received another Surprise Method (Major) from the Rev. E. Banks James. Perhaps I will do the same with that. I said, perhaps!—Yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Reading on Saturday last, 70 members being present from the various belfries of the district. Proceedings commenced with short touches on the bells of St. Lawrence's, St. Mary's, and St. Giles' Churches. A bright service was then held at St. Mary's, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Rev. A. T. Gray officiating, while an appropriate address was given by the Rev. Canon E. J. Norris.

The members then proceeded to the Central Cafe, Friar Street, for tea. The business meeting which followed, with Mr. P. Routh in the chair, was quite an animated affair, helpful suggestions, of interest to ringers, coming from many members.

All the officers were re-elected, among those present, other than those already mentioned, being the Rev. Canon F. G. Coleridge, Crowthorne; Mr. J. Evans, High Wycombe; Mr. J. Bower, Goring; Mr. A. J. Wright, Supt. Wiggins, Mr. H. Tucker, Mr. A. W. Pike, etc.

Special mention was made of the deaths of three members of the branch, Messrs. W. Newell, C. Giles, and A. Lovejoy, the members standing in silence as a token of respect.

A report was received from the hon. secretary (Mr. F. W. Hopgood), showing an increase of 27 members during the year, the branch now having 165 members. Tower reports were received from Messrs. J. Swain, St. Mary's; A. Osborne, St. Giles'; J. R. Mackman, St. Lawrence's; A. D. Cullum, Caversham; E. G. Foster, Tilehurst; G. White, Henley; E. G. Frankum, Mapledurham; H. Tucker, Purley; and W. Ford, Mortimer.

After the business meeting the members entertained themselves with pianoforte solos, songs, humorous stories, and handbell ringing, the artists being Mrs. Wood, and Messrs. Julian Were (from Birmingham Cathedral), A. W. Pike, E. G. Foster, J. R. Mackman, W. Webb, S. E. Davis, Supt. Wiggins, etc. The meeting closed by singing the National Anthem.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS. — On Saturday, Feb. 14th, at the Parish Church, 1,440 Bob Minor: F. A. Salter (conductor) 1, A. Barrett 2, R. Elson 3, L. Chadburn 4, E. Elson 5, H. Elson 6, G. West 7, G. Wright 8. Rung with 6-8 covering.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A large gathering is, as usual, assured for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham to-morrow, and those who will be present can be sure of an enjoyable evening. This year's celebration falls on the actual anniversary of Johnson's birth in 1809. His birthday in 1881 was celebrated by a 9,238 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, then the longest length in the method.

The ringing at Bishop Ryder's Church for visitors to Birmingham to-morrow will be from 2 to 2.40 p.m. only, as a peal attempt is to be made at 2.45. Last week it was stated, in error, that the ringing there would begin at 2.40.

The first peal of Union Triples in Wales has been rung at Bridgend, Glam., conducted by Mr. C. H. Perry. Incidentally, it is quite a long time since a peal of Union Triples was rung anywhere.

Members of the Central District of the Ladies' Guild attempted a peal of Stedman Triples last Saturday at Ewell. After some very fine ringing for 2 hours 5 minutes a shift course unfortunately occurred.

A birthday to-morrow which will bring him congratulations and good wishes is that of Ted Horrex, of the College Youths, who will be 87. And be it remembered as long ago as 1866 on March 3rd he rang in a peal of 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major.

Sunday is the anniversary of two long peals at Painswick. One in 1734, when 8,064 Grandsire Caters was rung, and the other in 1735, when 10,080 in the same method was rung in 6 hours 27 minutes.

On March 1st, 1889, 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, in 7 hours, 45 minutes.

W. D. Crofts called a peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on March 3rd, 1778.

One hundred and forty years ago, on March 3rd, the Anacreontic Society rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Oswestry. Who or what they were, no one now knows.

We are informed that the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung at Edenbridge on 10th May, 1924, conducted by Chas. H. Kippin, should not be credited to the Kent County Association.

We learn that, apart from the interesting explanation upon 'In and Out of Course,' which will be given by Mr. W. A. Cave, at the Bristol United Ringing Guilds' Social on March 7th, there will be a very good and varied programme.

## SURREY ASSOCIATION.

HELP WANTED IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—At the annual meeting of the Surrey Association, at Beedington in 1923, a lady was asked if she would take over the none too easy duty of re-forming the Western district, which had fallen away almost to nothing. She assented, and, I think, deserves praise for taking on such a task. She has worked very hard to bring the membership up to the present strength.

The point to which I wish to draw attention, however, is that a good many members of other districts promised to help her, by attending the meetings as much as possible, but the lady must have felt like giving up her responsibilities as hon. secretary at the meeting at Esher on February 7th last, when only nine members attended.

The reason may have been that it was only a six bell tower, and it seems to me that these towers are shunned by nine out of every ten ringers connected with towers which have a larger number of bells.

I would like to ask as many as possible of all districts of the Surrey Association to come to the help of the secretary of the Western District in her hard, uphill work, and not to forget the six-bell towers.

A MEMBER.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting of the Leicester district was held at Wigston Magna on Saturday, Feb. 21st, members being present from Syston, Market Harborough, Croft, Leicester, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major were all brought round during the afternoon.

A business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, at which the proposed new rules were freely discussed.

After the business had been disposed of, the next move was back to the belfry, and with the aid of 'the peal snatchers' (who had now made their appearance), further touches of Bob Major, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. This brought the tower bell ringing to a close. Afterwards, a very enjoyable time was spent at a place 'within the meaning of the act' (kindly reserved by the Wigston friends). The handbells were brought into action, and touches of Stedman Cinques were rung, followed by tunes and various kinds of jazz ringing, and, last but not least, a rise and fall (more fall than anything). This brought an enjoyable half-day to a close.

## DEATH OF MR. EDGAR WIGHTMAN. MEMBER OF A WELL-KNOWN RINGING FAMILY.

Deep regret will be felt by a large number of ringers at the death of Mr. Edgar Wightman, late of Woodford, Essex, who passed away on Sunday evening, February 15th, at Uxbridge Hospital. He had had an attack of influenza, and got out too soon after it. A relapse followed, and pleurisy and pneumonia developed. He was removed to hospital on the Thursday, but despite all efforts on the part of the doctors and nurses he succumbed on the following Sunday.

Born at Framsdon, Suffolk, in 1875, he was one of the well-known ringing family of Wightman, father and six sons forming the bulk of the band at Cretingham. Farrier and general smith by trade, he went to Woodford, Essex, in 1896, and while there assisted the young bands at Woodford and Leytonstone, where he soon made things move. His ringing activities were carried on in the Essex, Kent and Middlesex Associations, and with the Cumberland Youths. Unfortunately he kept no record of his considerable number of peals, but among those that he rang was the 15,072 Double Norwich (his favourite method) at Erith on April 3rd, 1899, one of his own compositions. He also rang a pair of handbells in the first double-handed peal of Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, conducted by Mr. W. Pye. Mr. Wightman was very active among the Cumberlands in the early years of the present century, and later, while with Messrs. Warner and Son, got together a handbell party connected with the foundry. He was a very fine ringer and conductor, thoroughly at home at either end, but particularly good round the back.

Only last year he removed from Woodford to take up a new business at Uxbridge, Middlesex, where he was assisted by his son (who is also a ringer). He was making excellent progress when stricken down by illness. His death will be keenly felt amongst ringers in the South-East of England, especially in the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, where he had endeared himself by his courteous manner, and his readiness to help at all times. For a number of years he acted as Master of the Division.

The deceased was buried on Wednesday, February 18th, at Uxbridge Cemetery. Amongst those present were Messrs. W. Miller and F. D. Smith, of the Leytonstone St. John's band; Mr. C. Morris, of the Woodford band; and Mr. E. J. Butler, representing the Essex Association. Amongst the numerous floral emblems was a wreath from the St. John's, Leytonstone, Society, and also one from the members of the Woodford and Loughton bands.

On Sunday, February 22nd, and Monday, Feb. 23rd, half-muffled ringing took place at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Leytonstone. On each occasion 720 London Surprise Minor was rung non-conducted and strictly 'silent,' as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Wightman, who conducted the first extent of London Surprise on these bells on April 17th, 1898.

## READING'S LOSS.

### DEATH OF MR. CHARLES GILES.

On Sunday, Feb. 8th, there passed to his rest one of Reading's best ringers, in the person of Mr. Charles Giles, a member of St. Mary's bellry. A regular Sunday Service ringer, he will be a great loss to St. Mary's tower, where he had rung for many years.

Mr. Giles was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and several other societies. He was a keen ringer, and his services were frequently sought after for special occasions. He was a clever ringer in most methods, having rung peals from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, one of his best feats being the 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples at Drayton, Berks, the first time Thursdays' peal was rung non-conducted. This feat he accomplished without any previous practice in Stedman calling, this alone proving the possession of no mean ability. He was a safe conductor on 6, 8 or 10 bells, and had rung somewhere about 200 peals.

The funeral took place at Reading Cemetery, the first part of the service being conducted at St. Mary's Church by the Ven. Archdeacon of Berks and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild). After the committal, a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by A. Wiggins 1-2, L. Osborne 3-4, F. Hopgood 5-6, H. Simmonds 7-8. In the evening, touches were rung at St. Mary's, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect by ringers from all the towers in the borough.

Deceased, who was 58 years of age, had been unwell for some time, but kept up his service ringing and employment with Messrs. Huntley, Bourne and Stevens, where he had been since boyhood, until a fortnight before his death. He leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss.

HENDON, N.W. — At the Parish Church on Feb. 20th, 720 Bob Minor: B. Windmill 1, R. Bevan 2, A. Bonfield (first 720) 3, E. Bonfield 4, E. E. Pratchett 5, C. H. Martin (conductor) 6.—Also 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June the 2nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Chester. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 18th.

Will secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and, together with the names and addresses of representatives, should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

Dear Sir,—Your readers will be interested to know that for the Central Council meeting on Whit Tuesday, at Chester, the local committee have already arranged for the use of the Cathedral Refectory, and that further we have the very grateful promise of the Lord Bishop of Chester that he will himself attend and welcome the Council.

The subscriptions to the Council are now due, and so far only three have been received, viz., Peterborough, Ladies' Guild and Chester (a very poor return compared with previous years). I wish also to add that three Guilds or Associations have dropped out on account of non-payment of the subscriptions for the year 1924. It is not too late for them, however, if they will forward the amount for both years, to be reinstated.

We should also be happy to think that a well-known Guild in the South of England would reconsider its present position, and rejoin the Central Council.—Yours faithfully, E. ALEXR. YOUNG.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN DIVISION AT COGGESHALL.

The first meeting of the Northern Division for the year was held on Saturday last at Coggeshall, the place having been selected from the fact that the old band of ringers had become extinct, and a young band had been formed to carry on the work. It was thought, therefore, that a meeting would give them help and encouragement in mastering the art of change ringing. The ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and ringers were present from the following 23 parishes: Coggeshall, Maldon, Dunmow, Braintree, Kelvedon, Sudbury, Earls Colne, Rayne, Broomfield, Foxearth, Great Bentley, Mistley, Stebbing, Peering, Assington, Sible Hedingham, Greenstead Green, Great Cornard, Polstead, Haistead, Long Melford, Romford and Harlow.

Service was held in the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula, and the Vicar gave a short and helpful address.

After the service, the ringers, to the number of 43, sat down to tea in the room in the Vicarage grounds, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. W. J. Nevard (District Master of the North-Eastern Division), Mr. E. J. Butler (secretary of the South-Western Division), Mr. D. Elliott (Assington), Mr. F. W. Wiffen (District Master) and Mr W. H. Dyson (district secretary).

At the business meeting, five of the young Coggeshall band were elected members of the association.

It was decided to hold the June meeting at Sible Hedingham, and a bye-meeting, about the end of April, at Belchamp St. Paul's.

A question arose as to the custody of the association's peal book, and the Master promised that it should be produced at the annual meeting for inspection.

It was mentioned that a well-known ringer, in the person of Mr. Edgar Wightman, of Woodford, had, during the past week, passed away very suddenly, and the members rose for a few moments in silence, as a token of respect to his memory.

The District Master announced that a peal board would be unveiled at Braintree on Saturday, March 7th, at 4 p.m., when any visiting ringers would be welcomed, and a tea provided at a small cost.

A hearty vote of thanks was moved to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, for taking the service, and for his helpful address; also to the organist for presiding at the organ.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar suitably replied, expressing the pleasure it had given him to have the meeting at Coggeshall.

During the day, the following methods were rung: Superlative, Cambridge, Stedman, Grandsire, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

## RINGER'S DEATH AT PRESTBURY.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 17th, the local band met at St. Mary's Church, Prestbury, Gloucestershire, and rang a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 minutes. The bells were half-muffled, as a mark of respect to an old ringer, Mr. James Major, who was laid to rest earlier in the day. He was carried to his grave by colleagues of the bellry. Ringers stood as follows: C. Tovey 1, W. C. Rose 2, H. Newman 3, J. J. Causon 4, G. Walters 5, W. Hale 6, T. Pendry (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. Afterwards, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 68 times, corresponding with the age of the deceased, T. Compton taking the place of W. C. Rose.

Deceased, who was much respected, had been a ringer for about 34 years, but had been unable to take an active part in ringing for the last two years owing to illness.

## LEEK MAJOR.

## PROOF OF ROUND BLOCKS AND PROOF OF CONSTRUCTION.

By GEORGE BAKER.

In an old but not forgotten controversy of 1913, I found that a particular method, one of my own discoveries, published in 'Bell News,' March 17th, 1900, was produced by three orthodox bobs, Quick 6th's, Quick 3rd's, and Quick 6th's, and there and then I laid it down as an axiom that all methods, principles and systems were produced by making Bobs and Extremes in the Primary Principles.

Except that I have adopted the term 'Shunts,' I have never deviated from that statement, and that I was right in making it can now be abundantly proved. Moreover, I can go a step further, and declare that there is a general law in method construction, and that law applies whether it be method, principle or system, and the axiom laid down in 1913 can be amplified in 1925 as follows:

All methods, principles and systems, double or single, regular or irregular, symmetrical or asymmetrical, with one, two, or any number of hunts, or no hunts at all, are produced by making SINGLE SHUNTS which form ROUND BLOCKS in the Primary Principles or the Treble Bob Principle, and these round blocks are not confined to the first lead or division, but run right through the Plain Course.

A crude way of proving the axiom above would be to write out a full plain course of LEEK MAJOR, but I hope to make myself understood by the use of two divisions only.

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| 12345678 | 68472513 | Round block transposition<br>row from left to right. |
| 21436587 | 86745231 | 48763215   |
| 12463578 | 88754213 |  |
| 21645387 | 86572431 |  |
| 26154837 | 85627341 |  |
| 62518473 | 58263714 |  |
| 26581437 | 85236741 | 43172865   |
| 62854173 | 58327614 |  |
| 68245713 | 53872164 |  |
| 86427531 | 35781246 |  |
| 68472513 | 53718264 | 68472513   |

In the first row of shunts \* 12463578 must be transposed by 48763215 until the first row appears again.

In the second row of shunts \* 26581437 must be transposed by 43172865 until the first row appears again.

In the third row of shunts \* 68472513 is in coursing order, and the round block is completed when rounds turn up.

Here, then, is proof of the existence of round blocks in Leek Major, and what is true of Leek Major is true of any method, principle or system whatsoever.

It will be well to explain here and now that proof of round blocks in a method is not proof of construction; this can be proved by transposing the round block transposition rows of Leek Major in their consecutive order:

| Round block rows | Transpositions. |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 48763215         | 48763215        |
| 43172865         | 67418523        |
| 68472513         | 53127864        |

It will be 'clear to the meanest intelligence' that 53127864 is not 12345678.

Proof of construction is finding the actual lead or division head which will produce as a PLAIN ROW, a row that has already been produced by a shunt, and then transposing all the lead or division heads of the shunts of the method or principle in their consecutive order.

For proof of this we will take the shunts of Leek Major, and I must explain that these are double bobs, i.e., Quick 3rd's and 6th's, but being made in the same row they count as a SINGLE Shunt.

The first double bob produces 58672314 at 9th change of Q. P.

The second double bob produces 67418523 at 9th change of Q. P.

The third double bob produces 87536421 at 11th change of Q. P.

To prove the truth of the above it will be sufficient to give the transpositions of the first and last division heads.

| Shunts   | Transpositions. |
|----------|-----------------|
| 58672314 | 58672314        |
| 67418523 | 31754286        |
| 87536421 | 68472513        |
|          | 57836142        |

And now, at long last, we have the real truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, in the matter of method construction, and all the arbitrary definitions ever laid down are scattered to the four winds; for what is true of Leek is equally true of London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major, or any method, principle or system that ever has been, or ever will be, constructed.

Leek Major contains three round blocks produced by shunts, and seven by plain hunting.

London Minor contains 16 round blocks produced by shunts, and eight by plain hunting.

London Major contains 22 round blocks produced by shunts, and ten by plain hunting.

I have no doubt, now that it has been pointed out to them, my opponents will be able to prove the fact for themselves, and indeed I should not be surprised if eventually they want to claim all the credit for this discovery for themselves.

The only extenuating circumstances that I can find for one of my opponents is the fact that he was one of the first members of the Legitimate Methods Committee. The importance of the position seems to have muddled his brain, and as years went on every arbitrary definition that he became a party to appeared to him as a natural law.

Before I leave the subject of Leek Major, I want to call the attention of the Exercise particularly to that method.

The method was sent to me early in the year of 1913 by my intimate friend, Mr. E. A. Ridgway, of Leek, Staffordshire, with a request that I should examine and give him my opinion of same. I did so, I found it was produced from the Quick Principle by three double bobs, that it had what I term reciprocal relationship of the opposite pairs of bells, 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, and 4-5; a characteristic of the Primary Principles and of the Treble Bob Principle, that the changes were alternate quadruple and triple throughout, that the places were all made the right way, i.e., at hand and back stroke, that the division heads and ends were in coursing order, that musically it was far in advance of anything previously discovered, the Plain Course containing both Queen's and Titlums, and being a double method the eighty changes of the plain course consist of forty rows, and these forty rows reversed, bringing up all the backward coursing rows, backward Queen's and backward Titlums, etc.

I also proved the method, and found that with the tenors together, if bobs only are used, there is only one false course-end 126543, if singles are used there are two extra 124635 and 125364, but if 6, 7, 8, are fixed the method then has a clean proof scale.

This unique method was 'murdered' as soon as published by a gentleman, who shall be nameless, declaring that it was a 'mongrel' method.

I, being the sponsor for the method and partly responsible for its publication, came out of my retirement, and asked the nameless one his reason for calling the method 'mongrel,' and I was informed that Principles could only have the following division heads and ends:

|                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| (1) head 12345678 | (2) head 12345678 |
| end 13254763      | 21436587          |

It only took me a very short time to prove the above definition of a Principle to be an arbitrary one, and later I published in the 'Bell News' and 'Ringing World' a method which could be produced with any one of the four possible rows as the first division head, i.e.,

|          |
|----------|
| 24163857 |
| 68472513 |
| 75836142 |
| 31527486 |

Did the gentleman retract, or apologise to the author of Leek Major for having killed his firstborn method. Not he, people of his calibre rarely admit the possibility of their making a mistake, and like Felix the cat, 'who keeps on walking still,' so does he 'keep on talking and writing still,' without having the least knowledge of what I have now disclosed to the Exercise.

My life's labours may soon be at an end, but should the Exercise be desirous of learning more of what I am in a position to tell them, my knowledge, while I am spared, will be at their disposal, provided our Editor can find the space. On the other hand, if the Exercise is not interested, I shall go back to my retirement, from which I only emerged in 1913, to vindicate the legitimacy of Leek Major.

## GLOUCESTER &amp; BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

DEAR Sir,—Would you permit me, through your columns, to ask all life members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to send in their names and addresses to me not later than March 4th, 1925. The list needs revising, and those who write will be included in the new lists. Thanking you, Yours truly,

EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

## A DATE TOUCH.

At Bramley, Yorks, on Sunday, February 22nd, for evening service, a date touch (1,925 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hour 8 mins.: W. Waterhouse 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, T. Latimer 3, E. Redshaw 4, S. Wheatley 5, J. W. T. Holgate 6, J. Eastwood 7, H. Ward 8. Ringers of the 2nd and 5th are from Calverley; the tenor ringer from Pudsey; the others are members of the local company. This is the longest length rung on the bells, and longest length of Major by ringers of the treble, 4th and 7th.



## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## INTERESTING GIFTS TO PRESTON TOWER.

A very successful meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Whittle- Woods, on Saturday, February 14th, about 30 members being present from Brindle, Brownedge, Chorley, Hoghton, Leyland Parish, Preston Parish, Penwortham, and the local tower, together with visitors from Standish. The methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise.

Tea, partaken of at the Bungalow Tea Rooms, was followed by the business meeting.

On taking the chair, Mr. E. R. Martin said he was pleased to welcome the visitors who were present.

After the transaction of the ordinary business, the Secretary read correspondence between Mr. Thomas Russam, of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and himself, in which Mr. Russam said he had in his possession a print of Preston Parish Church, as it was in 1821, together with two peal records, which he offered to give to the Preston ringers, as he thought they were the people who ought to have them.

The secretary wrote thanking him for his generous offer, and suggested that he (the secretary) should hand them over to the Preston ringers at this meeting, on Mr. Russam's behalf. To this Mr. Russam had agreed, and had forwarded the print and records.

The secretary then read to the meeting the records, which are as follows:—

'On Thursday morning, Sept. 8th, 1831 (being the day of the Coronation of his most Gracious Majesty King William the Fourth), the Society of Change Ringers of this town ascended the noble Gothic tower of the Parish Church and rung a true and complete peal of Bob Major, consisting of 5,120 harmonious changes, in three hours and ten minutes; conducted by Mr. John Chew. The following are the names and the bells to which each was placed:

Treble.—Mr. Thomas Croasdale.  
Second.—Mr. Thomas Thompson.  
Third.—Mr. Benjamin Anderton.  
Fourth.—Mr. Richard Graham.  
Fifth.—Mr. John Mayor.  
Sixth.—Mr. John Smith.  
Seventh.—Mr. John Chew.  
Eighth.—Mr. John Simpson.

Weight of tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.'

'On Monday evening, January 30th, 1837, a select band of the Society of Change Ringers, Preston, accompanied by Mr. Wm. Bowker, of Manchester, and Mr. John Varley, of Croston, rung on the bells in the tower of the Parish Church, the celebrated ten course peal of Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5,040 changes, in two hours and 59 minutes; conducted by Mr. Thomas Brodric. The following are the names and the bells to which each was placed:—

Treble.—Mr. Edward Halliwell.  
Second.—Mr. Thomas Thompson.  
Third.—Mr. Benjamin Anderton.  
Fourth.—Mr. Richard Graham.  
Fifth.—Mr. Thomas Brodric.  
Sixth.—Mr. Samuel Leivesley.  
Seventh.—Mr. William Bowker.  
Eighth.—Mr. John Varley.

Weight of tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.'

The print was then handed round for the members' inspection, and all were highly pleased with it.

The Chairman said he would like to move that the best thanks of all present, and especially of the Preston ringers, be accorded to Mr. Russam for his gift. He added that he had a special interest in the records, as one of the ringers named was one of his ancestors, and no doubt others in and about Preston would also be relations of them.

The secretary hopes Mr. Russam will accept the vote of thanks through 'The Ringing World.'

It is the intention of the wardens and ringers that the souvenir should be framed, and a suitable footnote added, to show the origin of the gift, and then to put it in the Preston Church tower.

The print differs in some respects to the church as it is to-day, as in the picture the tower is surmounted by four pinnacles only, while to-day there is a spire as well as the pinnacles; also one of the entrances to the churchyard is different.

Another item of interest was then discussed, this being the question of educating the ringers on the lines suggested by a recent leader in 'The Ringing World.' After a fairly lengthy discussion, it was decided to ask Mr. Wm. Taylor, of Penwortham, to prepare a paper for the next meeting.

This closed the meeting, and most of the members went back to the tower.

The best thanks of the meeting were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local men for having all in readiness.

F. R.

## BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENTS.

It is pleasant to know that one is remembered by one's friends. On Tuesday, January 13th, at Southover Church, Lewes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by R. W. E. Dawe 1, L. Boyes 2, D. White 3, B. Heasman 4, W. Boyes 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, G. Wilkinson 8. Some touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were also rung, in which W. Ward, J. F. Steadman, A. Scrivens and R. Hide also took part.

The ringing was arranged by Mr. A. J. Turner as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (an old member of the tower), and the kindness thus shown is fully appreciated.

At Rotherfield, Sussex, on Tuesday, January 13th, at St. Denys Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Hammond 1, S. Russell 2, E. Bishop, junr., 3, E. Bishop, senr., 4, C. Brasier (conductor) 5, F. Hammond 6, W. Rogers 7. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

At St. Mary's, Hornsey, N., on Feb. 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: W. G. Blee 1, T. G. Deal 2, J. G. Nash 3, A. Howell 4, H. Blee 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the treble, and also as a 19th birthday compliment to J. G. Nash.

At Hornsey, on January 19th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Blee 1, T. Langdon 2, J. G. Nash 3, A. Howell 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. Howell on his 70th birthday.

At Northampton, on Monday, January 12th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by: A. Stade 1, J. C. Dean 2, W. H. Austin 3, E. Sibley 4, W. R. Parker 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. J. Dove (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung in honour of the tenor's birthday. First quarter in the method as conductor.

## YOUNG RINGER'S DEATH

The funeral of Wilfred Stephenson, who died at the age of 17 years, took place at Goolse on Friday, Feb. 13th. The deceased was a ringer at the Parish Church, and a member of the Yorkshire Association. His brother ringers attended the funeral, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the open grave, as a last token of respect, by H. Waud 1—2, C. W. King 3—4, H. Drake 5, L. Woodhead 6, M. Tate 7, J. Drake 8. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, with Messrs. J. Swingle, A. Jackson and J. T. Smith also taking part.

## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

A VARIATION OF C. MIDDLETON'S ORIGINAL PEAL.

By J. S. WILDE, Dunedin, N.Z.

| 5,024. |            |
|--------|------------|
| 23456  | M W 4ths H |
| 42356  | —          |
| 32654  | —          |
| 56423  | —          |
| 347265 | —          |
| 587324 | —          |
| 427536 | —          |
| 637452 | —          |
| 257643 | —          |
| 25634  | In         |
| 62534  | —          |
| 58234  | —          |
| 56342  | Before     |
| 35642  | —          |

The calling of the last two parts of original completes the peal.

## 5,160 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By ERNEST MORRIS.

| 23456 | M in & 5th's | H | 35426 | x |
|-------|--------------|---|-------|---|
| 23564 | x            | 1 | 24536 | 1 |
| 62354 | x            | 2 | 43526 | 1 |
| 32465 | 1            | x | 25346 | 1 |
| 64235 | 1            | x | 24326 | 1 |
| 43652 | x            | 2 | 54366 | 1 |
|       |              |   |       | 2 |

First rung, in the Kent Variation, at St. Martin's, Epsom, by the Surrey Association on December 26th, conducted by C. W. Roberts.

BRISTOL.—At Clifton Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): Mrs. W. Thomas 1, A. E. Parker 2, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 3, C. Rawlings 4, W. H. Thomas 5, W. Parker 6, H. Burt 7, R. Clark (conductor) 8.—On Saturday, Feb. 14th, with bells muffled for the late Mr. Edgar Wills, who was killed by an avalanche in Switzerland, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Major: H. Pring 1, A. E. Reeves 2, W. H. Thomas 3, C. H. Gordon 4, W. A. Cave 5, J. A. Burford 6, J. R. Jones 7, R. Clark (conductor) 8.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Thoms 4, N. Bryan 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

**LIVERPOOL.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday evening, Feb. 22nd, 808 Stedman Caters, for Divine service: W. Davies 1, W. Fisher 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, C. S. Benwell 4, E. Bounphrey 5, T. Hammond 6, A. Lintott 1, T. C. Larkey 8, E. Caunce 9, A. Griffiths 10.

**LONDON.**—At All Hallows', Lombard Street, on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, for evensong, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. J. Trimmer 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, W. H. Hewett 4, W. J. Nudds 5, J. Carman 6, F. I. Hairs 7, J. Davis 8.

**NORTHREPT, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles (6 six-scores each called differently), in 25 mins.: E. L. Risebrow 1, J. W. J. Brown 2, C. Pooley (conductor) 3, H. F. Carter 4, F. N. Golden 5.

**CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, for afternoon service, 720 Stedman Doubles: F. Peck 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, T. Crane 3, J. Howard 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Jolly 6. Also 240 Bob Minor.—At Halesworth, for evening service, 336 and 168 Stedman Triples.

**KENSINGTON, W.**—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, F. A. V. Sinkins 2, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 3, W. E. Judd 4, P. L. Miles 5, H. G. Miles 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. R. Tompsett (first quarter-peal) 8.

**BRISTOL.**—At Clifton Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. W. Thomas 1, C. Rawlings 2, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 3, A. E. Parker 4, G. Price 5, J. Jones 6, R. Clark (conductor) 7, W. H. Thomas 8.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: T. Birch 1, R. Fitzsimmons 2, F. C. Amos 3, F. Banton 4, J. Hughes 5, W. Dean (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6.

**PRESTON, LANCS.**—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, for evening service, 1,344 Double Norwich Major: S. Bleasdale 1, W. Sharples 2, J. Bimson 3, R. Armstrong 4, B. A. Knights (conductor) 5, F. Harwood 6, J. Gartside (longest length in method) 7, E. Armstrong 8.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,263 changes), in 52 mins., for evening service: A. Simpson 1, F. A. Salter 2, T. Kirkby 3, L. Chadburn 4, A. Leader 5, F. Bradley 6, F. Bailey 7, G. West 8, W. Hunt (conductor) 9, H. Cragg 10.

**FRODSHAM.**—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Lightfoot 1, O. Valentine 2, N. M. Bibby 3, J. C. Bibby 4, G. H. Randles 5, F. Bibby (conductor) 6.

**STEBBING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, H. Young 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, H. C. Ruffel 3, H. Emery 4, F. Harrington 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

**SOUTH HACKNEY.**—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Martin 1, F. Smith 2, F. Alloway 3, S. Wapshere 4, I. Attwater (conductor) 5, H. Hill 6, S. Penfold 7, F. Clark 8.

**GREAT YARMOUTH.**—For morning service, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, 504 (Thurstans') and 252 Stedman Triples: W. Harwood 1, W. A. Arnott 2, B. Thompson (conductor) 3, H. Hammond 4, H. Wright 5, W. Lee 6, E. Kett 7, H. Jarmy 8.—On Saturday, Feb. 7th, 791 Grandsire Caters: H. Hammond 1, W. Harwood 2, G. Clayton 3, W. A. Arnott 4, F. C. Lambert 5, D. Hayward 6, H. Wright 7, W. Lee 8, B. Thompson (conductor) 9, H. Jarmy 10. Rung for inaugural service of combined churches' eleven days' mission, addressed by the Lord Bishop of Norwich.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—For evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 8th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: B. Huckell 1, F. Warrington (conductor) 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, J. T. Newington 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. H. Dring 6. This was the first 720 in the method on the bells.—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, on the occasion of an organ recital given by Mr. Ponsoby (organist of Ely Cathedral), when there was a collection for the Bell Fund, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: B. Huckell 1, C. W. Cook 2, F. G. Gleaves 3, F. J. Cook 4, F. C. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, 864 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Robertson 1, J. George 2, E. Gosden 3, C. Waugh 4, J. Scott 5, G. Dix 6, A. Tully 7, E. Hern (conductor) 8. Longest length in method by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, 672 Grandsire Triples: R. Gray (first touch of triples) 1, C. Waugh 2, E. Gosden 3, J. George 4, J. Scott 5, E. Hern 6, G. Dix (conductor) 7, A. Scheof 8.

## ST. MARY'S RINGERS' GUILD, HANDSWORTH.

On Saturday, February 21st, the members of the above Guild held their third annual social and dance in the Endowed Schoolroom at Handsworth, Sheffield, where 150 pairs of feet tripped upon the floor in metric fashion, to the merry strains of music. The dancing was interspersed with song, solo, humour, and the ever-popular 'double-handed.' Mrs. S. Godden sang, in rich contralto, 'In an old-fashioned town,' and the 'old-fashioned' audience demanded an encore, the artist obliging by singing 'Absent.' Then there was a turn from the inimitable Mr. Bert Copley (humorist), who proved very popular as he rolled off an action song, 'The Cautious Lover.' And then Mr. M. Payling (baritone) followed with 'Mate o' Mine,' and, singularly, Mrs. Godden launched out in her next song with 'My Ship,' to be followed by Mr. Copley with the tickler, 'My word, you do look queer.' The old lady who sat next to the writer huddled over so much that her jewellery jingled like the chains of a cart horse, and she laughed until her ribs rattled. This artist could not be let go until he had obliged again, and again, with 'Won't yer, Bill?' and 'It may be so,' but in the writer's opinion, the forte stroke of the evening was given by this great humorist in a sentimental monologue, entitled 'Earthen Ware.' It was chock full of home-truths, and, being of rather a serious nature, no wonder it 'touched.' A course of refreshments was followed by a course of Grandsire Triples: Old Watkinson 1—2, Wilson 3—4, Godden 5—6; and, it's a fact, a 'Garth' completed the circle on 7—8. The wife of the 'Chief Baker' in Handsworth presided at the piano, accompanied by Messrs. Glossop (violin), and P. Mettram on the drum cymbals and 'oojahs,' the latter reminding one of a peal of 'one, two,' and one once heard and can never be forgotten. Messrs. Watkinson, Godden and Garth acted as M.C.s, and a fellow near the door took the Card-well, and then took his hook.

B. A. T.

## POTTERY RINGERS' 'OFF DAY.'

On Saturday last, six members of the Stoke-on-Trent Association paid a visit to the mother town of the Potteries (Burslem) to attempt a peal of Treble Bob Minor at the Church of St. John. After ringing 25 minutes the tenor rope broke. The handy men of the band soon spliced this, and a fresh start was made. The peal was gliding along beautifully in the fifth method, when, after two hours' ringing, the rope of the second bell came tumbling down on the writer's shoulders. This put the 'tin hat' on the attempt, as it was now too late to make another start. One of the band attributed this ill-luck to the fact that had they got through this peal it would have been his thirteenth.

The local ringers have made application several times for a set of new ropes, but the Rector and churchwardens are evidently under the impression that bell ropes belong to the perpetual system.

The first stage of the journey home was by electric car, but before reaching Hanley it came to a dead stop, something having gone wrong with the mechanism, which held up quite a string of other cars as they arrived behind it. Eventually the ringers arrived at Hanley safely. Here the writer boarded a 'chara' for Milton. 'As soon as I got seated,' he says, 'I heard the conductor say to the driver, "Let her go steady, Jim." What this meant I was very soon to find out, as Jim had evidently forgotten the conductor's advice, for a noise was heard as of many pistols firing, and the motion of the 'chara' was very similar to a cake-walk movement. However, Jim pulled himself and the engine together, and I arrived at my destination. When I went into the house I was rash enough to tell my wife of my experiences, and she said, 'It serves you right, you shouldn't go gadding about to all these different towers. Why don't you be satisfied with ringing in your own belfry; you knock about like a lad of 18 or 20, instead of a man the wrong side of fifty.' So I replied that it was just the ringing that kept me young. She didn't say anything, but I could tell by the flicker of a smile creeping into her face that she thought there was some amount of truth in it.

J. E. W.

## INCUMBENTS IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Vicar of St. David's, Glanadda, Bangor, until recently, came regularly in the belfry to ring; often three times on a Sunday, always twice, and once a week for practice. He also took part in a considerable number of peals. This he kept up for many years, and even now, at an advanced age, he occasionally ascends the belfry, if there are any visitors, or there is a chance of a touch of something out of the ordinary. The 'grand old man' is still absolutely keen. I refer to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., President of the North Wales Association.

A. J. H.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**—On Sunday, Feb. 1st, for service, 720 Duke of York: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

## NOTICES.

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**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—The 37th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L. To fully qualified members tickets will be issued on payment of 2s., to other members and friends, 6s. 6d. 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, Bishop Ryder's 2 to 2.40 p.m.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION**.—The annual meeting of this Association will be held at Leatherhead on Saturday, 28th February. Bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be followed by the meeting at 6 o'clock, after evensong. Will Secretaries kindly advise Mr. Arthur Dean, 24, Church Walk, Leatherhead, numbers attending from their towers.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ottershaw on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Short service 4.45, followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Isle of Wight District.—Spring meeting at Carisbrook (8) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Daybrook on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in Social Centre at 5 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 4.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., (altered address) 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By the kind invitation of the Rev. H. P. Boulton (Rector) the annual meeting will be held at Exton on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.15. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Schoolroom.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Penn on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells (6) available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION**.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Sapcote on Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Important business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION**.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at West Ham on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hall.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY**.—The next meeting will be held at Pudsey Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Farnworth, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Bedford District.—Owing to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting at Milton Ernest is postponed until Saturday, March 7th.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD**.—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea. If tea required, please write by March 3rd to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD**.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. to members. Please advise me by March 4th all who require same. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION**.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Tea in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Applications for tea tickets to be made to Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, not later than Wednesday, March 4th. For further details see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—A social will be held at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, on Saturday, March 7th. Commence 7 p.m. Mr. W. A. Cave will give explanations upon 'In and Out of Course.' Mr. W. Knight in the chair. All ringers and their friends heartily invited. — E. Guise, Hon. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at White Cot Dairy. Kindly let me know by Tuesday, March 3rd, if requiring tea. — E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A district meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Church Hall, to be followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me not later than Tuesday, March 3rd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, March 3rd?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, March 7th. Ringing from 3 p.m. (8 bells).—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmor, Neath.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. — Jas. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—The 107th anniversary of these bells will be celebrated on March 7th, instead of the 4th. Tower open all day. Dinner at the Tatched Tavern at 4 o'clock.—R. White.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A new peal board will be opened at Braintree on Saturday, March 7th, at 4 p.m. Any visiting ringers will be welcomed and a tea provided at a small charge. Will those intending to be present at the tea please notify Mr. W. H. Dyson, High Street, Braintree, not later than March 5th?

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea provided at 1s. 4d. each. It is very necessary for those requiring tea to advise Mr. G. Hardwick, 20, Sparken Cottages, Worksop, not later than Thursday, March 5th. All ringers welcome. — T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 2nd, the 16th and the 30th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by a committee meeting.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Chiswick on March 14th. Particulars later.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Midland District) will hold a quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. All intending to be present kindly send in their names not later than Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North and South Forest Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at Feathers Hotel at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. We would like to have the support of any members of other branches.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. E. Woodhouse, 104, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, not later than Wednesday, March 11th. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All outstanding contributions should be paid at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday. Nominations for the offices of president, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary should (vide rule 7) reach me one month before the meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**WESTBURY, WILTS.**—The Vicar and churchwardens give notice to change ringers that, owing to the fixing of a lantern and alterations to the tower roof, long peals cannot be rung until completion of the work.

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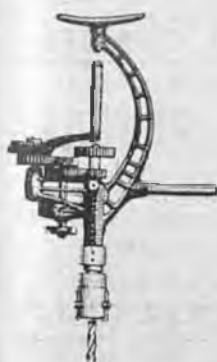
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## RINGERS AND FREEMASONRY.

The Johnson Commemoration Dinner at Birmingham on Saturday lacked nothing in its traditional enthusiasm and cordiality. Although the days of Johnson are fast receding and the number of those who knew him in the flesh is gradually but surely diminishing, his memory is still green, while, through this popular event, there must be many who, although they never saw Henry Johnson, and indeed knew nothing of ringing until long after his death, feel as if the famous old man had been a personal friend. This annual gathering not only serves the purpose of preserving the memory of one of the greatest ringing intellects of all time, and of one of the most lovable of characters that ever graced the Exercise, but it provides a fine illustration of the spirit of what we like to call freemasonry among ringers.

In this connection we would draw attention to a suggestion made in the course of his speech by Alderman Pritchett, who presided. There are in the ranks of ringers a great many members of the craft of Freemasonry, and the chairman, who is himself one of the foremost Masons in the country, suggested that a Ringers' Lodge should be formed in London. We imagine that Masons belonging to the ringing Exercise will welcome the proposal as cementing still more firmly the bonds of brotherhood which exist in both spheres and uniting them in a manner which is not at present attainable. To ensure that the Lodge shall retain its characteristic and remain essentially a ringers' Lodge, Alderman Pritchett's idea is to make it a necessary qualification that candidates for membership shall have rung a peal. This is a condition which would maintain the exclusiveness of the Lodge, and should attract to it all those who combine Freemasonry and ringing.

Having mooted the subject, doubtless Alderman Pritchett will see that the proposal is given the opportunity of taking shape. He is admittedly the very best person to launch the scheme, both from his knowledge of and his standing in the craft, as well as from his long and active connection with ringing. There have already been Freemasons' peals rung on eight and ten bells, and there is a keenness among members to associate the two things. A Lodge thus formed would enable those ringers who are connected with Masonry not only to enjoy a closer contact, but through their more intimate association in the lodge to come together much more often, as members of their ancient order, in the belfry. We hope Alderman Pritchett's idea will materialise at an early date, for we are quite certain that he will have the full support of all ringers who are also Freemasons.

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

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|                              |                             |
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## NOTTINGHAM, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| L. CHADBURN ... .. Treble | F. BRADLEY ... .. 5    |
| M. WARD ... .. 2          | A. BARRATT ... .. 6    |
| *E. FORT ... .. 3         | G. WEST ... .. 7       |
| †F. BAILEY ... .. 4       | A. LEADER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. BARRATT.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First in the method on a working bell.

## SHERE, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDK. W. RICE ... .. Treble | *THOMAS STREETER ... .. 5    |
| HENRY F. EWINS ... .. 2      | ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 3      | GEORGE ELLIS ... .. 7        |
| HUGH R. THORPE ... .. 4      | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method.

## CORSTON.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... .. Treble | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 5     |
| JOHN TAYLOR ... .. 2           | JESSE HALLETT ... .. 6       |
| MISS N. G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3   | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 7 |
| ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 4         | CHARLES W. BELL ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

Mr. Cave has now rung a peal on each of the bells.

## WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 5    |
| FRED GRUNDY ... .. 2           | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 6 |
| BEN WELSBY ... .. 3            | JOHN POTTER ... .. 7       |
| JAMES DENNER ... .. 4          | ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. R. Hall, a former churchwarden.

## WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, February 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 5    |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2      | HARRY HALL ... .. 6          |
| DAVID COLLINS ... .. 3           | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7   |
| JOHN HALL ... .. 4               | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Rung as a compliment to David Collins on his 77th birthday.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILSON ... .. Treble | GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5         |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2      | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6       |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3 | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 7       |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4   | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for the Ringing Master, Mr. C. J. Sedgley, it being his first peal in the method, and his 100th peal. This was also the 100th Surprise peal on these bells.

## ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROLAND BARROW ... .. Treble   | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5 |
| MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... .. 2 | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 6   |
| CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 3       | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 7 |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 4         | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT.

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD

Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd, this being her first touch in any Major method inside.

## BENSON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. Treble | JACK JUDGE ... .. 5           |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2  | ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 6       |
| WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 3      | *FREDK. W. WOODWARDS ... .. 7 |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 4       | CHARLES SPICER ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

\* First peal in the method away from tenor.

## BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble     | *ERNEST J. BROOKS ... .. 5   |
| THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2      | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6        |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3             | *JOHN SMITH ... .. 7         |
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 4 | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was rung in memory of the late Henry Johnson, on the occasion of the annual dinner in Birmingham, and was the first peal of London on the bells since they were recast. \* Proposed members previous to starting. Mr. Samuel Grove's 50th peal of London Surprise.

## ALSAGER, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN H. PARKER ... .. Treble | JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 5     |
| *FRANK E. CORFIELD ... .. 2  | FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... .. 3   | ARTHUR PEAKE ... .. 7         |
| GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 4      | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

\* First peal. Also first peal as conductor in this method. This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. L. Moir. Also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. Treble | EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 5      |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2         | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6      |
| EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 3       | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7     |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 4           | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Treble |

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROY LINTER ... .. Treble   | TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5      |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2  | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 3 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7     |
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 4 | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by F. W. ROGERS.

First peal as conductor.

## WEST MALLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, 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     |
| LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 2      | JAMES LEONARD ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE BELL ... .. 3       | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE NEWMAN ... .. 4     | WILLIAM DAY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, February 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores with ten different callings.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| *W. DAVIES ... .. Treble | W. WILLIAMS ... .. 4    |
| †J. BOURNE ... .. 2      | †G. HANKS ... .. 5      |
| I. RAWLINGS ... .. 3     | †A. MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal with a bob bell.

‡ First peal. First peal as conductor.

## LINCOLN.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FREDERICK WALKER ... .. Treble | HERBERT LOWMAN ... .. 4       |
| ROBERT CHESTER ... .. 2        | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 5      |
| ROBERT H. HORST ... .. 3       | WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

Birthday peal for the conductor.

BURNHAM-ON-SEA.—On Saturday, Feb. 14th, at St. Andrew's Church, before the induction of Prob. Wake, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 minutes by the following band: W. Russell 1, A. Routley 2, A. Evans 3, W. Rossiter 4, C. Pople 5, W. Worgan 6, G. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, H. Lawrence 8.—On Tuesday, Feb. 24th, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Mr. F. Baker as a chorister of St. Andrew's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Hobbs 1, A. Evans (conductor) 2, J. Baker 3, F. Hey 4, C. Pople (first in the method) 5, G. Chamberlain 6, W. Worgan 7, H. Lawrence 8.

## NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 14 lb. in F.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JOHN H. HARRIS ... .. Treble | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4   |
| GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 2      | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 5      |
| THOMAS JULL ... .. 3         | C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

## WORCESTER.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JAMES WOODYATT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4  |
| JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 2   | WILLIAM LEWIS ... .. 5    |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3      | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## CLAPHAM, REDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with twelve callings.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble | LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 4 |
| HARRY SMITH ... .. 2         | RICHARD SHIMMANS ... .. 5 |
| *ERNEST ASQUE ... .. 3       | JOHN BARKER ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to John Cooper, one of the local ringers, who died suddenly on February 7th.

## BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine 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.

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| *ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... Treble | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4          |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 2       | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 5       |
| †MISS GLADYS M. DODDS... 3    | †JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... Tenor |

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Cambridge Minor inside. The band take this opportunity of thanking their Bulkington friends for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *REGINALD PRESTON ... Treble | THOMAS HILDITCH ... .. 4  |
| JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 2    | WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 5 |
| †THOMAS HURD ... .. 3        | JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

\* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to William Tabernor, one of the 'old school' of Norton ringers, and also to the late Henry Page, one of the founders of the Stoke-on-Trent Association, and for many years the genial and popular leader at the Stoke-on-Trent belfry.

## PENISTONE, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of Norfolk, Sandal, Norbury, Kingstone, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Oxford.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

|                           |            |                        |       |
|---------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------|
| LEWIS WILKINSON ... ..    | ... Treble | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT | 4     |
| *JOHN ARCHIE BREARLEY ... | 2          | ARTHUR GILL ... ..     | 5     |
| JOHN REDFERN BREARLEY ... | 3          | GEORGE HILL ... ..     | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

\* First peal of Minor.

## ARLESEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                          |            |                        |       |
|--------------------------|------------|------------------------|-------|
| JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... .. | ... Treble | CHARLES J. BALL ... .. | 4     |
| TOM BARTRAM ... ..       | 2          | HERBERT E. DAY ... ..  | 5     |
| ERNEST W. DAY ... ..     | 3          | GEORGE T. CROFT ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by G. T. CROFT.

Ringers of the 3rd, 5th and tenor were made members before starting the peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells since 1902.

## CROSTHWAITHE, WESTMORELAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                         |            |                         |       |
|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|
| HAROLD HARDY ... ..     | ... Treble | *EDWIN JENNINGS ... ..  | 4     |
| FREDERICK HEWERTSON ... | 2          | THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. | 5     |
| WILLIAM ATKINSON ... .. | 3          | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal. Arranged for the ringers of the 3rd and 4th. who are from Kendal. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor are from Ambleside.

## BROMHAM, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Owen,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

|                        |            |                          |       |
|------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------|
| HENRY STAPLETON ... .. | ... Treble | ALFRED ROBINSON ... ..   | 4     |
| WILLIAM SHARP ... ..   | 2          | WILLIAM STOCK ... ..     | 5     |
| HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. | 3          | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## COVENTRY.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

|                         |      |                        |     |
|-------------------------|------|------------------------|-----|
| FRANK E. PERVIN ... ..  | 1-2  | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... | 5-6 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. | 3-4  | HUBERT SUMMERS ... ..  | 7-8 |
| JOHN TAYLOR ... ..      | 9-10 |                        |     |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.  
Referee: OSWALD J. HUNT.

EXETER.—On February 19th, at St. Sidwell's Church, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hour: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, A. Monkley 2, T. Bartlett 3, W. Richardson 4, W. Howe 5, E. Sargent 6, F. Murphy 7, G. Betts 8.

## BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

## GLASTONBURY DEANERY SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Glastonbury on Saturday, February 21st, when the Rev. L. S. Lewis presided, and about twenty members were present. The towers represented included Glastonbury, Street, Croscombe, West Pennard, Pilton, Doultling, Shepton Mallet and St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

The ringer's form of service was conducted at St. John's, and the Vicar gave the members a very helpful address.

Tea was partaken of at the Misses Taylor's Restaurant, and was followed by the business meeting.

The Rev. L. S. Lewis briefly referred to the loss the branch had sustained in the departure of Mr. Walter Farley, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch, and moved a vote of thanks to him for his valuable services. — This was seconded by Mr. W. Marsh (Street), and carried with acclamation.

The Hon. Secretary read a report on the past year's work, together with a statement of accounts, which were unanimously adopted.

The re-election of the Rev. L. S. Lewis, as president for the ensuing year, was moved by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. H. J. Trim, and carried.—The Rev. L. S. Lewis suitably responded.

The next business was to elect an hon. secretary and treasurer and a representative on the general committee. — The President brought forward the name of Captain Babington, of the Abbey House, Glastonbury, and proposed him as an hon. member.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Thyer.—Capt. Babington was then proposed as hon. secretary for the branch.

Mr. W. Marsh (Street), moved, as an amendment, that the election of hon. secretary be left over till the next meeting, and this was seconded by Mr. Rowse.

Mr. H. Collins (Croscombe) moved the election of the temporary hon. secretary, and proposed Mr. F. D. Rickards.—Mr. T. Willmot seconded, and this, on being put to the meeting, was carried.—Mr. Rickards briefly responded.

Three probationers from Street, and the like number from Pilton, were elected.—The tower of West Pennard agreed to rejoin the Deanery Branch, and Pilton also joined up.

The place of the next meeting was fixed for West Pennard, on the proposition of the hon. secretary, seconded by Mr. H. J. Trim.

Votes of thanks, proposed by the Rev. E. S. C. Lock, of West Pennard, were accorded to the Vicar, the choir, and organist, and all who helped towards the arrangements of the meeting, and these were carried unanimously.

Touches on the bells, before service and afterwards, helped to make up a most enjoyable meeting.

## DEVON GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch, was held at Exminster on Saturday, February 21st. Proceedings opened with a splendid service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. G. Samuel), who extended a very hearty welcome to the Guild.

After the service a move was made to the Victory Hall for tea. At the meeting which followed, among those present were Mr. E. Shepherd (chairman), Mr. T. Laver (hon. branch secretary, pro tem.), Mr. J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), the Rev. E. S. Powell (President of the Guild), the Rev. E. V. Cox (general secretary of the Guild), the Rev. D. G. Samuel, and about 60 members.

The Chairman warmly welcomed the President and secretary to the branch meeting, and hoped they would be seen often on those occasions.

A number of new members were elected, which shows that the branch is steadily making headway.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Crediton.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for so kindly conducting the service; also to the organist, choir, and the ladies who assisted at the tea. The bells at Exminster and Topsham were rung during the afternoon and evening, some excellent striking being heard.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the above was held at Baring on Saturday, February 21st. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Granville Sharp), assisted by the Rev. H. P. Brewer, a life member of the association, who gave an interesting address, Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presiding at the organ.

After service, at the kind invitation of the Rector, tea was partaken of at the Church Classroom, 40 members sitting down, and 14 towers being represented.

At the business meeting which followed, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector (who was elected an honorary member of the association) for his kindness; also to the churchwarden and to the ladies who had helped to make the meeting a success.

## CONSTRUCTIONAL SHUNTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—A word of appreciation is due to Mr. Trollope for his very lucid article, 'Concerning Constructional Shunts.' I venture to say that nothing clearer, or more easily understood, has ever been written on ringing intricacies. It is not everyone who understands the difficulty of clear writing. Easy reading means hard writing. Not only must a man have a gift of expressing himself well, he must also have the industry to be content to re-write over and over again, until what seems natural, but is really hard-won, clearness is attained.

But I am bound to add that I could not have understood this article had it not been for the discussion on the word 'Shunt' a few weeks ago. Knowing that to shunt anything is to push it away, to remove what is an obstruction, to discard what is unwanted for the time being, I should have been all the time looking out for what was in the way, or what it was that was being discarded. As this article will not always be read in conjunction with the correspondence referred to, why does Mr. Trollope reduce his writing to merely ephemeral interest, by the use of such a dubious word? Even when he clearly says that 'Each shunt is one step in the Treble's cyclical path in coursing order,' he does not point out what is absolutely necessary, if his words are to be understood, viz., that there is no discarding of anything.

Moreover, the error here is not only that of doing what ought not to be done, but of not doing what ought to be done. For Mr. Trollope speaks of blemishes which have to be removed. Obviously these are the things that have to be shunted, and the 'means' of which he speaks, by which they are removed, are the true 'Constructional Shunts.'

Now, truth in language is at least as important as truth in a method, or in a peal. And if we once begin to play fast and loose with it, we shall never know when to stop on the facile descent from the tableland of rectitude. So one is not surprised to find that everyone else who uses this error of Mr. Trollope's uses it with a fresh distinction of perversity, until we get to Mr. George Baker, with his fantastic Single, Double and Treble Shunts, and other fancy terms, which make what he writes so impossible to understand that one wonders if he understands it himself!

But, after all, why this difficulty? Mr. Trollope keeps on telling us that a 'Shunt' is a 'Step.' I suppose there cannot be a greater contradiction in terms. A Shunt may be a 'push aside,' or a 'glide aside,' but it can hardly be a 'step aside,' much less can it be a 'step,' with the 'aside' left out. Well, what is the matter with the good old word 'Step'? From a former article, it seemed as though the idea of a lift was more in Mr. Trollope's mind, but in this article he presses the word 'Step.' What then can be better than to say, 'A Step is the operation by which a bell is lifted a degree in its cyclical path in coursing order through the method.'

If, however, a distinctive term is still sought, for some reason, at any rate let it be one connected with the word 'step,' and not with a railway train—about the last thing in the world that can 'step'! Such words are 'grade,' 'graduate,' 'degree.' How would a 'gradum,' or to 'graduate,' answer the purpose?

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 10th, the annual dinner of the above Guild was held in the St. Mary Abbots' Parish Hall, 21 members and friends being present, including Mr. R. Carter (treasurer), the Rev. Stanley A. Spackman (chaplain), Messrs. R. A. Daniell, A. F. Harris, G. H. Harding (Bath) and Mrs. R. J. Wilkins (Bristol). The company was not so large as in previous years, Sir Stanley Von Donop, Captain Feilden, and Messrs. C. F. Winney and R. Holloway being unable to be present owing to illness. Dr. Forrest Browne, in a letter regretting his inability to be present, stated how much the parishioners appreciated the bell ringers' work, but said that for reasons of health, he was obliged to decline all invitations to dine out in the evening.

In the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. E. Marling-Robert) Mr. R. Carter took the chair, and an excellent dinner was done full justice to by all.

Several toasts were most enthusiastically drunk, and between the speeches some good songs were sung by Messrs. A. B. Bennett, R. A. Daniell, H. G. Miles, A. F. Harris and E. G. Locke, the Rev. S. A. Spackman presiding at the piano.

Mr. Carter told the company some humorous stories from his extensive repertoire, which were much appreciated by all. A course each of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters was rung on the handbells by Messrs. W. E. Garrard, H. G. Miles, W. E. Judd, C. W. Roberts and A. F. Harris.

The members desire to thank Mr. Carter, the Rev. S. A. Spackman, and those who did so much to make this gathering a success.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## DERBY DISTRICT AND PROPOSED CHANGES IN RULES.

A meeting of the Derby District was held at Ripley on Saturday, February 28th, members being present from Alvaston, Derby, Duffield, Elvaston, Long Eaton, Ripley and Swanwick. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major were brought round during the afternoon.

A business meeting was held in the belfry, presided over by Mr. G. Freebrey, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Spondon on March 23rd.

A discussion took place on the proposed new rules, recommended by the Nottingham District. — It was unanimously agreed that these alterations were too drastic, and the secretary was instructed not to support them, but vote for a rule authorising the payment of printing and postage from the general funds for local district meetings, etc.

The Secretary drew the attention of members to 'The Ringing World,' and pointed out the desirability of all ringers subscribing to the paper.—This was supported by Mr. Wallace.

Tea was partaken of in a near-by cafe, after which some of the members left for Ockbrook to ring handbells at a concert, while others returned to the belfry for more ringing, and this brought an enjoyable half-day to a close.

## RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, February 28th, a touch of 700 changes of Grandsire Triples was rung at Sible Hedingham: H. Wiseman 1, L. Wiseman (conductor) 2, O. Brody 3, F. Wiseman 4, A. Wash 5, C. Barker 6, R. Young 7, W. Cross 8. This was rung immediately after the wedding of Mr. Ronald Rayner, one of the local company. Owing to another service at the church a peal could not be attempted on that day, but an attempt was made on Sunday, March 1st. This, however, came to grief after ringing 2,016 Grandsire Triples, through the conductor missing a bob, and the bells were allowed to run round: L. Wiseman (conductor) 1, B. Pettitt 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, H. Cooper 4, A. Wash 5, C. Barker 6, S. Wilding 7, W. Cross 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Wiseman 1, R. Rayner 2, L. Wiseman (conductor) 3, F. Wiseman 4, A. Wash 5, B. Pettitt 6, S. Wilding 7, W. Cross 8.

## THE LATE LADY MARY HOWARD.

During the past week, Sheffield lost its first Lady Mayoress, by the death of Lady Mary Howard. Being the late Duke of Norfolk's sister, it fell to her lot to hold the companion office of Lady Mayoress at the time her brother was Mayor of Sheffield, the Duchess having died some time previously. The generous support which the Howard family have given to the Roman Catholic Church of St. Marie's, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, will always be remembered by local ringers, for it was through the instrumentality of the late duke that the very fine peal of eight were erected.

The death of Lady Mary Howard thus severs another link with the past, and as a token of respect, St. Marie's bells were rung muffled for evening service on Sunday last.

## DARTFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

We recorded last week the first peal of Dartford Little Bob Major, and we give below the method and the composition.

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Five times repeated, with B for S in all but the 4th part.

First rung at Dartford, Feb. 21st, 1925, conducted by E. Barnett, senr.

TREETON, YORKS.—At St. Helen's Church, on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. Haywood 1, F. Hanson (conductor) 2, A. Pashley 3, S. Haywood 4, A. Allwood 5, A. Tinkler 6. First 720 in the method for all ringers.



**DUMB-BELL APPARATUS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Occasionally, in quite unexpected quarters in the realm of literature, one comes across a reference to bell ringing. For instance, there is in that interesting book, 'Here, There, and Everywhere,' by Lord Fredk. Hamilton (who was acquainted with the late Canon Simpson), a lengthy paragraph in appreciation of the 'Simpson' tuning of bells.

My attention has just been called to a chapter in 'Leaves from the notebooks of Lady Dorothy Nevill,' describing Knole, the beautiful treasure house of the Sackvilles, wherein there is an account of a curious dumb-bell apparatus. I quote verbatim:—

'A curious feature of Knole is the attic which for generations has been known as the Dumb-bell Gallery, on account of its containing a quaint wooden machine something like a windless without handles. Around the middle of the roller is wound a rope, and at each end are four irons terminating in a ball of lead. The rope formerly passed through a hole in the floor into a gallery below, and anyone pulling it would cause the roller to revolve and rewind the rope again, giving the person pulling the same exercise as is obtained by ringing a church bell. In the seventeenth century, bell ringing was a very popular pastime, and probably it was about this time that the machine was set up, in order to afford opportunities for silent practice.

'A dumb-bell machine of the same kind, or rather the remains of it, was also in existence up to some few years ago at New College, Oxford—indeed, it may be still there to-day.'

I am wondering whether anyone at Oxford, or in the neighbourhood of Knole, could give any further information as to the dumb-bell apparatus in question, and as to any bellfries where such an apparatus is, or was, installed.—Yours very truly, G. P. BURTON.

**YOUNG RINGER'S DEATH.**

The funeral of Arthur Cooper, who died at the age of 21 years, took place at St. Thomas's Church, Newhey, on Thursday, Feb. 26th. The deceased was a ringer at this church, and a member of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancashire Association, and in the evening, as a last token of respect, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung with the bells muffled: J. Meadowcroft 1, R. Thompson 2, J. Wood 3, J. L. Rhodes 4, E. Smith 5, C. Dearden 6, C. A. Smith 7, S. S. Pittou 8.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The spring meeting of the Newbury Branch took place at Nease-more on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The following towers were represented: Beedon, Brightwalton, Bucklebury, Cheiveley, East Hsley, Newbury, Thatcham and Yattendon, together with the local men.

The Rector (the Rev. C. T. Hayes), who is an honorary member of the Guild, officiated at the service, and gave an address. Tea followed in the Church Room, about 60 sitting down. After tea, the Rev. E. W. Thorp proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, and the ladies who had so kindly provided the tea.

Bucklebury was chosen for the summer meeting, and a bye-meeting is to be held at Compton on April 24th.

A sum of four guineas was voted to the Brightwalton Bell Fund, and two guineas to the Washbrook Memorial Fund, several companies promising sums of 10s. and upwards in addition.

This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited, ringing being kept up until 8.30.

The methods rung comprised Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob.

A most successful meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held at Penn on Saturday last, the methods rung ranging from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise.

Although only a six-bell tower, a band could have been made up from the attendance for Stedman Cinques or Treble Twelve. An excellent tea was arranged by Mrs. A. W. Randall, some thirty persons doing justice to it. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) were present, their support being much appreciated. Ringing was continued until 9 p.m., when a fine 'run down' brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

**SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.**

A combined practice was held at Binfield on February 28th, when 21 members were present from St. Lawrence's, Reading, Wokingham, Easthampstead, Sandhurst, Twyford, Wargrave, Hurst, Waltham St. Lawrence and Binfield. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

**WINCHESTER.**—On Saturday, Feb. 21st, at the Cathedral, on the back ten, 537 Stedman Caters: E. P. Duffield 1, G. Williams (conductor) 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. Tate 4, R. Paine 5, F. S. Bayley 6, W. Andrews 7, G. Noice 8, J. W. Trappitt, senr., 9, F. W. Rogers 10. Also touches of Bob Royal, Treble Ten and Stedman Triples.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The 'gathering of the clans' during last week-end at Birmingham brought together ringers from nearly half the counties of England—at any rate residents in at least seventeen English counties and one Welsh county were present.

The proceedings began, as usual, with ringing and the Henry Johnson Dinner on Saturday, and were continued throughout Sunday. Several of the visitors did not find their way home until Monday.

Mr. Tom Russam, who was present, has not missed a Johnson dinner since the inception, and Mr. A. Padden Smith and Mr. Harry Withers have attended no fewer than 27 without a break.

The death, from pneumonia, is announced of the Rev. C. C. Child, of St. Agnes', Kennington, who was one of the original members of the Oxford University Guild, and rang, we believe, in the Guild's first peal, and was also in the first clerical peal, at Drayton.

At Solihull they have something to Bragg about. Ten close relatives rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters on Sunday evening and seven of the band can boast of the name of Bragg.

The hon. secretary of the Middlesex Association must be very proud of his son and heir. At the age of 14 years, Charles, junior, has scored his first peal, having rung the treble to Grandsire Caters. Congratulations to father and son.

His many friends will regret to hear that Mr. George N. Prier is ill, and his condition is serious.

The great scheme for recasting York Minster bells is progressing, and the old peal have been removed from the tower to the Loughborough Foundry.

A peal of 'Double Bob Royal 10-in' was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on March 7th, 1791. The peal was called by W. D. Crofts, and there were two men on the 9th and two on the tenor. There would be few bands to-day prepared to ring a peal under these conditions.

One of the very earliest long peals, and a truly remarkable performance for those days, was the 12,603 Grandsire Caters at Norwich on March 8th, 1737. It was only in the previous year that the bells had been augmented to ten. The tenor was rung singly by a young ringer for 8,000 changes, and by a second ringer for the rest of the peal, which was completed in 8 hours 15 minutes.

On March 10th, 1784, a peal of 7,008 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark in 5 hours 48 minutes by the College Youths.

March 12th is the anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus. This was in 1758, and was also rung at Southwark by the College Youths.

## CARLISLE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

### LONG-SILENT PEAL TO BE AUGMENTED.

As a memorial to the late Dean of Carlisle (Dr. Hastings Rashdall) Mrs. Rashdall has generously offered to defray the cost of rehanging and adding to the Cathedral bells, which, except for a doleful ding-dong and a mechanical hymn tune, have been silent for the best part of a century.

The tradition is that the bells were rung last to welcome 'Bonnie Prince Charlie' in 1745, and that, in consequence of this indiscretion the Government forbade them to be rung again. The legend was taken so seriously in 1837 that Queen Victoria wrote to ask Dean Close whether it was because of this supposed embargo that the bells of Carlisle were conspicuously silent at her Jubilee.

The present peal of six, with a tenor of about 20 cwt. is to be increased to eight, and the work is to be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## J. W. WASHBROOK MEMORIAL FUND.

The treasurer of the above fund, Mr. A. J. Wright, of 40, Harton Road, Reading, has received from various associations, towers and friends the sum of £60, and has the promise of a few pounds more. Whilst thanking all those who have contributed, we must point out that a great deal more is needed before the work can be put in hand, and, therefore, ask all intending subscribers to send their contributions to A. J. Wright and R. T. Hibbert, joint secs.

## INCUMBENTS IN THE BELFRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the above, I should like to point out that our Rector (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey, late President of the Middlesex County Association) rings regularly twice on a Sunday—for morning and evening services—and once a week for practice. He also takes part in any additional ringing that there may be. He is always to be found in the belfry with a smile. He is not only popular amongst his ringers, but also amongst his parishioners generally, especially the sick.—Yours truly,

Wrentham, Suffolk.

F. W. NAUNTON.

# HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.  
SUGGESTED FREEMASONS' LODGE.

Characterised by all the enthusiasm of former years, and given a special interest because it was the first public appearance of the Rector-Designate of Birmingham, the 37th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner was held at Birmingham on Saturday. Always a great attraction, on account of the extremely friendly atmosphere which pervades the whole proceedings, the gathering this year drew together a company of nearly 170 from all parts of the country. Not only were the visitors from afar welcomed by the members of St. Martin's Guild, under whose auspices the dinner is held, but the utmost cordiality prevailed, and a warm hospitality was found round the festive board, and both in and out of the towers. Ringing took place at St. Martin's, the Cathedral and Bishop Ryder's Church in the afternoon, and at the dinner the chair was taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Ringing Master of the Guild), the chief guest of the evening being the Rev. Canon S. Guy Rogers (late of West Ham), who was to be inducted three days later as Rector of Birmingham. Among others supporting the chairman were Mr. J. J. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), the Rev. Canon Blofeld (Vicar of Edghaston), the Rev. Dunn (King's Norton), the Rev. Jenkins (curate of St. Martin's), Mr. P. Yates (Ringing Master, St. Nicholas' Guild, King's Norton), Mr. W. R. Heaton, Mr. J. W. Tiller and Mr. Tunstall (Harborne), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. and Miss Walker, Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), Mr. W. H. Phillips (churchwarden of Aston) and Mrs. Phillips, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), etc. The members of the Guild were present in large numbers, and included Messrs. J. H. Shepherd, W. Kent and T. Russam (vice-presidents), C. Dickens (trustee), T. H. Reeves and J. Preston (auditors), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mrs. Russam, Messrs. J. Neal, T. Miller, E. Mansell, H. Withers, P. Luffin, J. George, J. W. Pemberton, etc. Among the visitors were the following: Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master), Mr. J. Sparrow (hon. secretary) and Mr. C. Matthews (Royal Cumberland Youths, London), Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal (London), Mr. P. J. Jackson (hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association), Mr. A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary, Beds Association), Mr. A. Payne (Durham and Newcastle Association), Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hughes (Rhyl), Mr. H. W. Wilde (Pulford, Cheshire), Mr. J. Oldham (representing Messrs. Taylor and Co.), Mr. S. J. Roper (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paget, Mr. and Mrs. S. Dawson, Miss Faulk and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. S. F. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. E. C. Shepherd and Mr. F. Price (Beeston), Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas, Mr. W. Knight and Mr. J. Burford (Bristol), Mr. T. King (Bath), Mr. J. Ausin (Gloucester), Mr. A. E. Parsons and Mr. Madden (Old Hill), Mr. W. Nevard and Mr. D. Elliott (Essex), Mr. W. J. Hazell (Edmonton), Mr. T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), Mr. F. W. Perrins (Coventry), Mr. W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), and many others.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. J. H. Richards (Colchill), the Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, Archdeacon of Aston, the Rev. W. J. Cole (Aston), Mr. H. Buckingham (churchwarden of Aston), Mr. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Mr. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. Harry Mason (Bournemouth), Mr. J. Jagger (Oldbury) and Mr. W. Mead (Clun). A telegram with best wishes for a successful evening was received from Messrs. Cockerell and Rowbottom, of the College Youths. The toast list and programme, prepared by the secretary, was again a happily conceived souvenir of the occasion, containing a photograph of Henry Johnson, and being studded with apt quotations from a variety of sources, which added piquancy to more prosaic items in the menu and toast list.

After an excellently served dinner, the loyal toast was enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. J. J. Kendall proposed the toast of 'Church and State.' It was well to connect the two in one toast, he said, because it would be a fatal day for England if Church and State were separated.

## BIRMINGHAM'S NEW RECTOR.

Canon Guy Rogers had an extremely cordial reception on rising to reply. He said he had really no right to appear there that evening, because as yet he was not their Rector, but he regarded it as a great honour to make his first public appearance in Birmingham in connection with that honourable and famous St. Martin's Guild. He bore from the Essex Association a greeting to them. In the old church at West Ham, from which he had just come, they had a peal of ten bells, and the fame of St. Martin's Guild was well known there, and he was charged to bring them a message of greeting (applause). He regarded himself as extraordinarily fortunate in com-

ing to a church which had such a reputation in the bell ringing world as St. Martin's, Birmingham, and, therefore, he was proud to be associated with them that night. One of his old ringers had said to him in a humorous way that he was one of the people who made a noise up aloft. He (the speaker) thought he might add to that, that he (Canon Rogers) was one of those who made a noise down below (laughter). They up aloft with the bells, if they did their part in the right spirit, helped people towards a sense of worship and an understanding that religion counted for something in the world, just as much as he did who tried to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ down below. He rejoiced that they were associated in this splendid work, not only in making religion the common possession of the people of England, but trying to present it to them in an attractive way as well. He supposed there were occasions when the Church and State had sometimes been presented to the world in a somewhat sinister connection, but when they thought of the real meaning of that toast they all agreed it was worth while proposing, and that it was an honour to respond to it. It meant that they, the people of this country, could not really do their best, or be their best apart from religion, and they were rendering a service to this country in making the religion of Jesus Christ known and felt to its uttermost borders. He supposed there were three things people asked of religion. One was that it should give them a reasonable answer to the riddle of existence; secondly, that it should set before them a moral standard; and, thirdly, that it should give them power to perform it. They all needed an answer to the questions where they had come from and where they were going to, and what was the meaning of life, and he believed their religion supplied that answer. He believed if they were to pull down all the churches of this country, a demand would presently arise to rebuild them, because man needed religion, and because he must have an answer to the riddle of existence. And they must have an answer to the question, 'What is the moral standard to which they should live up?' Religion supplied them with that standard; it was a standard which had not varied from generation to generation, and it set before them the standard to which all men in all time should approximate. It also supplied them with the power to perform their duty. It was not merely for the clergyman to do his duty in this matter, but for all of them to join together in this great profession of making religion a real living thing. It depended on the bell ringers of Birmingham, as well as the clergy, and it was only when the clergy and laity were joined in one great force and made the Gospel of Jesus Christ a reality that the Church and State could fulfil their proper function and bring in the Kingdom of God (applause).

Mr. T. J. Bratton was entrusted with the toast of 'The Immortal Memory of Henry Johnson.' He said he first made the acquaintance of Henry Johnson just fifty years ago, when the Birmingham worthy brought a band to Shrewsbury, where he (the speaker) was living. It was this acquaintance with Mr. Johnson and the Birmingham men which became the inspiration of what he was able to do later in Shrewsbury and Welshpool, just in the same way as acquaintance with Mr. Johnson became the inspiration of many another man. Henry Johnson had the privilege of living in the mid-Victorian age, which was the finest period the world had ever seen. He was a genius of his day, and he left many beautiful compositions behind him. That gathering was, as it were, the ashes of Henry Johnson, and his memory was embalmed with them, and would ever remain.

The toast was drunk in silence, and afterwards three leads of Treble Rob Fourteen were rung by Messrs. T. Russam, A. Walker, P. Luffin, G. F. Swann, J. E. Groves, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris.

## REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

The Chairman then submitted 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild.' He was happy, he said, for the first time for many years to say that their ranks had not been thinned by death in a single instance, but they lamented the absence from that gathering of their old friend, Mr. W. Rock Small. He was now 85 years of age, but, he was pleased to say, was in better health at the present time than he had been for the past two years. Mr. John Buffery, now the 'father' of the Guild, was also prevented by ill-health and infirmity from being present, and Mr. John Carter had also written to say he would be present with them in spirit, but on account of his infirmity he could not join them. He hoped their secretary would write to these three gentlemen and inform them that they

were in the thoughts of all present that evening (hear, hear). He was very pleased to see that they had such a magnificent gathering that night, and that they had with them many distinguished guests. One especially he would like to mention, because of the remarkable performance in which she had recently taken part, when she rang in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus; a performance that marked her as one of the most distinguished campanologists in this country; he referred to Mrs. Dick Deal (applause). The past year had been a most successful one for the Guild. From the report of his deputy, Mr. Albert Walker, he found that they had rung 39 peals, 32 in the tower, and seven on handbells. Amongst the most notable of these was a peal at Lichfield Cathedral, on one of the rare occasions when a peal was allowed, this being to celebrate the jubilee as a ringer at the Cathedral of Mr. Fred Cope. Then there was the splendid peal of Stedman Cinques at Exeter Cathedral, on the famous ring with its 72½ cwt. tenor, the first peal rung on these twelve bells. Congratulations on this peal came in from all parts of the country, and the members of the Guild would be glad to know that the magnificent performance was to be properly commemorated by a suitable tablet, by permission of the Dean and Chapter. Then there was the successful twelve-bell week, when peals were rung at Leicester, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Painswick and Cirencester, the only failure being at Wolverhampton, where a rope broke. This tour enabled members of the Guild residing outside Birmingham to meet and ring peals in towers other than St. Martin's. It was also interesting to know that the peal rung during that week at St. Martin's was the 200th peal on the bells, and they had in their peal books a complete record of every peal from the year 1755 down to the present day (hear, hear). In November, by kind invitation of the Vicar of Cheltenham, the Guild visited the Parish Church, and rang the first peal of Stedman Cinques on Cheltenham bells. There had been, continued the speaker, a very fair attendance on practice nights, but it might have been better. The service ringing had been splendidly maintained throughout the year, and the ringers in May last broadcast three courses of Stedman Cinques, the first time that bells rung in changes had ever been heard by wireless. The experiment was most successful, and only on the preceding Sunday a similar experiment was carried out from St. Philip's Church, when a touch of Stedman Caters was broadcast. Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett said he desired to mention the splendid services rendered to the Guild by his Deputy, Mr. Albert Walker (applause). As presiding Ringing Master he shone by Mr. Walker's reflected glory (laughter). It was he who, with the secretary, kept the Guild together (applause). On behalf of the Guild, Mr. Walker had attended dinners at Bristol, York and London, and he would like to add, that he (the speaker) attended the College Youths' Dinner, and on that occasion celebrated the 50th anniversary of his membership (applause).

#### SUGGESTED RINGERS' LODGE OF FREEMASONS.

There was an attempt to ring a Masonic peal on the 27th December, when eleven ringers, who were also Freemasons, came from all parts of England, only to meet with disappointment, through the failure of the twelfth man to reach Birmingham. Disappointments were not rare in ringing, and he never knew disappointment in one or two instances to prevent success at last, and he was quite certain that there would be the first Masonic peal of Cinques rung at St. Martin's Church in that town (applause). And while he mentioned Freemasonry and ringing, he would like to see a Freemasons' Lodge of ringers established in London, the qualification being that every member must have rung a peal. He had no doubt if such a lodge were started there would be a very large number of country members who would join it. Continuing, Alderman Pritchett said the continued prosperity of that Guild depended largely on Mr. Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master, and still more largely on Mr. Smith, their indefatigable secretary (applause). No words could express the value of their services, and were he to do them justice it might seem fulsome exaggeration to those who did not know them as well as the members of the Guild did (applause).

The toast was coupled with the name of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, whose health was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Paddon Smith, in responding, said he would like to take that, the earliest opportunity he had had, of saying how exceedingly proud they were to have the Rector-to-be of Birmingham with them. They were exceedingly fortunate to have him with them, and he had done that old Guild the greatest honour (applause). However many dinners he attended in the future it could not mean so much to them as having him there with them that night (applause). And after all it was not inappropriate that the Rector should come first among the ringers in entering his new parish, for on approaching the church the first thing one saw was the spire, the first thing one heard was the bells, that was, if they were in time (laughter), and the first people to greet the Rector were the ringers, and it was in accordance with the fitness of things, therefore, that the ringers should be the first of all his new organisations to welcome him to the great

city of Birmingham on his first public appearance (applause). If the Rector held any wrong ideas with regard to ringers and ringing, that gathering might help to remove some of the reproaches with which they had been saddled for generations by ignorant people (hear, hear). They had some eminent clergy present, and he would like to take that opportunity of submitting, with all due deference, that the time had come when they should cease to stress the point that the ringers' task was to call the people to church. Whatever case there was in the past for holding that view, he contended it had entirely disappeared in these days of universal clocks and watches. They ought to regard ringing, and especially ringing on Sunday before the services, as a great act of praise and thanksgiving (hear, hear), frequently the greatest act of praise performed at the church on a Sunday morning, and far transcending the sermon in importance (laughter). The Rector had already referred to them as the people who made the noise up aloft, and that was not a bad idea, for the voice of the bells reached out in the open spaces and the sunless slums, they reached out to many places where the preacher's voice could never reach. There were people who would not come to hear the preacher, but unless they moved—and there were certain difficulties about moving in these days—they had got to hear the bells (laughter). He considered in this matter that they were carrying out the Psalmist's injunction to 'Praise Him on the loud cymbals; praise Him on the well-tuned cymbals.' The bells were the cymbals, and it was up to the parsons to see that they were well-tuned. At King's Norton they had lately taken a great step, and had indeed got well-tuned cymbals (hear, hear). They had an excellent band of ringers to ring them, but, unfortunately, they had only eight bells. He hoped before long they would find them turned into an equally splendid peal of ten (applause).

A course of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. Laffin, Swann, Walker, Smallwood, Norman and Withers, and the Chairman then announced that the 115th anniversary of the birth of Henry Johnson had been celebrated that day by a peal of London Surprise Major rung at Bishop Ryder's Church.

Mr. Albert Walker proposed 'The Visitors,' and remarked that they had the support that evening of friends from the College Youths, the Cumberland Youths, the Surrey Association, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Durham and Newcastle Association, the Chester Diocesan Guild, the Lancashire Association, the Midland Counties Association, the Shropshire Guild, the North Wales, the Bath and Wells, the Essex, the Bedfordshire, the Herts, the Yorkshire, the Worcestershire, and other Associations, they had also with them representatives of the great foundries at Whitechapel, Loughborough and Croydon, and to all the visitors they extended a hearty welcome. They missed one or two faces from among visitors of past years, notably Mr. Ted Horrex, who was 87 that day, Mr. John Carter and Mr. Harry Chapman, of Manchester, who were prevented from attending by indisposition. They were always glad to welcome visitors to Birmingham, and he hoped that those who were with them that evening would join them on many future occasions (applause).

Mr. A. A. Hughes first responded, and expressed the appreciation of the visitors of the kindness shown to them at Birmingham on that and many similar occasions. At the meeting of the College Youths on the preceding Tuesday evening he was requested to convey the hearty greetings of that society to all their friends at Birmingham, and he wished, on behalf of all the visitors, to thank St. Martin's Guild for their most cordial welcome.

#### A STORY OF JASPER SNOWDON.

Mr. P. J. Johnson, referring to an injunction by the chairman at the outset of the proceedings that speeches were not to exceed five minutes each, said he was reminded of a perfectly authentic story told in connection with a great Yorkshire ringer—the founder of their association. He was a man of indomitable energy, and was not particularly patient when he had to listen to long sermons. His father was Vicar of Ilkley, and one Sunday morning, when he was preaching, the son, who was in the congregation, pulled out his watch and looked at it with some sign of impatience. To the astonishment of everyone the preacher leaned over from the pulpit, and said, 'All right, Jasper, I shan't be long now' (laughter). The Chairman, continued Mr. Johnson, had said that he lived in the reflected glory of his Deputy Ringing Master. He thought many of the visitors to Birmingham lived in the reflected glory of the Deputy Ringing Master, so far as ringing achievements were concerned. He personally was indebted to the Guild for carrying a distinctly raw novice through certain handbell peals, which he was certain the other ringers would remember if he did not (laughter). He believed he was correct in saying that the Yorkshire Association was the oldest of the county associations in the country, and he felt it a compliment to his own association to be asked to respond to that toast on behalf of the visitors, because they felt they had in their own founder a man than whom the Exercise had never known a greater, and they were conferring honour on the name of Snowdon in coming to pay tribute to one of his great predecessors in the art of change ringing. He thanked them most heartily for the welcome extended



to the visitors, and he could assure them that, whether they liked it or not, he intended to come to those gatherings as long as he was able (laughter and applause).

Mr. T. H. Reeves proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World.' He said the ordinary Press was lamentably ignorant on ringing matters, and it was, therefore, essential that the Exercise should have its own paper. They had that paper in 'The Ringing World,' and every ringer should support it, because the better it was supported the more it would increase in value and interest. Referring to the controversies which took place in the columns of the paper between the experts, he suggested that it would be far better if the experts would conduct their arguments through the post, because much of what they had to say did not interest the ordinary ringer.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, whose name was coupled with the toast, alluding to the experts' controversies, pointed out that there was also another side to the one put by the proposer. While the experts might never agree on some subjects, the publication of their views led others to think over these more advanced matters for themselves, and eventually to profit from what they had read. In this respect it enabled progress to be made, which could not be so general if the experts had to limit themselves to the post.

#### CHAIRMAN'S MANY-SIDED ACTIVITIES.

Mr. Paddon Smith submitted the 'Health of the Chairman,' and referred to the many departments in life, apart from ringing, in which Alderman Pritchett achieved fame, notably in Freemasonry, in civic affairs, and in the law. It was true, he said, that their chairman had not yet been Lord Mayor of Birmingham, but the Lord Mayor had to do what Alderman Pritchett told him (laughter). He was the honoured Presiding Ringing Master of their Guild, and he (the speaker) realised that there was nothing further that they could offer him, unless he could become the Lord Bishop of Birmingham (laughter). So long, however, as he was prepared to accept the office which he now held they desired no other occupant (hear, hear). He had not only the confidence and esteem, but the love of every member of the Guild, and the Guild was honoured in having at its head such an honoured and highly placed gentleman (applause).

The Chairman, in replying to the toast, which was enthusiastically received, said the Guild had conferred on him the highest possible honour in making him their Presiding Ringing Master. It was one of the proudest things of his life to have held that position. He had had a long life, a healthful life, and a pleasurable life, and one of the greatest pleasures in his long life had been his association with bells and bell ringing (applause). In conclusion, the Chairman thanked the artists, Mr. Tom Davies and Mr. Dai Thomas, and the St. Martin's Quartette for their delightful entertainment, which had been appreciated and enjoyed by everyone.

The two first named contributed songs and duets, and the latter sang a number of quartettes, in which their well-balanced voices were heard to perfection.

Mrs. Tom Davis was the accompanist.

#### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 28th, a very successful meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Ottershaw, and there was a very good attendance of members from the various towers in the district—a great improvement on some past meetings. Ringing commenced at three o'clock, and various methods were rung, both before and after the service and meeting, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

The Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Richards) conducted the service, and attended the tea, but was unable to stay to the business meeting.

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffoy) was elected to the chair, and was supported by Mr. G. Atfield, Vicar's warden.

Two new members were elected, and it was proposed to hold a combined service at Pirbright in March, and Chobham or Bagshot in April.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for granting permission to hold the meeting, and for conducting the Guild's service; also to Mr. G. Atfield for having the bells in readiness, and for making the necessary arrangements for the tea.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday evening, Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Dickinson 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabbs 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, C. A. Button (conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.

**COLESHILL.**—On Sunday, January 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Clayton (conductor) 1, T. Davis 2, E. Morris (first quarter inside) 3, J. Field 4, T. Goldby 5, G. Dale 6, G. Davis 7, W. Simmonds 8.—For evening service, on January 18th, another, in 42 mins.: Miss E. Morris 1, F. Clayton (conductor) 3, rest as before. Also 120 Stedman Doubles. First 120 by T. Davis and E. Morris.

#### SURREY ASSOCIATION.

##### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Leatherhead on Saturday, when about 40 members were present from all parts of the district. The business meeting was presided over by Mr. Chas. R. Reading, of Christ Church, Mitcham, while all the secretaries were present.

Mrs. Hobson, wife of the Vicar of Leatherhead, looked in at the meeting, and tendered her husband's apologies for his absence, which was in consequence of his being called to Winchester. — A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mrs. Hobson was asked to convey this to him.

The place of the next annual meeting was fixed for St. Peter's, South Croydon, in January next.

Mr. J. D. Drewett wrote tendering his resignation as Ringing Master, on the grounds of illness, but the members felt Mr. Drewett had so long been connected with the association, and had so endeared himself to them, that they much preferred his remaining master, even if the position was only held nominally, and, therefore, he and all the other officers were re-elected for the year.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Arthur Dean for arranging the tea and obtaining the use of the bells. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and continued until late in the evening, touches in various methods from Cambridge Royal downwards being rung.

#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### STOCKPORT BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

Cheadle was the venue of the Stockport Branch annual meeting on Saturday, February 21st, and as usual there was a good attendance. The Parish Church, dedicated to St. Mary, is a typical old Cheshire Church, a good photograph of which appears in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's book, 'Among the Bells' (page 496). Ringing is performed on the ground floor, consequently there is a long draught, which is a source of difficulty to visitors at first. The back six bells were cast by Abel Rudhall in 1749, with a tenor of 13½ cwt. In 1882, two trebles were added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. These were requisitioned in good time, and kept going until 4.30 p.m., when service was held. This was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. Brown Pollock), who gave an excellent address.

Tea was provided at the Parish Hall, and no trouble or pains had been spared in making provision for the visitors. There were fifty members present, and the Rector joined the party at tea, but, as he was unable to stay through the business meeting, he was accorded a cordial vote of thanks, and to this he made a hearty reply.

The Hon. Secretary reported the deaths of Mr. Joshua Howcroft, of Hyde, and Mr. Joseph Brockellhurst, of Hayfield, and intimated that he had sent letters of condolence to the relatives. His action was confirmed, and it was decided to place on record the sending of these letters.

In presenting his annual report, the Hon. Secretary commented on the lack of interest displayed, and appealed for a little more 'ginger' to be administered. Five meetings had been held during 1924, at which the average attendance was 35, a decrease of five on the previous year. The membership totals at the end of the year were: 20 honorary and 168 ringing members, two honorary and 10 ringing members having been elected during the year. Only six peals had been rung, four of which were Minor, one Double Norwich Major, and the other Kent Treble Bob Major.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that, including the balance in hand of £3 16s. 1d. at the commencement of the year, the total receipts were £25 13s. 0½d., and after meeting all expenses there was a balance on the right side of £5 9s. 7½d., which was very satisfactory. There were, however, a number of subscriptions outstanding, and it was hoped these would soon be forthcoming.

The reports were accepted, and all retiring officers were re-elected.

After much discussion, it was again decided to arrange the places and dates of the meetings for the year, and the following were fixed, subject to the approval of the respective authorities: Business meetings: Warburton, May 9th; Marple, July 25th; Disley, Sept. 19th; and Stalybridge (H.T.), November 28th. In addition, there will be a special practice meeting at Taxal on June 27th. These will be duly advertised as they fall due.

The following motion was passed for consideration at the next general committee meeting: 'That the annual festival of the Guild shall be held in each branch area in turn.'

Pleasure was expressed at having the company of the general secretary, Mr. E. W. Elwell, who, since his appointment, has lost no time in getting thoroughly conversant with the doings of each branch.

Seven new ringing members were elected, and arrangements for reviving the quarterly peal attempts were left in the hands of Mr. T. Wilde and the branch secretary.

The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting, when the bells were again requisitioned.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**RICKSMANSWORTH.**—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: W. Croseley 1, C. Lord 2, J. E. Jones 3, G. Foster 4, J. A. Jones 5, E. Hookham 6, J. B. Marks 7, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except 7 and 8.

**EXETER.**—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, by members of the Cathedral band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) was rung in 59 minutes on the back ten of Exeter Cathedral: J. Arbury 1, J. Oke 2, T. Laver 3, T. Bartlett 4, W. Lethbridge 5, F. Gardner 6, F. Murphy 7, J. Sandover 8, F. Davey (conductor) 9, W. Mitchell and C. Glass 10. First quarter for Messrs. Arbury, Gardner and Mitchell.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, Feb. 22nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, T. R. Taylor 2, C. Groves 3, J. Topp 4, J. D. Harris 5, W. Tate 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.—Also on Sunday, Feb. 15th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Topp 1, J. J. Symons 2, C. Groves 3, J. Pater-son (first 504) 4, F. W. Rogers 5, W. Tate 6, J. D. Harris (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

**LEICESTER.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: \*D. Grant 1, G. S. Morris 2, L. Johnson 3, T. Bert 4, J. Morris 5, E. Whitehead 6, E. Morris 7, J. Grant 8.—For evening service, 989 Grandsire Caters: \*D. Grant 1, E. Morris 2, L. Johnson 3, J. Morris 4, W. P. Whitehead 5, W. H. Clarke 6, E. Whitehead 7, G. S. Morris 8, A. Cattell 9, J. Grant 10. Both conducted by Ernest Morris. \* Longest length.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—At St. Illtyd's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Spliced Union and Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: A. W. Wright 1, R. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry 5, A. J. Pitman (composer and conductor) 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Spliced Triples ever rung.

**EXETER.**—On Sunday, January 25th, at St. David's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 minutes: A. W. Searle 1, J. Arbury 2, F. Gardner 3, C. Carter 4, J. Oke 5, W. Lethbridge 6, F. Davey (conductor) 7, S. Milton 8. First quarter in the method by the St. David's Society.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes), in 44 minutes: J. Arbury (conductor) 1, G. Luxton 2, W. Huxtable 3, F. Gardner 4, J. Oke 5, W. Lethbridge 6, F. J. Davey 7, F. Rowland 8. First quarter as conductor, and first quarter for 2nd and tenor men.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, January 25th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, a 720 London Surprise Minor: E. Brown 1, \*W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. H. Porter 4, F. W. Lupson 5, W. N. Park (conductor) 6. \* First 720 in the method inside.—On Sunday, Feb. 8th, 840 Wells Surprise Minor: \*W. Oliver 1, W. H. Porter 2, \*R. Park 3, \*W. N. Park 4, \*F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. \* First 720 in the method.

## THE LATE MR. CHARLES GILES.

## AN APPRECIATION.

It was with great sorrow that all who knew him learned that 'Charlie' Giles—as he was familiarly called—had passed away on Sunday, February 8th. Never very robust, he had been in a weak state of health for over a year, and had to take ringing and other things much easier than before. It was hoped that with care his life might be prolonged for some considerable time, but it was not to be. He contracted a chill which developed seriously, and after keeping to his bed for a day or two the end came quite suddenly.

Mr. Giles had been attached to one or other of the Reading towers during all his ringing career, but he was last and longest at St. Mary's, where he took the greater share of the conducting. His first peal was in 1892 (Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Hopgood). Others soon followed, and included a non-conducted of Stedman Triples, and several in the most popular Surprise methods. Besides ringing many for the Oxford Guild, he also took part in a good number with his Winchester Guild friends, especially in those Winchester tours which the late Rev. F. E. Robinson so much enjoyed. On one of these tours, he took part in the first peal of Stedman Caters in Hampshire.

He was one who, to use St. Paul's words, 'studied to be quiet, and to do his own business,' and as such was always welcomed, whether as a member of a company or as a ringer in a touch or peal. With him in the band a conductor would feel that, no matter what the method or the length, there would be at least one who would really ring the method and the bell throughout, who would be able to help the wanderer, and in the case of a breakdown would be able to point out the mistake with accuracy.

He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his loss, and to them is offered the true sympathy of his many ringing friends.

## GLOSSOP &amp; DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the Glossop and District Association took place at the Crown Hotel, Glossop, on Saturday, Feb. 7th, when a large company of ringers and several visitors, among whom were Mr. J. W. Pemberton, of Erdington, Birmingham, a native of the town, and a former member of the parish church service ringers, Mr. H. Davis and Mr. S. Greenhaigh, of Manchester, were present.

After the dinner, the Rev. F. Whalley presided, supported by the Rev. H. Lawrance, M.A., Vicar of Dinting, Alderman J. Malkin, J.P., Major F. H. Morris, O.B.E., Mr. T. Beardwood, Mr. C. H. Woodward, and Mr. W. A. Atkinson.

Good vocal and other music flowed freely during the evening, the chief contributors being a quartette party of the Whitfield Church choir, with Mr. R. Malkin, who performed skilfully at the piano.

The Chairman expressed his great pleasure at presiding over the gathering, and submitted the toast of 'The King,' which was honoured in loyal manner.

Other toasts which followed included 'The Glossop Change Ringers' Association,' proposed by Major F. H. Morris, and responded to by Mr. J. Neal, the respected hon. secretary of the association.

## 5,184 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By J. W. PARKER (No. 51).

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First rung at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Conducted by R. D. Marshall.

## MR. T. W. LAST'S 100 PEALS.

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| Bob Minor, 4 methods           | 1      | 2          |
| Bob Major                      | 7      | 11         |
| Kent Treble Bob Major          | 21     | 2          |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major        | 11     | 1          |
| Grandsire Triples              | 4      | 2          |
| Stedman Triples                | 6      | 2          |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Major | 26     | 12         |
| Cambridge Surprise Major       | 11     | 5          |
| Superlative Surprise Major     | 8      | 1          |
| London Surprise Major          | 1      | 2          |
| Little Bob Major               | 2      | 1          |
| Erin Triples                   | 1      | 1          |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal          | 1      |            |
| Total                          | 100    | 39         |

## DEATH OF A BOTTESFORD VETERAN.

On Sunday, February 22nd, there passed to his rest one of Bottesford's stalwarts, in the person of Mr. Thomas Rawdin, who had been a member of St. Mary's Belfry for 50 years, although he retired from active ringing about five years ago, on account of his advanced age. Deceased, who was 78, was a regular and consistent Sunday Service ringer, as well as at practice (a fine example for all to follow). Although he never mastered the inside work of change ringing he was a very good treble man, and had the honour of ringing the first peal on the bells by the local hand about 14 years ago, that being his only peal. He was a member of the choir for 46 years.

The deceased was buried on Wednesday, Feb. 25th, close to the church he loved so well, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. F. Walford).

In the evening, as a last tribute of respect, the bells were rung half-muffled, when a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (his favourite method) was brought round in 49 mins.: C. Hallam 1, M. Bend 2, C. H. Jallands 3, C. Briggs 4, S. Proctor 5, A. W. Ward 6, J. W. Kirtou (conductor) 7, J. H. Branston 8. First quarter-peal of Triples by C. H. Jallands, who is the youngest Bottesford ringer to score a quarter-peal.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DIVISION AT PETWORTH.

The annual meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Petworth on Saturday, Feb. 21st, when 30 members attended by motors, cycles, etc., from Brighton, Heene, West Tarring, Shoreham, Hunfield, Pulborough, Billingshurst, Kirdford, Arundel and Lymington. Ringing began with Stedman Triples, and ranged up to Cambridge Surprise Major. A meat tea was enjoyed, Mr. Knight, the local secretary, being the caterer.

At the business meeting, with the Master of the Association (Mr. J. T. Rickman) presiding, 15 new members were elected.

Mr. A. W. Groves was again elected as secretary, Messrs. Doick, Challen and Lindup were appointed on the committee, with Messrs. Charman, Burdfield and Burtenshaw as the Committee of Advice.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting in May, at Walberton.

After votes of thanks to the Rector of Petworth for the use of the bells; to Mr. J. T. Rickman for presiding also to Mr. Knight for making the local arrangements for the meeting, the members again made their way to the belfry, and the bells were kept going to 7.30.

Petworth now possesses one of the best peals in Sussex, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated on the excellent 'go' of the bells.

### HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Hereford District was held at Hereford on February 21st. During the day the members made use of the bells at the Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Nicholas' Churches. A service was held in the afternoon, and an excellent address given by the Rev. H. W. Hill, who also presided over the subsequent meeting. He was supported by the Very Rev. R. Waterfield, D.D., Dean of Hereford, Miss M. Bull, the Rev. G. W. Turner, the Rev. J. Dent, and Mr. C. Edwards (secretary). The following towers were also represented: Madeley, Tyberton, Kingstone, Allensmore, Much Dewchurch, St. Nicholas, Cathedral and All Saints' (Hereford), Burg-ill, Wellington, Withington, Lugwardine, Hampton Bishop, Holme Lacy, Bodenham, Clifford, Talgarth, Bedwelty and Ross.

In the course of his report, the Secretary stated that the year was started with a balance of £5 5s. 11d., and finished with £7 15s. 9d. in hand. The membership had decreased by four, but they had now three lady hon. members in the district. Excellent progress had been made in change ringing, although the number of peals rung was not so great as last year. He wished particularly to thank the Rev. K. O'Neil, the Rev. Brooke-Bradely and the Rev. J. Dent for the kindness they had shown the ringers during the year, also the clergy as a whole for the use of the bells at various combined practices.

The Dean proposed, and Mr. C. Sparkes seconded, that the balance sheet be adopted.

Mr. Edwards intimated that as he had now been made Master of the Guild he wished to be relieved of his office as secretary. Mr. A. Gwynne was elected as his successor.

Mr. C. Edwards was elected hon. treasurer; Mr. W. Taylor and Mr. G. Taysom were again elected Ringing Master and Assistant Ringing Master, respectively.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings at Woolhope, May; Withington, August; and Madeley, November.

### RINGER'S WEDDING AT BONVILSTON.

On Saturday, February 21st, a pretty wedding was solemnised at St. Mary's Church, Bonvilston, South Wales, by the Rev. G. Thomas, Vicar of the parish. The bridegroom was Mr. Alfred Hannington, one of the local ringers, and the bride, Miss Ada Caroline Thomas. The bride, who was given away by Mr. E. Thomas, leader of the local band of ringers, was attired in a navy blue costume, grey hat and grey fox fur. She was attended by Miss Muriel Kellow as bridesmaid. Mr. John Hannington, brother of the bridegroom, acted as best man.

The reception was held at Bonvilston Cottage, kindly given by Mrs. L. G. Williams, and about 30 guests were entertained. After the reception, the happy couple left for Burnham-on-Sea, where the honeymoon was spent.

The bells were rung in the evening by the local band, in honour of the event. The ringers presented the bridegroom with a silver tea-pot as an appreciation of his regular and faithful service as a ringer, and with best wishes for a long and happy married life.

At Farnham, Surrey, on January 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Dorothy Davies and Mr. Humphrey Tanner, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Prior 4, F. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—Later in the day at the time the happy couple left for their honeymoon, 657 Grandsire Triples: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, A. J. Le Clercq 4, H. Prior 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

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### SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.

—The quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea. — F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—

A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 p.m., 1s. to members. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—

The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (10) available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m. Tea in the Hawdon Institute at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. For further details see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

### LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—

The quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at White Cot Dairy. — E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—

The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, March 7th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth

District.—A district meeting will be held at Petersfield on Saturday, March 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, in the Church Hall, to be followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A new peal board will be opened at Braintree on Saturday, March 7th, at 4 p.m. Any visiting ringers will be welcomed and a tea provided at a small charge.—W. H. Dyson, High Street, Braintree.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available 1.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea provided, 1s. 4d. each. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year to be in my hands not later than March 31st.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—

A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, March 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. — Jas. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at: \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on March 10th; St. Andrew's, Hol-



born, on the 12th (8 p.m.); St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service, on the 15th (6 p.m.); St. Magnus, on the 19th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 24th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 31st; at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Chiswick on March 14th. Tower open at 2.45. Tea arranged for 5.30 at 9d. each. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Midland District) will hold a quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Gentlemen cordially invited. All intending to be present kindly send in their names not later than Wednesday, March 11th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—North and South Forest Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lydney on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at Feathers Hotel at 4.45 p.m., followed by business meeting. We would like to have the support of any members of other branches.—Edgar Guise, Gen. Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head, to all who notify Mr. A. E. Woodhouse, 104, Victoria Road, Walton-le-Dale, not later than Wednesday, March 11th. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, March 14th, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. Tea 1s. 3d. each to those who notify me by 10th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea, 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, March 14th, at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available all day.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, March 14th. Tea will be provided for those applying to Mr. T. Hilton, 28, Victoria Street, Darfield, before March 12th. The bells have been rehung in a new frame, and a full and representative gathering is desired. Tower open 2 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, March 14th. The bells of St. Cuthbert (8), St. John (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available. All ringers are welcome, and are asked to meet at St. John's tower at 1.30 p.m. Tea at the St. John's Mission Room at 5 p.m., at 9d. each, to all those who notify me on or before Tuesday, March 10th. Half-fare tickets are issued by the L.N.E.R. to Darlington on Saturdays.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1762).—The next practice will be held at Ruddington on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 5 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 16th and the 30th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Harlow on Saturday, March 21st. All members are asked to make a special effort to attend. Subscriptions for 1925 are now due.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall (Wells Street) 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing till 9.30 p.m. Will members and friends please do their utmost to attend? Those desiring tea please notify me by the 18th.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, March 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the division will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea will be provided in the Institute at a charge of 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. W. Stubley, 13, Rising Street, Pitsmoor, Sheffield, by Thursday, the 19th. The business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The annual meeting of this Guild is postponed until further notice.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday. Nominations for the offices of president, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary should (vide Rule 7) reach me one month before the meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**ADDRESSES.**—The address of Mr. P. O. Laffin is now 1691, Pershore Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham.—Mr. R. G. Marshall's address is now 73, Sydney Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.

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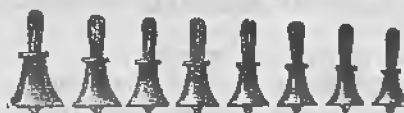
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Leiston has been fortunate in being able to maintain for a long period a band of able and enterprising ringers, of which the backbone has been the brothers Bailey. What has been done by this band is something more than the ringing of a considerable number of peals; they have shown that on eight bells, as on six, ringers can introduce extensive variety into what they practice. As we have often remarked before, it is really surprising how little ringers go outside the common track to find diversity in the art. It is not that other methods are not worth ringing—there are many that are—but even Surprise bands who are regularly practicing together seldom get away from what one may be excused for calling the 'big four' of the Surprise category. These four methods are so well established among ringers that their claims to first consideration are unlikely to be displaced, but where there are opportunities for introducing variety we should like to see the ringers show a somewhat more enterprising spirit.

Although these remarks are prompted by what has been done in Surprise ringing at Leiston, they apply equally to ringing in less difficult methods. As we pointed out only a few weeks ago, there is an interesting series of plain Major methods for those who can ring Double Norwich; indeed the group which has been put into practice at Willesden forms an easy stairway from Plain Bob upward, and those who really take a delight in their ringing should apply themselves to these methods. Not so easy, but even more interesting, are some of those rather complicated odd-bell methods evolved from Stedman and Erin by Mr. J. W. Parker. We still await the performance of a peal in one of these methods, which in their complexity look worthy of the time and attention of the most advanced ringers. They form a new world to be conquered, and the first to conquer it will have gone a step beyond their fellows.

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| CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3     | GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 7 |
| HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 4       | HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by BENJAMIN THACKRAH. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE

\* First peal in the method.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARTHUR H. HAYWARD ... Treble | DAVID G. TAYLOR ... .. 5  |
| PERCY MERSON ... .. 2        | EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 6 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3     | HENRY BUNGAY ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 4    | JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor   |

Composed and Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal in the method by the Association, on the bells, by all  
except ringers of 7th and 8th, and west of Bristol by a resident band.  
The peal was rung at the first attempt (but not without previous  
practice).

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES TURNER ... .. Treble | FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 5     |
| STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 2    | CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6       |
| *JOHN EAGLES ... .. 3        | CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... 7     |
| RICHARD H. STEVENS ... 4     | FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.

\* First peal of Stedman.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

G. LINDOFF'S NINE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES PAGETT ... .. Treble | JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 5     |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2  | GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 6      |
| JOHN CURTISS ... .. 3      | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7         |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4    | GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The peal was preceded by a 720 of Bob Minor, in which the Vicar  
rang the treble, it being his first 720. It was a birthday peal for Mr.  
Jas. Pagett.



BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *STANLEY W. HASNIP ... Treble | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 5 |
| ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 2      | EDMUND MOUNTER ... 6          |
| JOHN LYDDIARD ... 3           | ISAAC EMERY ... 7             |
| GEORGE DURLING ... 4          | HARRY DURLING ... Tenor       |

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| *CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble | WILLIAM BIBBY ... 5     |
| †MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2  | JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6     |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... 3        | GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7 |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... 4      | FRANCIS BIBBY ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise 'inside.' After the peal, Miss Bibby received the hearty congratulations of the band upon her splendid performance.

WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| HERBERT WORMWELL ... Treble | TOM REDMAN ... 5       |
| CHARLES W. STEPHENSON ... 2 | WILLIAM HUNTER ... 6   |
| RENNIE HARTLEY ... 3        | HARRY ENTWISTLE ... 7  |
| *WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4     | †EDWIN OGDEN ... Tenor |

Composed by J. NICHOL.

Conducted by E. OGDEN.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal as conductor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble | HENRY HUTTON ... 5          |
| *CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2      | ALBERT HARMAN ... 6         |
| GEORGE MARRINER ... 3          | ALFRED H. WINCH ... 7       |
| *JOHN A. COLE ... 4            | ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal in the method. This was G. Marriner's 50th peal on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *EDWARD V. RODENHURST Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... 5     |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... 2          | EDWARD JENKINS ... 6      |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... 3        | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 7    |
| HENRY C. COLLIER ... 4       | JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by ROBT. SPERRING.

\* First peal of Surprise.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| †ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... Treble | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5      |
| *MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... 2   | THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 6      |
| FRANK W. PERRINS ... 3        | *JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 7       |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4         | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal of Surprise Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Dodds, of Winnipeg.

PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| FREDERIC A. BURNETT ... Treble | RICHARD STONE ... 5      |
| *MRS. F. BURNETT ... 2         | PERCIVAL L. COOK ... 6   |
| *PERCIVAL GILES ... 3          | HARRY L. W. AITKEN ... 7 |
| HARRY REYNOLDS ... 4           | GEORGE COOPER ... Tenor  |

Conducted by F. A. BURNETT.

\* First peal. Rung in honour of the institution of the Rev. Canon Lovett, C.B.E., M.A., Vicar of Portsmouth, as the first Archdeacon of the new diocese of Portsmouth and the Wight, which took place at the above church that morning.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| *ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5 |
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... 2        | FRED COTTON ... 6       |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3  | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7     |
| ARTHUR CATTELL ... 4       | JOHN GRANT ... Tenor    |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

\* First peal of Triples in the method. Triples, Calers and Cinques in both Grandsire and Stedman have now been rung on these bells.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HERBERT E. ACDSLEY ... Treble | JOHN BURLS ... 5            |
| HARRY ARGENT ... 2            | WILLIAM HARPER ... 6        |
| *FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 3  | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7 |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4 | GEORGE MORRAD ... Tenor     |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. M. MITCHELL.

\* First peal 'inside,' and first attempt.

NEWPORT, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES E. LILLEY ... Treble  | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 5     |
| ERNEST BAKER ... 2          | WALTER FAIRHEAD ... 6       |
| †WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3  | CHARLES PICKEN ... 7        |
| WILLIAM T. GOODFELLOW ... 4 | *FREDERICK ANSLOW ... Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † 25th peal. Ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th belong to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury; 2nd and 7th to Shifnal; tenor to the local band.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM MILES ... .. Treble | HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 5    |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2    | LEONARD E. LAST ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 3    | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7   |
| STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 4   | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Rung with the bells partially muffled. This was Mr. Miles' first peal of Major, and it was the first peal of Major on the bells.

BALDOCK.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble | *HERBERT E. DAY ... .. 5     |
| CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 2        | *GEORGE T. CROFT ... .. 6    |
| *JOHN J. CAUDWELL ... .. 3      | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7     |
| JOHN HARE ... .. 4              | HERBERT W. ELSE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

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

SIX BELL PEALS.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt, 1 qr.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. Treble | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 4  |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2        | JAMES HUDSON ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 3      | WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

First peal as conductor in seven methods. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector of Ringstead.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| †GEORGE LAWRENCE ... .. Treble | *ALBERT HEATH ... .. 4         |
| †HENRY HATTEN ... .. 2         | SIDNEY H. HOPPER ... .. 5      |
| †JOHN H. PENNEY ... .. 3       | WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM G. LANCASTER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. This is the first peal of Minor on the bells.

RINGER AND REFEREE.

Mr. Frank Renton, president of the Leeds Parish Church Bell Ringers, and a well-known Rugby referee, has been injured through becoming entangled in a bell rope. He fell about ten feet. A collar-bone was broken and one knee bruised.

Mr. Renton, who is 58 years of age, will be unable to referee the match at Wigan next Saturday, and this, it is said, will be the first match he has missed since he began refereeing thirty-seven seasons ago.

ALDERSHOT.—On Wednesday, March 4th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) by the local band: Miss Nancie Denyer 1, Miss Bertha M. Mills 2, Miss Addie Fisher 3, Miss Hilda F. Mills 4, W. Denyer 5, A. J. Croucher 6, C.-Q.-M.-S. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO LADY RINGER AT BUCKNALL.

On Saturday, March 7th, the monthly meeting of the above association was held at Bucknall. This village being easy of access for members of surrounding towers, coupled with the fact that it is the home of Minor ringing in North Staffordshire, upwards of fifty members were present, from Kingsley, Biddulph, Newcastle, Stoke, Audley, Burslem, Norton and Cheddle, while visitors from the neighbouring county of Cheshire, representing Crewe, Wistaston and Norbury, also attended. Ringing began at 2.45 by the early arrivals. A short service was held at 5 o'clock, when an address (limited to five minutes) was given by the Rev. — Sinister, who said it was the first time he had been in the company of ringers. There was one thing which had impressed him very forcibly, and that was the great enthusiasm and keenness which seemed to prevail amongst the ringers present. That was the spirit that was wanted in the life of the church generally. Whatever work was taken up it ought to be done with heart and soul, such as he had witnessed in the belfry that afternoon. Although the preacher's time was so limited, every word was pregnant with meaning, and was enjoyed by every one present.

After the service the church day schools were visited and a splendid tea, provided by the ringers' wives, was in readiness.

After tea, a large framed photograph of the Bucknall ringers was presented to one of the lady ringers of the band, Mrs. W. Clarkson (nee Miss Alice Wheeldon) on the occasion of her recent marriage.

The Rector said he was delighted to make the presentation, as both Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson were both good church workers. He had seen them both grow up in the service of the church; he had had the pleasure of marrying them in their own place of worship, and he wished them both every happiness and prosperity (applause).

Mrs. Clarkson thanked the ringers for their beautiful present which she and her husband would prize very much. Her household duties would now claim most of her time, but if they would allow her and her husband to join them on some of their outings, which she had always enjoyed, she would be pleased to do so.

Mr. John Fenton (Rector's warden) and a great benefactor of the church, also spoke in eulogistic terms of the work done by Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson.

Ringings was afterwards kept up until 9 o'clock, when a very successful meeting came to a close.

DARTFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to point out that the above method is asymmetrical, and, therefore, illegitimate, according to the ruling of the Legitimate Methods Committee. It is all the more remarkable, therefore, that one of the Legitimate Methods Committee should have taken part in the peal.

A glance at a diagram of the method proves the statement, and further proof can be had by proving the method by reciprocal proof, which discloses two false rows, i.e., 14628375 and 14326587.

A symmetrical method will never have more than one false row when proved by reciprocal proof, i.e., the lead-end.—Yours, etc.,  
11, Shirley Street, Leek. E. A. RIDGWAY.

5,088 SPLICED TREBLE BOB.

By E. C. GOBEY.

|         |   | Oxford. |   |   |   |   |     |
|---------|---|---------|---|---|---|---|-----|
|         |   | M       | 2 | 3 | 4 | W | H   |
| 2345678 |   |         |   |   |   |   |     |
| 7352468 | 2 | x       |   |   |   |   | 2   |
| 5327468 | 2 |         | x |   |   |   | 2   |
| 3725468 | 2 |         | x |   |   |   | 1   |
| 2753468 | 2 |         | x |   |   |   | 2   |
| 2734568 | 1 |         | x |   |   |   | 2   |
| 7432568 | 2 |         | x |   |   |   | 1   |
| 3742568 | 2 |         | x |   | 2 |   |     |
| 7243568 | 2 |         | x |   |   |   | 1   |
| 4237568 | 2 |         | x |   |   |   | 2   |
| 4275368 | 1 |         | x |   |   |   | 2   |
| 3526478 | 1 | x       |   |   |   | 1 |     |
| 2356478 | 2 |         | x |   |   | 2 |     |
| 2364578 | 1 |         | x |   |   |   | 2   |
| 3547268 | 1 | x       |   |   |   |   | 1 1 |
| 7453268 | 2 |         | x |   |   |   |     |
| 2643578 | 1 |         | x | x |   |   |     |
| 2635478 | 1 |         | x |   |   |   | 2   |
| 2654378 | 1 |         | x |   |   |   | 2   |
| 6452378 | 2 |         | x |   |   |   | 1   |
| 2345678 |   |         | x |   |   |   |     |

First rung at Duffield, February 21st, 1925.

## MEDIÆVAL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—We have been interested lately in claims to the possession of ancient bells. It began with the report of the dedication at Eythorne, wherein it was asked, with justifiable pride regarding the two ancient bells in that tower, if any other church possessed two bells which had never been recast of earlier dates.

Our Eythorne friend, in giving details of the inscriptions, says: 'The inscriptions on the bells are as follows':—

4th.—SANCTA: KATHERINA: ORA: PRO: NOBIS.' W. JORDAN, 1470.

Tenor.—'NOMEN: MAGDALENA: CAMPANA.' W. JORDAN, 1470.

The invocatory character of the 4th inscription is in perfect keeping with the period, so is also the inscription on the tenor. One would assume that the latter was at its dedication given the name of the patronal saint, to which the church is dedicated?

Doubt, however, exists in my mind concerning the founder's name and date being inscribed on the bells. It is possible, but very improbable, when we consider the period. Perhaps your Eythorne correspondent will make that point clear, as it is of great importance to anyone who indulges in 'bell hunting'; possibly that information was collated from a documentary record or source.

In 'The Ringing World' of December 26th last, Mr. J. R. Jerram gave us an excellent account of the Croyland bells. The tenor being of greatest interest, bears the imprint of the royal founder, John Danyell, i.e., the royal arms quarterly England and France, crowned.

Now, sir, John Danyell was founding c. 1450—1460? And two of his bells hang in the steeple at Whiston, near Rotherham. They bear on the waist the shield Mr. Jerram describes, but neither of these shields are crowned—Danyell did occasionally omit that detail—the cross stops are Fleury, and not the medallion stamp as on the Croyland tenor.

The bells are respectively inscribed, and spliced into the peal of eight, as the

3rd.—'SANCTE: PETRE: ORA: PRO: NOBIS.'

4th.—'VOX: AGUETINI: SONET: IN: AURE: DEI.'

The capitals are Lombardic, and the smalls of black-letter type.

Let us then assume that Danyell cast the Whiston bells at the 'big' end of his career, they will be at least a decade earlier than the Eythorne bells. Not much, I agree, but it's there.

Now, let us just take a peep at the inscriptions, which are to be found on the first and second bells in the tower of St. Matthew's, Morley, near Derby. Ah! there they are, look! at the elegant Old English type on the

Treble.—'X: ORA: PRO: NOBIS: BEATE: ANDREA:

Now, here we have highly ornamental Lombardic capitals forming the whole of the inscription on the

Second.—'X: I.H.C.: NAZARENUS: REX: JUDEORUM.'

Oh yes, they both came from the hands of the same founder. See the quaint fleury stop, following the word 'PRO' on the treble, and here again it is reproduced on the second bell following the sacred monogram, and once again it follows the word Ring (REX).

But what about the date of founding? That is to be arrived at partly by the Old English on the treble, which proves that they were not cast before 1400. See, the tenor has unfortunately been recast in the year 1614 by Oldfield, of Notts. What a pity! what a pity!

Now, let us get down into the church again from amid the dirt and grime of past centuries. . . . Eh, guide, just sniff! What a strong perfume of paraffin! Ah! that reminds me, keep clear of the 'meter'! it's at the bottom of the tower steps.

Come this way, here we have at the east end of the north aisle, paved in the floor, a collection of encaustic tiles. These tiles were made and fashioned by the Premonstratensian Canons of Dale Abbey. They were fired at the kiln by those Norbertian Monks, whose ashes are crumbling to dust amid the ruins of that once stately pile.

And see, what a variety of designs are imprinted, from a simple initial letter, to the finest heraldic 'coats' of Lancaster, Grey, Beauchamp and Zouch. But, here we are, 'his is the one of most interest to us on 'this' bell-hunting expedition. On this tile we have a 'Rampant Lion Dically crowned upon a shield'; the shield is cantoned, so that three bells may be placed within the margin. Yes, the pious Monks of Dale designed and fired that tile to commemorate JOHN STATHUMS' munificent gift of three bells to Morley Church!

Now, reader, leave those encaustic tiles, and let us examine this slab of Purbeck marble. You will see it had originally several brasses let into it; most of the heraldic shields are missing, but on this elaborate portion, John Stathum is represented in armour; bare-headed, and kneeling on his helmet. Opposite, his wife Cecily is represented clad in a loose robe, kneeling also.

Now let us read the inscription, it is in English, and records Stathum's gifts to the church and poor of the parish of Morley. We read as follows: 'Here lieth John Stathum, Squyer sometime Lorde of this towne and Cecily his wife; which yat to yis churchc iij belles and ordyned iij. yjd. yerely for brede to be done in almes among

pore folk of ys pressh i ye day of ye Obit of Dame Godyth sometime Lady of ys towne. Ye said John dyed ye vj day of Novembre ye yere of our Lord MCCCCLIII—and yo said Cicely dyed ye xxvth day of April ye year of our Lord MCCCCLXIII, of whos sowles God have mercy. Amen.'

Here we have sufficient proof that Morley bells were cast previous to 1454—so rest content they are, also slightly earlier than the mediævals at Eythorne—and, reader, they still are

'Ringing, hanging, verdantique an' hoary,

Aye, me—they tell a patriarchal story!'

470 yeres after ye Obit of John Stathum, Squyer, an' Donor! What a memorial! What a memorial! Consider.

IRENÆUS.

## MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE'S 300 PEALS.

|                                    | Tower. | Hand.  | Conducted. |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| Seven methods on five bells        | 1      |        |            |
| Five methods on six bells          | 1      |        | 1          |
| Grandsire Triples                  | 10     | 6      | 3          |
| Grandsire Major                    |        | 2      |            |
| Grandsire Caters                   | 6      | 1      | 1          |
| Grandsire Cinques                  | 1      |        |            |
| Oxford Bob Triples                 | 1      |        |            |
| Plain Bob Minor                    |        | 1      | 1          |
| Plain Bob Triples                  | 1      | 1      | 2          |
| Plain Bob Major                    | 18     | 23 (a) | 27         |
| Plain Bob Royal                    |        | 3      | 1          |
| Plain Bob Maximus                  |        | 1      |            |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major          | 1      | 1      | 2          |
| Little Bob Major                   | 1      |        | 1          |
| Dartford Little Bob Major          | 1 (b)  |        |            |
| St. Clement's Bob Major            | 1      |        | 1          |
| Stedman Triples                    | 18     | 1      |            |
| Stedman Caters                     | 19     | 2      |            |
| Stedman Cinques                    | 1      |        |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Major              | 15     |        | 4          |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal              | 3      |        |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus            | 4      |        |            |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major            | 9      |        | 2          |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal            | 2      |        |            |
| Spliced Kent and Oxford T.B. Major | 1      |        |            |
| Forward Major                      | 1      |        |            |
| Forward Royal                      | 1      |        |            |
| Duffield Major                     | 1      |        |            |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Major     | 47     |        | 1          |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Caters    | 1      |        |            |
| Double Oxford Bob Major            | 2      |        | 2          |
| Winchester Bob Major               | 1 (b)  |        | 1          |
| Edmonton Bob Major                 | 1 (b)  |        | 1          |
| Mariborough Bob Major              | 1 (b)  |        | 1          |
| Waterloo Reverse Bob Major         | 1 (b)  |        |            |
| Little Albion Treble Bob Major     | 1      |        | 1          |
| Norfolk Surprise Major             | 7      |        |            |
| New Cumberland Surprise Major      | 1      |        |            |
| Cambridge Surprise Minor           | 1      |        |            |
| Cambridge Surprise Major           | 27     |        | 2          |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal           | 3      |        |            |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major       | 3      |        |            |
| Superlative Surprise Major         | 27     |        | 2          |
| Brighton Surprise Major            | 1 (b)  |        |            |
| Bristol Surprise Major             | 10     |        |            |
| London Surprise Major              | 4      |        |            |
|                                    | 258    | 42     | 57         |

(a) Including 11,200.

(b) The only peals yet rung in these methods.  
Rung in 108 towers.

## BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

At Morton, Derbyshire, to commemorate the 21st birthday of E. Mallender, the following touches were rung: On Friday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Deaken 1, E. Mallender 2, F. Knowles, senr., 3, C. Thompson 4, F. Knowles, junr. (conductor), 5, G. Frost 6. Also on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: E. Deaken 1, E. Mallender 2, F. Swain 3, F. Knowles, junr. 4, W. Swain (conductor) 5, G. Frost 6.

LAVERSTOKE, HANTS.—On Thursday, Feb. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Balaam (conductor) 1, K. Scott 2, J. Scott 3, F. Knapp 4, Rev. I. G. Best 5, A. Juniper 6. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd from Woolton Hill; 4th, 5th and 6th from Highclere.

## BELLS IN MUSIC.

By ROBIN HOOD.

To imitate the sound of bells with the instruments of the orchestra is admittedly difficult, and such imitation is rarely attempted. Composers of music for any instrument are frequently required to illustrate bells, the principal medium being the octave of tubular bells, familiarly known as 'gaspipes,' or the gongs usually found among the effects of the drummer. The writer remembers, as a child, singing in a then popular temperance cantata in which the air of 'Caller Herrin' was adapted to the following words:—

I love a merry peal of bells,  
Of hope and joy their music tells.  
When travelling homeward wearily  
They greet us cheerily.  
Hark! 'tis the bells of the village church,  
How pleasantly they strike on the air,  
How merrily they ring.

The Brooklyn Comedy Four, a combination travelling the halls a few years ago, did a splendid vocal imitation of an un-Simpson tuned bell, the waves of harmony being very realistic, and must have cost hours of practice. The usual method of including a bell in the orchestra is to fit its occasional strokes to the harmony, as in 'Mariana' (Alas, those 'chimes!'), 'Il Trovatore' (Miserere scene), and the 'Yeomen of the Guard' (execution scene). A much more effective number is the organ solo by Horsman, entitled the 'Curfew.' This is a wonderfully beautiful tone poem, illustrating a calm summer evening, accentuated by the recurring strokes of the curfew bell, played on one note of the carillon stop in the organ.

Then we have passages of music undoubtedly inspired by the composers' knowledge of English ringing. The church parade for troops is usually preceded by a composition, entitled 'Hark! the merry Christ Church Bells, 1 2 3 4 5 6,' the numbers being the correct sequence of a peal of six. A six-bell change also occurs in the hymn, 'There is a blessed home,' curiously enough, repeated, as for a whole pull, this phrase also being employed by Mr. John Carter in his humorous skit on change ringing, 'The scolding witch.'

Sir A. Sullivan was a known lover of bells, and probably change ringing had its effect on the very numerous diatonic melodies which literally poured from his pen. I have heard the chimes of Big Ben reproduced over the 'wireless' on the piano so realistically as almost to deceive, and I have seen them scored in one selection with fearful discords and an explanation that such discords were included to give the proper effect.

Then we come to the carillon effect. There are dozens of these, and they make very attractive items, being often clever and ingenious adaptations to the orchestra of the octave of tubular bells. The opera entitled 'Les Cloches de Corneville' is too well known to escape notice. This also is a carillon device, played either on the glockenspiel or celeste, but the church at Corneville possesses no such bells, there being only two indifferent ones, quite incapable of doing justice to Planquette's melody. The Whittington change on eight bells occurs completely in Mendelssohn's 'Ruy Blas' overture, though there is no evidence that the composer received any suggestion from hearing it at any time. Gounod certainly betrays influence in the accompaniment to his 'Angelus.'

Regarding Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture,' frankly I am puzzled. Did he write the bell obligato as played by British bands? I think not. The usual method of expressing joy through bells on the continent is a pandemonium of jangling, and not the well-ordered sequences of our own isle. In fact, outside Belgium, bells in any number are rare. Anyway, our method of treating the overture is no more bizarre than that of the composer's, who introduces into an '1812' episode a melody not composed until 30 years later.

The best descriptive bell song that I have heard up to date is one entitled 'I heard the bells at eventide.' It is not an ambitious number by any means, but the composer has gone one better than most descriptive composers in this particular task. Now, the final illustration is, perhaps, the finest, and it would be difficult to find a better piece of tone painting. Massenet was a prolific composer, and quantity of production often spells poverty of quality. Still, we have a gem in the 'Angelus' from 'Scenes Pittoresques.' An atmosphere of prayer pervades the whole number. The three bell notes, the first three notes of an octave, are given out by the horns, with a running accompaniment by violins (or clarinets in the military band arrangement), and constitute the most perfect and poetic illustration of bells by the orchestra possible. No one can listen to it without acknowledging its fidelity to its title.

LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Wednesday, March 4th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Wadey 1, J. Parsons 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hinde 4, G. Feist 5, R. Langridge 6. First 720 in the method by 1st, 4th and 6th.

## ONE HUNDRED SURPRISE PEALS.

As recorded last week, the peal of London Surprise at Leiston on February 28th was the one hundredth Surprise peal on the bells. They have been rung in the following methods:—

Superlative, 23; Cambridge, 23; New Cambridge, 5; Bristol, 21. Guildford, 4; London, 15; Suffolk, 2; Dublin, 1; Norfolk, 1; Yorkshire, 1; Lancashire, 1; Edinburgh, 1; Rochester, 2; total, 100.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NORTH DORSET BRANCH.

A meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Blandford on Saturday, Feb. 21st, and was attended by about 70 ringers from many parts of the diocese. During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round on the peal of eight bells at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul. A service was held, and was of a singularly appropriate character. The hymns, Psalm and lesson, as well as the prayers, all emphasised the importance of music in church worship, and the short address of the Rector (the Rev. Dr. Greenwood) was on similar lines. After the service, the company went to the Parish Room for tea, at the conclusion of which a short business meeting was presided over by the Rev. R. H. Gundry, of Shroton (chairman of the branch, and Ringing Master of the Guild).

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Greenwood for inviting the branch to Blandford, and for allowing them the use of the tower and bells. They also thanked him for his address in the church, in which he had splendidly put before them the exact objects of the Guild. They also thanked Mr. G. W. Essex, the organist, for his services at the organ.—The Chairman announced a letter of apology for absence from the Rev. R. E. P. Goringe, of Manston, secretary of the branch, who was laid aside with an attack of lumbago.

The names of several new members were added to the Guild, and the election of the Blandford band of ringers was received with applause.

Replying to Dr. Greenwood, the Chairman said the Guild existed for the purpose of encouraging change ringing. It was quite unnecessary that any should wait until they were change ringers before they joined. If a band of ringers wished to learn the scientific method of change ringing, the Guild would instruct them in twelve lessons free of cost.

Touches were also rung in the evening on the bells of Bryanston and Durweston Churches, each of which contains a peal of six.

## CHELTENHAM BIRTHDAYS.

On Saturday evening, Feb. 28th, the company of the Parish Church and St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, Cheltenham, met to celebrate the birthdays of the captain, Mr. W. T. Pates, who was born February 28th, 1853, and Mr. W. A. Humphris, born February 26th, 1865.

At 7.30 the ten bells were raised in peal, and touches of Stedman, Grandsire and W. T. Pates' combinations of methods were rung, after which the captain invited the company to the spot where ringers sometimes congregate, when past birthdays were recalled, and the opportunities of young ringers of to-day were discussed.

Mr. Pates called the record peal of Grandsire Caters in 1889, having never called a 'bob' in the method before that day, while the long peal of Stedman Caters in 1888 was his first peal as conductor. The young members of the company are proud of their captain, for he devotes a great deal of time at his residence teaching them how to call touches, bringing bells round, explaining 'in and out of course,' etc.

Mr. Pates rang his first peal, Holt's Original, on July 21st, 1876, conducted by the late C. Hounslow; Mr. Humphris, Holt's Ten-Part, at Upton, St. Leonard's, August 6th, 1883, in which Mr. Pates took part. Messrs. Sid Hayward and W. Vick were unable to take part in the birthday ringing, but the former was able to join the company later in the evening.

It would be very nice if more evenings of the same sort could be spent. They are thoroughly interesting to young ringers, who thoroughly enjoy finding out about the various methods which are discussed at such gatherings.

## A BATH ABBEY MEMORIAL.

On Saturday, February 28th, the bells at Bath Abbey were rung half-muffled, after the dedication of a war memorial to former members of Bath College, where the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) was at school, and at whose request the muffled ringing was kindly arranged by Mr. F. C. Rich at a day's notice. The ringing included 216 Grandsire Caters by C. W. Bell 1, Miss Williams 2, W. Temple 3, T. Grant 4, A. Prince 5, E. King 6, Rev. F. L. Edwards 7, W. J. Prescott 8, G. Harding (conductor) 9, T. Hogsflesh and H. W. Brown 10.



**DUMB-BELL APPARATUS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—A further reference to the above (as quoted by Mr. G. P. Burton in your last issue) is to be found in Dr. Raven's 'Church Bells of Dorset,' which work I am fortunate in possessing, through the generosity of Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Wyke Regis.

In the "Antiquary" for October, 1903, is a short article by Mr. C. Essenhigh Corke on an ancient dumb-bell, from which, by permission of the author and editor some extracts and illustrations are taken. Some twelve years ago Mr. Corke was much puzzled by hearing the housekeeper at Knowle speak of the Dumb-Bell Gallery. He went to the attic, which bore this name: it was unfurnished and empty, excepting that in the middle of it stood a curious wooden machine resembling a windlass. A rope was wound round the middle of the roller, and at each end were four iron arms, each with a poise or ball of lead at each end. The rope formerly passed through a hole (which still exists) in the floor into the Leicester gallery below. A person, by pulling the rope in this gallery, would cause the roller with the iron arms poised with lead to revolve at the first pull, and the impetus given would re-wind the rope again, and so continue to wind and unwind at each pull, thus giving the same exercise as that of ringing a bell in a church tower, except that it was noiseless."

The attic, or dumb-bell gallery, forms part of the additions made at Knowle by Thomas Sackville, first Earl of Dorset, 1603-8, in Jacobean style of architecture, rebuilt upon the stone basement which is 15th century work. This might suggest the approximate date of the machine, which is very old and decayed.

The late Chancellor Ferguson, F.S.A., to whom a photograph and description were given fully concurred as to the derivation of the name given to smaller dumb-bells, and Sir Henry Dryden attributed it to the 17th century, 'when bell ringing was part of a gentleman's education and practice.'

John Northbrooke, in a treatise against 'Diceing and Dancing,' 1577, says: 'In the reign of Queen Elizabeth the progress of building in London was like an inundation: it overflowed the ancient fields and vacant spaces within and around the city, so that tilt yards, shooting grounds and racecourses were covered with streets and alleys, and thus active civic sports were of a necessity in a great degree laid aside. As a substitute for these healthful exercises, young gentlemen were exhorted to labour in their chambers with poises of lead—that is, to exercise with dumb-bells.'—Yours sincerely,

24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****STAINDROP BELLS.**

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Hurworth-on-Tees on Saturday, Feb. 21st. The weather was all that could be desired until late in the evening, when it commenced to snow. The Parish Church bells, which are a very musical ring of six, with a 17 cwt. tenor, were kept going in various methods from 2.30 until the late evening. Those who were not engaged in ringing all the afternoon very much enjoyed a stroll along the banks of the picturesque Tees, and in the country around Hurworth and Croft, whose ancient churches were also visited. Tea was served in the Temperance Cafe at Croft Spa, when 23 sat down, Mr. C. Todd, the president, being in the chair. The following towers were represented: Darlington (St. John's and Holy Trinity), Newcastle (Cathedral and St. George's), Tanfield, Staindrop and Hurworth. At the meeting after tea, one honorary and four active members were elected.

The President expressed the sentiment of all by congratulating the Rev. A. W. Lister (one of the vice-presidents), now curate of Tanfield, upon his becoming Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields. He was sorry St. Stephen's had no bells, and hoped Mr. Lister would be able to alter that.

The President proposed a vote of condolence with Mr. H. Shipp, of Staindrop, upon the death, at the age of 84, of his father, Mr. Daniel Shipp, who was one of the original members of the Durham and Newcastle Association, when it was formed in 1877 as the Durham Association. It was in 1882, when the diocese of Newcastle was formed, that the name was changed to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

The President expressed the feelings of all when he deplored the fact that Mr. Shipp had not lived to see the old ring of six at Staindrop (which he had loved and rung for upwards of half a century) rehung and augmented to eight by the Loughborough firm.

Mr. H. Shipp returned thanks, and said he would convey the sentiments of the meeting to his brother, Mr. J. W. Shipp. He said he had come to the meeting armed with an invitation from the Vicar of Staindrop for the association to try the bells on Easter Monday. The bells are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Durham at evening-song on Palm Sunday. They will be rung on Easter Sunday, and be open for ringing on Easter Monday.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on March 14th, 1727. The church had been consecrated on October 26th, 1726, and it would seem that the London Scholars were entitled to a first claim on the bells for a peal, for they were the first successful band. Their peal was 5,006 Grandsire Cinques. Only two other peal performances by the London Scholars are recorded.

On the day following the peal above mentioned, the College Youths rang a peal of 6,314 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's, 'being the longest that was rung.' R. Annable conducted this peal, and Robert Catlin, a well-known London bell founder of that time, also took part in the peal.

On March 14th, 1837, a peal of 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung in 5 hours 54 minutes at Christ Church, Bristol.

A peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Debenham in 6 hours 1 minute on March 16th, 1767.

The first peal of Violet Treble Bob was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on March 16th, 1767.

A peal of Duffield Maximus was rung for the first time on March 17th, 1891. This was at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

The weight of the tenor at Mells, Somerset, is 26 cwt., not 12 cwt., as published last week.

On March 11th, 1887, J. C. Mitchell, W. H. L. Buckingham, C. F. Winney and G. T. McLaughen, of the College Youths, rang Holt's Original 'non-conducted' on handbells, at the Goose and Gridiron, City. This was the first time this had been done.

The peal of Superlative at Soberton on February 28th was the first peal in the method by R. Linter, F. A. Burnett and T. R. Taylor, and it was also G. Pullinger's 50th peal.

Mr. Pullinger, who is secretary of the Winchester Guild, lost an arm in the war, but his management of a bell is really wonderful.

In connection with the dedication of the recast peal of ten at Rotherham Parish Church next Wednesday, notice is given that the bells will not be open for ringing by visitors except from about five o'clock to 6.45 p.m. The local band are issuing the announcement to save disappointment to ringers in the district.

The new bells at Shilton, near Coventry, are to be dedicated on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.30 p.m.

While complimenting Miss Foulk upon the peal she rang at Duffield, Mr. Biggin writes that she was not the first Derbyshire lady to ring a peal in the county. This distinction belongs to Miss Elsie Smith, of Norton, who rang in a peal of Bob Major for the Yorks Association at Norton on Nov. 18th, 1922, and a peal of Bob Major at North Wingfield for the Midland Counties Association on March 10th, 1923.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June the 2nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Chester. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 18th.

Will secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and, together with the names and addresses of representatives, should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

## RINGERS AND FREEMASONRY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—It was with great interest I read your 'leader' in last week's issue, under the above heading. Alderman Pritchett's suggestion has occupied my thoughts many times.

May I now suggest that Alderman Pritchett seek to obtain the necessary permission, and that the lodge be formed in Birmingham, to be called the 'Alderman Pritchett Ringers' Lodge,' after which, and for the convenience of the ringing fraternity, a lodge may be formed in each of the following districts of England, viz., North-East, North-West, South and West.

Our London brethren would have no difficulty in forming a ringers' lodge in their own province.

Qualifications, such as suggested by Alderman Pritchett, would be necessary.—Yours truly,

15, Westgate Street, Bath.

ARTHUR PRINCE.

Several correspondents have written expressing the hope that Alderman Pritchett's suggestion will materialise.

One London ringer writes: 'I have been watching, for a long time, for a lead from some prominent brother . . . . I trust that the London brethren will take advantage of the hint thrown out by the worthy alderman, and in any step that may be taken in the way of forming a lodge exclusive to ringers, I hope to be allowed to take a part, and, if possible, become a founder.'

## ANOTHER GREAT CARILLON TO BE MADE AT CROYDON.

### MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON'S CONTRACT WITH CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

Ottawa is to share with New York the distinction of possessing one of the two largest carillons in the world, as the Dominion Government of Canada has just placed with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston the contract for a magnificent carillon of 53 bells, to be identical with that for the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, which is now nearing completion at the Croydon Foundry, this second carillon being for installation in the Victory Tower of the new Houses of Parliament of Ottawa.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have also secured the order for the large clock which is to drive the hands of the four 16ft. diameter dials and to chime the Westminster Quarters, and strike the hours on the 9-ton bell.

The position and setting of a carillon are of vital importance, and it would be difficult to imagine a more ideal campanile for these bells than the Ottawa Victory Tower. Its great height and elevation, commanding a wonderful panorama of the city of Ottawa, the Ottawa River and the Gatineau Hills, ensure that the bells are effectively heard over a large area, while architecture of the tower is of wonderful beauty and its position on the summit of a hill surrounded by quiet parks and terraces provides an auditorium from which the music of the carillon can be heard to the best possible advantage.

The tower forms the entrance to the new block of buildings just completed, and replacing those burnt down about twenty years ago. Above the entrance archway is a vast memorial chamber and chapel containing the names of Canadian soldiers who fell in the great war. The lofty belfry is about 180 feet above the ground level, and in this the bells will be arranged tier upon tier in such a way that as the passenger elevator travels upwards to the Observation Gallery every bell will be visible, while the works of the great clock will be displayed in a large glass case in the centre of the clock chamber.

It is interesting to note that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston supplied the clock and bells in the tower which was destroyed by fire when the original Houses of Parliament were burnt down.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT PETERSFIELD.

The first meeting of the year in the Portsmouth District was held at Petersfield on Saturday last, when upwards of 20 members were present from Fareham, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Swanmore, Wickham and Winchester. Among those also present were Mr. G. Williams (Master), and Messrs. J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere) and J. H. Shepherd (Swindon).

A very enjoyable service was held in the church, at which the Rev. P. J. Miller, of Sheet, officiated. Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ. The Guild's form of service was used. The preacher's address to the members was both interesting and instructive, as his subject was quite a departure from the usual 'stock' sermon given to ringers.

At the conclusion, the members adjourned to St. Peter's Hall, where tea was awaiting them. The Rev. P. J. Miller was disappointed at not being able to join the company at tea owing to a previous engagement, but he looked in to have a chat. It had been quite a delight, he said, to be with them that day as a diocesan association, and he readily acceded to the request that he should become an honorary member.

At the opening of the business meeting, the Chairman (Mr. W. Tate) made reference to the sudden death of Mr. Arthur Lovejoy, of Reading, who had been with them at Portsmouth for some little time, and who was made a member of the Guild at the last meeting of that district.—As a token of respect and tribute the members stood in silence.

Mr. C. Wiggins (Swanmore) was elected a full member, and the meeting also confirmed the election of the Rev. P. J. Miller (Sheet) as an hon. member.—A brief report of the doings of the Central Committee at Winchester a fortnight ago was given by the district representative, who informed the members that it had been decided to revert to the pre-war form of Annual Report.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Netley on June 6th, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. Masters), the Rev. P. J. Miller, the organist, and those who made arrangements for the tea, on the proposition of the chairman, after which the members returned to the tower. During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL SIX-BELL MEETING AT FINCHLEY.

Some 30 or more members attended a North and East District meeting, which was held at Finchley on Saturday last, the towers represented being Barnet, Edmonton, Harrow, Hendon, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Southgate, Stanmore, Walthamstow (St. Mary's), and Willesden, with several unattached members.

Divine service at 5 p.m. was well attended, the address being given by the Rector (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays), late of Stanmore.

Ten was served in the Church Hall, and was followed by the usual business meeting, at which two new members were elected.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the annual general meeting would be held at Southgate on April 18th, when he hoped members would attend in good numbers. It was also stated that an improved form of the association certificate is being prepared, and would shortly be on sale at the usual terms.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Barnet and Hadley early in May.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, and to Mr. E. H. Tubb, the local secretary, for all they had done to make the meeting a success.—In the unavoidable absence of the Rector, who had to attend a meeting of a different kind, Mr. Tubb acknowledged the vote of thanks, stating that it gave the Finchley ringers much pleasure to see so many members present.

Mr. G. Hughes, of Stanmore, said he hoped members would turn up at Stanmore in good numbers, when the association met there on July 25th, as their new Rector was very anxious to meet them.

Ringling during the afternoon and evening covered a large number of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

## FIRST SERVICE IN BRAINTREE'S ANCIENT BELFRY. A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

On Saturday, ringers from various parts of Essex assembled at Braintree for the purpose of unveiling and dedicating a peal board which had been erected in the tower of the Parish Church to record peals of 5,000 changes and upwards in each of the following Surprise methods: Bristol, Cambridge, Superlative and London. At 4 p.m., the Vicar of Braintree (the Rev. G. P. Bassett Kerry, R.D.), who was robed, proceeded to the ringing chamber of the church, which is approached by a long and nearly vertical ladder from the floor of the tower, and there found a large number of ringers assembled. Before the ceremony commenced, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, stated the object of the meeting. The purpose of the peal board was, he said, to record successful peals being rung in four of the most difficult and complicated methods in Major change ringing, and further to act as an incentive to those who come after to aspire to the ringing of those higher methods. He mentioned that the board had been made, and beautifully written and painted, by one of the ringers, Mr. A. W. Coles, of Brixton, and had been subscribed for entirely by those whose names appeared upon it. The peal of Bristol was conducted by Mr. W. Pye, of Leytonstone, and the other three by Mr. W. Keeble, of Kelvedon, both of whom ranked among the ablest conductors in the kingdom.

The Vicar of Braintree commenced by reading Psalm 84, and offered an appropriate prayer. Afterwards, he dedicated the board 'in the faith of Jesus Christ and to the Glory of God,' and then pronounced the Benediction.

In thanking the Vicar for arranging the service, Mr. W. H. Dyson, district secretary, Northern Division, stated he considered the service was unique in the history of Braintree Church, which dated from 1198. He believed that was the first time a service had ever been conducted in the belfry by the Vicar of the parish, robed.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to have the opportunity of being present and conducting that service. In the whole of his ministry he had never been in charge of a parish before where there was a peal of bells. He was very much struck by the enthusiasm of the ringers in their branch of church work. There appeared to be a spirit of brotherhood among ringers which was seldom found in any other branch of church work.

The ringers afterwards had tea at the Parish Room, the Vicar and Mrs. Bassett Kerry being present.

Mrs. Wiffen, wife of the District Master, Northern Division, and other ladies, provided tea. Afterwards, handbell ringing was indulged in, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and London Surprise were rung on the tower bells. In the last named method the Master rang his first course.

## A YOUNG BAND.

At Boxley, Kent, on Tuesday, Feb. 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gower 1, G. Voules 2, R. Luckhurst 3, V. Smith 4, H. Fuller (conductor) 5, E. Voules 6. First 720 by this band, who have an average of 17 years.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.****SUCCESS OF THE DUNSTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

Exton was the venue of the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on Saturday, Feb. 28th. The keenness of the members was shown by the fact that the attendance numbered about 90, from all parts of the district. A peal of six, in good order, hung in the tower of the little church, and were made good use of. The service was conducted by the Rev. H. P. Boulton (Rector of Exton), and an impromptu choir selected from the members led the singing, Miss Williams being the organist. Taking as his text verses six and seven of Psalm 98, the Rector preached an able sermon, which held the close attention of his congregation.

After the service, the company were entertained to tea in the Schoolroom by the Rector and the Parochial Church Council. The members were waited upon by Mrs. Boulton, Mrs. Lovelace, Mrs. L. Phillips, Mrs. Bellamy, Mrs. Hannaford, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Gunter, and the Misses Burge and Williams.

**THE BUSINESS MEETING.**

The annual business took place after tea, the Rev. H. P. Boulton presiding, in the absence of the Rev. T. S. Dawson, whose inability to attend was due to the prevailing epidemic. For the same reason the Rev. Preb. A. C. Harman (Old Cleeve) was unable to come, and messages of regret for non-attendance were also read from the Revs. E. P. Stanley (Wootton Courtenay), H. Gardner McTaggart (Monksilver), and J. C. L. Isard (Minehead).

The annual report and balance sheet were presented by Mr. G. Stacey, the hon. secretary. The report stated that the branch had held four successful meetings during the past year at Carhampton, Dulverton, St. Audries, and Old Cleeve, at which the average attendance had been 55. They had to congratulate Wootton Courtenay band on ringing their first peal, the only peal rung by the deanery during the year; and also Old Cleeve on the addition of two new trebles to their tower. The branch had been strengthened by the election of 29 performing members and three honorary members. The strength of the deanery now was 146 members, 31 of whom had not paid their 1924 subscriptions. The subscription question was always a source of worry to the secretary, and if the foreman of each tower, stated the report, would see to it that they were collected and sent early each year it would be a great help. They regretted to record the loss of one of their members through the death of Mr. G. Veysey, of Winsford, and sympathy was expressed with the bereaved family.

The balance sheet showed that the treasurer had collected from working members £5 17s., and hon. members, £1 5s.; tower fees amounted to 17s., and there was a balance in hand of £1 11s. 8d., making total receipts of £8 12s. 11d. After expenses were paid there was a balance due to the general secretary of £5 3s.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

The election of officers next took place. The Chairman said he was sorry that Mr. Dawson was unable to be present. In him they had a very good chairman, one who took a great interest in the association, and they could not do better than re-elect him.

On the motion of Mr. W. A. Hawkins (Dulverton) seconded by Mr. G. Atkins (Minehead), the chairman was re-elected.

With warm appreciations of their services from members, endorsed with applause, Mr. Stacey was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Wm. Hoyle (Minehead) Ringing Master. Mr. H. A. Phillips (Timberscombe) was re-elected the branch representative on the Central Committee.

Nine new ordinary members were proposed and elected from Winsford, Carhampton, Wootton Courtenay, Timberscombe, Exton, and Cutcombe.

**INSTRUCTORS TO BE APPOINTED.**

In discussion on the next place of meeting, an invitation to Wootton Courtenay was submitted, but it was decided to visit Stogumber next and Wootton Courtenay subsequently.

There was some discussion as to arranging for instructors to visit various towers for the benefit of bands of young ringers, and it was decided that instructors, to be chosen later, should first visit Winsford and Exton.

The Chairman moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring chairman and officers for their services, which was seconded by Mr. T. Newberry (Dulverton), and carried with acclamation.—Mr. Hawkins then proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service and giving an address: to those who had provided the tea, to Miss Williams, the organist, and all the ladies for helping with the tea, and to Mr. S. Wyatt for having the bells in readiness. Mr. Hawkins said it was a good thing that they should have such meetings as this. He was glad to say that parsons generally were taking more interest in the ringers than they used to do when he first joined the association. 'The parsons can go into the pulpit,' he added, 'and tell us what to do without question, but at these meetings we can get our own

back (laughter), and tell the parsons what they are expected to do with regard to the belfries and ringers.' Mr. Hawkins said he considered the ringers were just as important as the choir, and that the belfry was part and parcel of the church.

The Chairman, in acknowledgment, said he was pleased to give the association a hearty welcome to Exton. He felt proud that they had come there for their annual meeting, and it was real joy to have so large a body of men at the service.

After the meeting a number of the ringers returned to the tower, and kept the bells going until late in the evening.

The success of the gathering was due in large measure to the arrangements made by the hon. secretary for a service of Blue motor-cars to Exton from Minehead, Porlock and Wootton Courtenay, and Williton and intermediate places, picking up as far as Cutcombe.

**SPLICED STEDMAN AND ERIN.**

By W. A. CAVE.

| 5,027 Caters,<br>From 2nd change of Quick Six.  |   |   |   |   |   | 5,016 Cinques.  |   |   |   |   |  |
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| Call this 10 times (omit bob at 1) with Single for bob at 6 in 3rd and 8th parts brings |   |   |   |   |   | Then call four parts like the Caters, and repeat the whole. Bobs at 1 in first course and last two courses. |   |   |   |   |  |
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| 415263879   | — | — | — | — | — |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 514362  | — | — | — | — | — |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 213465  | — | — | — | — | — |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 314265  | — | — | — | — | — |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 412365  | — | — | — | — | — |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 512463  | — | — | — | — | — |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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| 512364  | — | — | — | — | — |   |   |   |   |   |  |
| 413265  | — | — | — | — | — |   |   |   |   |   |  |
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**MR. ROBERT SPERRING'S 300 PEALS.**

|                                 | Rung. | Conducted. |
|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Grandsire Doubles               | 1     | 1          |
| Doubles, 3 methods              | 1     | 1          |
| Bob Minor                       | 1     |            |
| Minor, 3 methods                | 5     | 1          |
| Minor, 4 methods                | 6     | 1          |
| Grandsire Triples               | 78    | 47         |
| Double Grandsire Triples        | 1     |            |
| Union Triples                   | 2     |            |
| Oxford Bob Triples              | 3     | 1          |
| Double Oxford Bob Triples       | 2     |            |
| Stedman Triples                 | 14    | 8          |
| Bob Major                       | 23    | 12         |
| Double Bob Major                | 1     |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Major           | 63    | 53         |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major         | 7     | 6          |
| Oxford & Kent Spliced Bob Major | 2     | 1          |
| Duffield Major                  | 1     |            |
| Albion Treble Bob Major         | 2     |            |
| St. Clement's Major             | 1     |            |
| Double Norwich Major            | 48    | 32         |
| Double Oxford Bob Major         | 2     |            |
| Single Oxford Bob Major         | 1     |            |
| Superlative Surprise Major      | 8     | 1          |
| Cambridge Surprise Major        | 5     | 2          |
| Grandsire Caters                | 2     | 2          |
| Stedman Caters                  | 3     | 1          |
| Bob Royal                       | 1     |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal           | 9     | 6          |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal         | 1     |            |
| Bob Maximus                     | 1     |            |
| Total                           | 300   | 176        |

Rung in 43 towers.



## PEAL OF SIX AT BATHAMPTON. NEW TREBLE DEDICATED.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Bathampton, on Saturday, February 28th, a new bell was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Jauey Hudson. The church used to have only five bells, but through the kindness of Mr. Morris Hudson, who gave a new treble bell in memory of his wife, there is now a peal of six. As the old frame was unsafe for ringing, the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. White) made an appeal in the village for funds towards a new frame, and having the second bell recast. The appeal was well responded to, and there is now only a small sum of about £50 required to clear the cost of the work, which has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London. The bells are run on ball bearings, and the fittings are all of the latest design. The work at the tower was in the hands of Mr. Jesse Tyler, whose advice on bells and bell ringing has been greatly appreciated by the old and young ringers, who came to see this fine peal.

After the dedication service, the Vicar and churchwardens kindly entertained all ringers who attended the service to a tea, and subsequently some fine touches in different methods were rung on the bells, the 'go' of which is perfect.

The dedication service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. White), and the ceremony was performed by Prebendary F. A. Bromley (Upper Weston), who also preached an appropriate sermon, dealing with the origin and uses of bells.

Two of the old bells in the tower are pre-Reformation, and two others are dated 1682 and 1672. The recast 2nd was dated 1767.

## AUGMENTATION AT BRENCHLEY, KENT.

The old peal of six at Brenchley, Kent, has been taken out, tuned and rehung in an iron frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and two trebles have been added to complete the octave.

The new treble bears the inscription: 'A thankoffering to Almighty God, for having brought John, Gemma, Raymond and Dennis Lees (all serving) safely through the Great War'; and the second, 'Ring in the Christ that is to be.'

The work has been carried out in Messrs. Taylor's usual efficient manner, and the new peal is a notable addition to the Kentish eights.

The service of dedication was performed by the Bishop of Rochester, on Sunday, 1st March. Many visiting ringers were present from the surrounding neighbourhood, and the new peal was heard to advantage in various methods. For evensong a quarter-peal (1,344 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major (conducted by S. H. Green) was rung by J. L. Harris (Rochester) 1, S. H. Green (Tunbridge Wells) 2, F. J. Lambert, junr. (Burwash) 3, R. E. Lambert (Horsmonden) 4, W. Latter (Tunbridge Wells) 5, R. T. Lambert (Horsmonden) 6, F. J. Lambert, senr. (Horsmonden) 7, F. White (Tunbridge Wells) 8. A peal is to be attempted on March 7th, under the conductorship of Mr. Tom Sone, and another on March 21st by a Tunbridge Wells and Horsmonden band.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Cross Stone, Todmorden, on Saturday, Feb. 28th. About 38 members were present, and ringing commenced at 4 p.m. Tea was served by the lady ringers, and was followed by the business meeting, over which the Vicar presided. It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Oldham Parish, on Saturday, March 28th. — Two new members were elected; one performing, and one non-resident.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the tower and bells, and to the ladies for providing tea, brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were kept going until 9 p.m., and the methods rung included: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Major. A very enjoyable time was spent by all present.

## INCUMBENTS IN THE BELFRY

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your recent paragraphs, re incumbents in the belfry, it may interest your readers to know that the Rector of Bridport (Canon J. W. Coulter), although not a ringer, makes it a practice to come up into the tower every Sunday evening he preaches in the parish church, which is three Sundays out of four. He also visits us on practice evenings, and attends all the meetings of the band, of which he is chairman.

Canon Coulter firmly believes in making his ringers a real live section of his church workers, and his presence amongst us has done more in this direction than all the sermons he could preach. I can assure you that he preaches the doctrine he practices in his own tower throughout his Rural Deanery.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER S. B. NORTHOVER.

Captain, St. Mary's Band.

## METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—There is a type of controversy which is more common than agreeable at the present day. Its essence lies in the assumption that difference of opinion and personal enmity are synonymous. When such a line is adopted it is usually evidence of ignorance of the matter in debate, and in any case to attacks of that nature I propose to make no reply.

It only needs to add in the interests of truth that in the 'Bell News' of June 14th, 1913, Mr. J. A. Trollope wrote:—

'Scores of useless methods have been published (including Leek Major the latest), being mongrels.'

On August 9th, 1913, he wrote in the same paper:—

'I am not sure that Leek Major may not turn out to be legitimate after all. It is not a principle, but a very complicated thing, with two hunts altered in every direction.'—Yours, etc.,

March 4th, 1925.

E. S. POWELL.

Dear Sir,—May I reply to the Rev. H. Drake? When a reverend gentleman begins lecturing other people about departing from the path of rectitude he should be very careful to practice what he preaches.

I have written of Single and Double Shunts, but 'Treble Shunts,' so far as I am concerned, is ridiculous nonsense, and a figment of the reverend gentleman's own brain.

From correspondence that I have recently received, there are at least three gentlemen in the United Kingdom and one in far New Zealand who can understand my meaning (three of the four gentlemen I have never seen); therefore, the only conclusion that I can come to is that those who do not understand me are deficient in their powers of understanding, which is no fault of mine. I can supply arguments, but I cannot give any opponents brains to understand them.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

Sir,—Although generally in agreement with a certain amount of Mr. Drake's writings in 'The Ringing World,' I cannot take that view of his letter in your last issue. His comments on Mr. G. Baker's articles are quite beside the mark, and are without the least justification. If Mr. Drake finds Mr. Baker's writings and figures so impossible for him to understand, he should ask for more information, then we should all get the advantage of further enlightenment on this very interesting question of method construction.

Personally, I should have thought a ringer with the meanest intelligence could have understood, as I consider Mr. Baker has given us in plain English the very A B C of method construction, from plain hunt to infinity.

With regard to Mr. Drake's remarks, re Mr. Trollope, he commences with an appreciation, but almost in the same breath commences to criticise and offer amendments. This, to my mind, shows a want of knowledge of the subject under discussion.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE WILLIAMS.

## MR. CHAS. J. SEDGELEY'S 100 PEALS.

| Handbells.                       | Tower. |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Double Norwich C.B. Maximus ...  | 1      |
| Double Norwich C.B. Royal .....  | 2      |
| Double Norwich C.B. Major .....  | 12     |
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus ...   | 2      |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal .....   | 2      |
| Cambridge Surprise Major .....   | 11     |
| Oxford Treble Bob Maximus ...    | 1      |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal .....    | 1      |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major .....    | 4      |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus .....    | 7      |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal .....      | 1      |
| Kent Treble Bob Major .....      | 6      |
| Stedman Cinques .....            | 12     |
| Stedman Caters .....             | 1      |
| Stedman Triples .....            | 17     |
| Grandsire Cinques .....          | 1      |
| Grandsire Caters .....           | 1      |
| Grandsire Triples .....          | 4      |
| Plain Bob Royal .....            | 1      |
| Plain Bob Major .....            | 2      |
| London Surprise Major .....      | 1      |
| Superlative Surprise Major ..... | 2      |
| Duffield Major .....             | 1      |
| Seven Minor methods .....        | 1      |
| 6                                | 94     |

Conducted two Stedman Triples and one Cambridge Surprise Major.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**STEBBING, ESSEX.**—On March 8th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, H. Young 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Double Court: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, E. Claydon (conductor) 5, H. C. Ruffel 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**CHIPPING BARNET.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 55 mins.: W. Langley 1, J. A. Dart 2, W. Tarling 3, M. Soper 4, F. Chandler 5, H. J. Eldred 6, N. A. Tomlinson (conductor) 7, G. Herbert 8.

**BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, six members of the Four Shires Guild and two local men rang 840, 420 and 168 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, H. Gillite 5, T. Banning 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

**SWINDON.**—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: G. Lawrence 1, T. Ricketts (conductor) 2, S. H. Hopper 3, A. V. Good 4, A. Heath 5, H. Hatten 6. Rung as a welcome to A. V. Good, who was on a visit to Swindon from Apsley, Herts.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. N. Mack (conductor) 1, J. McDermott 2, F. Bowden 3, G. Goodchild 4, F. White 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6.

**OXFORD.**—On Sunday, March 8th, at St. Aldate's Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Henagough 1, W. Harris 2, F. Taylor 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 4, W. Collett 5, F. Beckett 6.—For evensong, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 College Single: F. Clinkard 1, W. Collett 2, G. Stace 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 4, F. Beckett 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—At Christ Church, on Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, 1,260 Bob Triples: R. Gray 1, G. Dix 2, E. Gosden 3, C. Waugh 4, A. Tully 5, J. George 6, E. Hern (conductor) 7, A. Scheef 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, H. Wincote 2, C. Brown 3, Robert Fardon 4, Robert Holloway (conductor) 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, E. W. Coulson 7, E. Easton 8.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes (composed by A. J. Pitman), in 47 minutes: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, G. Williams 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Benton 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for the evening service, the St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Haley's Variation, in 44 minutes: J. Eagles 1, H. Jones 2, R. H. Stevens 3, F. W. Elliott 4, C. R. Walker 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, L. Sibley 8.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, March 1st, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, 719 Grandsire Caters, called by E. Whitehead.—For evening service, 1,025 Grandsire Caters by D. Grant 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, L. Jonsson 4, J. Morris 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, E. Whitehead 7, A. Cattell 8, G. S. Morris 9, J. Grant 10. Composed by the late George Woodiss.

**BATTERSEA.**—On Sunday, March 1st, for men's service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. N. Eyles 1, A. Clark 2, H. W. Mance 3, E. E. Bish 4, W. Essery 5, H. Mance 6, H. H. Mance (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, L. Baylis 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, G. Spencer 2, T. Beadle 3, W. Lidbetter 4, J. Milner 5, A. Beckensale 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8.

**BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, J. Pole 2, R. Barrow 3, H. L. Smith 4, K. R. Elliott 5, H. Reeve 6, A. Disney (first quarter-peal of Triples as conductor) 7, J. A. Bishop 8. Rung on the first anniversary of the reopening of the bells, after rehanging by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, on St. David's Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Large 1, F. Smith 2, W. Biss 3, W. Richards 4, J. Davies 5, Fred Bailey (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Coombes 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**KEIGHLEY.**—On Sunday evening, March 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Thorpe (conductor) 1, J. Edmonson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, R. W. Jennison, junr., 6, R. W. Jennison 7, A. Jackson 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Thorpe, of Grantham (mother of the conductor), also to the ringer of the 6th.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 1st, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: M. England 1, H. Wincote 2, C. Brown 3, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 4, R. Holloway 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, E. W. Coulson 7, Ernest Newell 8.

**NORTHELEACH, GLOS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Mustoe 1, J. Sly (first quarter-peal inside) 2, R. Westmacott 3, J. C. Acceck 4, D. Hills 5, W. Clayton 6, C. Westmacott (conductor) 7, J. Cook 8.

**HENFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday evening, March 1st, 672 Bob Major: D. W. Markwell 1, E. Marcy (first in the method) 2, E. Lish 3, F. Cruttenden 4, C. Tyler 5, A. E. Baker 6, W. J. Alliss 7, G. Payne (conductor) 8.

**SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 1st, for evening service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes): J. Bragg 1, S. Bragg 2, C. Bragg 3, R. Bragg 4, F. S. Price 5, H. Bragg 6, H. Shepherd 7, Sam Brass 8, E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 9, A. Bragg 10. All the above ringers are close relatives, Nos. 5 and 9 being being on a visit from Beeston, Notts.

**HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, on Sunday, March 1st, for afternoon service, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Cryer 1, T. Robertshaw 2, Miss H. Bell 3, F. Hodgson 4, J. Robertshaw 5, C. Sutcliffe 6, F. Robertshaw 7, W. Horan (conductor) 8. Longest touch by ringers of treble, 5th and 6th, and longest touch as conductor.

**STEBBING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, March 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Barker 1, J. T. Barker 2, F. Harrington 3, H. Emery 4, A. Shuffelbottom (conductor) 5, E. Claydon 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Barker.

**BACUP, LANCS.**—At Christ Church, on March 1st, for evening service, 1,344 Kent Treble Major, in 47 mins.: Mrs. W. Crabtree (Cross Stone) 1, J. S. Lomas (Bacup) 2, Miss R. A. Bell (Cross Stone) 3, D. Briggs (Bacup) 4, W. Holt (Bacup) 5, H. Mills (Bacup) 6, W. Crabtree (Todmorden) 7, H. Davenport (conductor, Todmorden) 8.

**WOOLTON BASSETT.**—At All Saints' Church, on March 1st, for morning service, 600 Grandsire Doubles: Hewart Flewelling (aged 11½) 1, J. Gibbs 2, L. Box 3, L. A. Wilson (conductor) 4, W. Boulter 5, G. Edwards 6. First 600 by all the hand except the conductor. The above ringers have been taught to ring during the last ten months.

## NOTICES.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kingswalden (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Buses run from Hitchin and Luton at convenient times. Will those requiring tea please let me know?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Smarden, on Saturday, Mar. 21st. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—Chas. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Gen. Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Haslingden Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—H. J. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 4th, in St. Laurence's Hall (near Abbey gateway), at 3 o'clock. Notice of motion should reach general Secretary at least 10 days before. Will all branch Secretaries and representatives please note.—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

## THE LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON AND 'AMONG THE BELLS.'

Some time ago I was asked to contribute a preface to a proposed reissue of Mr. Robinson's book, 'Among the Bells.' But as this was to be a reprint of the letterpress only, without the illustrations of church towers in which, and of eminent ringers with whom, Mr. Robinson had rung (the original copperplates having been commandeered for their metal during the war), it would, I fear, have been rather a dry record of facts and figures, however interesting for statistics of the history, weight, etc., of bells, which are permanently useful for correcting loose and inaccurate local tradition on such matters.

The original edition, I see, is still on sale; and I trust that, even in this age of rapid change and forgetfulness, the memory of Mr. Robinson's work for the cause of change ringing and bellry reform may be preserved in as many belfries and church libraries as possible.

It was indeed a remarkable work. To quote the words of a preacher on the Sunday after his funeral: 'In the art of bell ringing he used all his powers for the glory of God. Only those who knew the condition of bellries fifty years ago could realise the influence of Mr. Robinson, among others. In former days, the parson's presence in the belfry was often regarded as an intrusion; and the ringers seldom attended church, or considered it a necessary part of their work. Now, the belfry has been consecrated to the worship of God; the ringers are regarded as church workers; the clergy are welcomed in the belfry, and proficiency has been raised to a higher level.'

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T. L. PAPILLON.

P.S.—It may not be amiss, in these days of money-making mediocrity in literature, and thoughtless or libellous gossip, to say that I have not, and never have had, any personal interest in pushing the sale of 'Among the Bells.'

## DEATH OF MR. HENRY PAGE.

### A FOUNDER OF STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Page, of Oxford Street, Stoke-on-Trent, who passed away on February 22nd, at the age of 69 years. He came from London over 40 years ago, and was one of the founders of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association. By his quiet and agreeable manner he won the respect of all. He was a safe ringer, and good striker and conductor. He conducted the first peal on the Stoke bells (Grandsire Triples), and also the first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the association, at Longton. This was rung by Stoke ringers. The deceased was leader of the Stoke bellry for 18 years. Although he resigned this office 25 years ago, he always kept in touch with the bellry, both as a ringer and as chairman of St. Peter's Association. He was also sidesman of the Parish Church for some years, but resigned some time since owing to ill-health. He was a member of the following societies: Midland Counties Association, Ancient Societies of College Youths, Sussex County Association, and the Lancashire Association. He had rung about 40 peals in various methods.

The bells of Stoke Parish Church were rung deeply muffled, before and after the funeral, by ringers from Newcastle, Biddulph, Norton and Stoke. Among the many beautiful wreaths sent were two in the shape of a bell, one from the Stoke Archidiaconal Association, and one from the Stoke ringers. The deceased leaves a widow and three sons to mourn their loss.

## LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Portishead on Saturday, March 7th. A very hearty welcome was extended to the members by the captain (Mr. W. Gillingham), and although the attendance was small, a very enjoyable time was spent. The towers represented were Portishead, Bristol, Clapton-in-Gordano and Evercech.

The Guild's service was conducted by the Rev. H. S. Briggs in the Parish Church.

A delicious tea was served at the White Cot Dairy, and was followed by the meeting, at which Mrs. Jukes presided.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bath, on either the first or second Saturday in June. It is hoped that members will endeavour to be present, as it is the yearly meeting of the district, when officers are elected.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at: St Michael's, Cornhill, for service, on the 15th (6 p.m.); St Magnus, on the 19th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 24th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 31st; at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Chiswick on March 14th. Tower open at 2.45. Tea arranged for 5.30 at 9d. each. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD (Midland District) will hold a quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Walton-le-Dale on Saturday, March 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head. A good attendance is requested.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Rickmansworth, Saturday, March 14th, 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 o'clock. Tea 1s. 3d. each to those who notify me by 10th.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea, 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, March 14th, at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided at 4 p.m. Bells (10) available all day.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Darfield on Saturday, March 14th. The bells have been rebung in a new frame, and a full and representative gathering is desired. Tower open 2 p.m.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, March 14th. The bells of St. Cuthbert (8), St. John (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available. All ringers are welcome, and are asked to meet at St. John's tower at 1.30 p.m. Tea at the St. John's Mission Room at 5 p.m., at 9d. each. Half-fare tickets are issued by the L.N.E.R. to Darlington on Saturdays.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1762).—The next practice will be held at Ruddington on Saturday, March 14th. Bells ready 5 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, March 14th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for March: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 16th and the 30th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS.**—The recast ring of 10 bells is to be dedicated on Wednesday next, 18th March, at 3 p.m. The local band will ring the first touches. Visitors will not get much chance of a pull until after 5 o'clock, and the bells will have to be ceased by 6.45 p.m. This notice is to prevent any disappointment to ringers in the district.—Colin Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The meeting at Harlow will be held on March 21st, at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The bells will be available.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Salle, on Saturday, March 21st; Reepham also available.—W. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall (Wells Street) 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing till 9.30 p.m. Will members and friends please do their utmost to attend? Those desiring tea please notify me by the 18th.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, March 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. Tea will be provided in the Institute at a charge of 6d. per head to those who notify Mr. W. Stubley, 13, Rising Street, Pitsmoor, Sheffield, by Thursday, the 19th. The business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 21st March, 1925, at Christ Church, Armley. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Saturday, March 21st. Meat tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. Meeting afterwards. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—H. G. Fretwell, Secretary, 14, High Street, Swanwick.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 21st. The bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Linslade bells (8) will also be available after tea.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 194, High Street, North Dunstable.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The Lord Bishop of Coventry will (D.V.), dedicate the new bells at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, March 28th, at 3.30 p.m. The members of the Guild are officially invited to attend.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 28th, 1925. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Far Headingley on March 28th, 1925. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Marshall) the fine peal of 8 bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the School, Otley Road, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. Those who intend to be present are requested to notify Mr. F. Hutchinson, Weetwood Lane, Far Headingley, not later than March 24th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Malden, M.A.) the bells of St. Michael's will be available for ringing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 o'clock. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopgood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, 28th March. The bells will be opened on this date after re-hanging, and will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday. Nominations for the offices of president, hon. treasurer and hon. secretary should (vide rule 7) reach me one month before the meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 13th. Full particulars later. Will captains of bellfries inform Hon. Sec. before April 4th, as to the numbers who will attend?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.



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Mrs. Edgar Wightman and her son wish to thank all ringing friends for their kind sympathy in their great bereavement.

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**WORSLEY.**—At St. Mark's Church, on Ash Wednesday, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. Wallwork 1, S. Harrison 2, J. Freeman 3, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 4, J. Howarth 5, D. Howard 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, S. James 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Lichfield.

**KIMPTON, HERTS.**—On Friday, Feb. 27th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: R. Hall 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, J. Wells 4, H. Fellows 5, T. Cann 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells by a local band so far as is known. Also a course of Stedman Doubles and 120 Grandsire, with G. Gatward taking part. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

**CHELSEA.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. W. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, W. Essery 3, W. Dean 4, E. A. Reeve 5, F. A. Finch 6, H. H. Mance 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

**BREWOOD, STAFFORD.**—On Sunday, Feb. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Walford 1, G. Warner 2, A. G. Hunt 3, T. Perry 4, H. E. Booth 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8. Arranged for E. V. Rodenhurst, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Dunkley, wife of the Vicar, upon attaining her 81st birthday.

**MANSFIELD.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Thurman 1, D. Smith 2, G. Hardstaff 3, J. Bleeby 4, T. Dyer 5, H. Allsop 6, C. Carr (conductor) 7, C. Randall 8.

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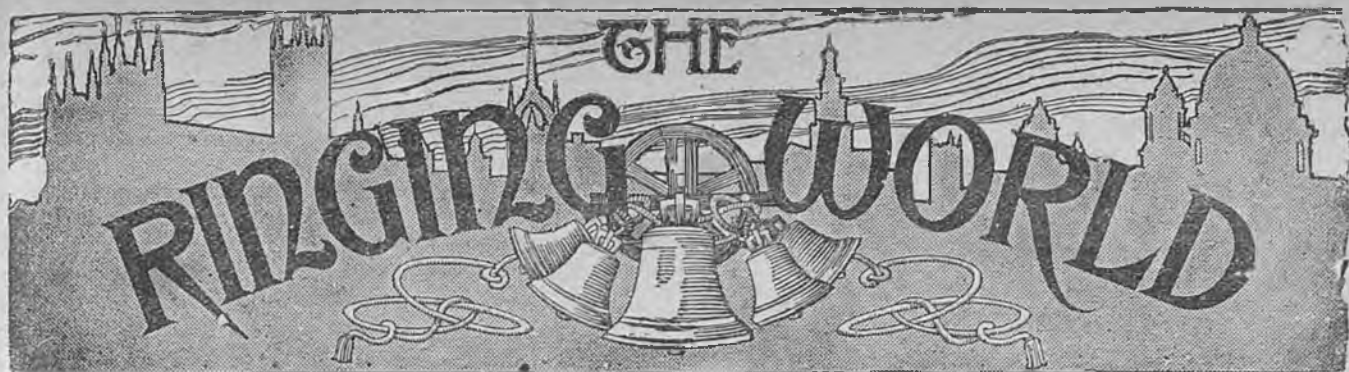
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### THE EXPERTS AND THE EXERCISE.

From time to time one hears complaints that space in 'The Ringing World' is given up to the arguments of 'experts' which might be better devoted to other use. Such a suggestion was publicly made at the recent Birmingham dinner, and, looked at from the point of view solely of those who have no interest in the theoretical side of ringing, and no immediate concern in its evolution, we can fully appreciate that there are many ringers to whom discussions on method building or method extension, for instance, make no appeal, and that they would prefer to see other matter than this in our columns. The reason, we believe, is mainly two-fold. First they do not really understand the subject, and therefore cannot get interested; and the second there seems to be very few among the fundamental principles upon which the experts themselves agree, and consequently the average ringer imagines that it is waste of time to try and follow their arguments.

On the first point there is little to be said. Without understanding there cannot be interest—and we say this without the slightest disrespect to anyone. There are a great many ringers who are satisfied with the pleasure they can get out of the practical side and they have neglected their 'education,' so to speak, of the other phase of the art; hence they cannot get any interest in the discussion of what are to them abstruse problems. For the second point, it must be admitted, there is some justification. We have the experience, year after year, of seeing men who have made a lifelong study of the subject disagreeing on the most essential principles. Who, then, can be blamed for the fog in which many find themselves when, with little or no actual knowledge, they try to disentangle the facts, and then arrive at the conclusion that the subject is not worth pursuing?

There is, however, another side to the matter which 'The Ringing World' does not overlook. While those who concern themselves only with the practical phase of ringing are content with the knowledge which they already possess, it is not sufficient for the future of the art that endeavours further to elucidate its mysteries should be smothered, merely because the experts themselves do not agree, or because the subject does not make a general appeal. Upon the research of to-day will be founded the facts of to-morrow, and even out of a spirited disagreement some student may gain a crumb of knowledge which will lead to a wider and more intimate acquaintance with all that underlies the science of change ringing. The material of these discussions may not, indeed cannot, interest everyone; the temper of them may not always be all that could be

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desired, but the Exercise must credit these experts with a desire to get at the truth of things, some of which are still a subject of speculation, or about which, at best, we have only an imperfect knowledge, and to hide such discussions entirely by conducting them privately in the post would rob those who do seek information on the theoretical side of much that may be of value.

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On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. Treble | HARRY MARLOW ... .. 6      |
| HARRY SEAR ... .. 2          | WALTER SEAR ... .. 7       |
| FRED WILFORD ... .. 3        | JOHN T. HENSMAN ... .. 8   |
| FRANK ROLLINGS ... .. 4      | FRED HOPPER ... .. 9       |
| CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 5     | ISAAC BENNETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Watkins, M.A. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th are from Bletchley; 5th from Kettering; the rest are of the local band.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MISS ANNIE BROWN ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 6 |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2      | JAMES R. JONES ... .. 7      |
| MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 3    | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 8     |
| CHARLES H. GORDON ... .. 4     | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9     |
| RICHARD CLARK ... .. 5         | URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Hartie Jennings (a student at Salisbury Training College), daughter of the ringers of the 6th. Owing to a Lenten service it was impossible to make the attempt on the proper date, March 11th.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... .. 6 |
| JOHN HOWES ... .. 2             | GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 7          |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3        | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 8      |
| HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 4        | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 9       |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5       | JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| HARRY DYAS ... .. Treble     | JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 3        |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2 | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6          |
| HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 3    | EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7          |
| ERNEST BREIT ... .. 4        | FREDERICK W. CHORLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.



CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;  
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *W. J. BUTTON ... .. Treble | L. G. BRETT ... .. 5      |
| G. PRYKE ... .. 2           | L. C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6   |
| W. C. RUMSEY ... .. 3       | T. W. LAST ... .. 7       |
| G. BENNETT ... .. 4         | E. E. GRIMES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

\* First peal in a Surprise Method.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| *J. H. PARROTT ... .. Treble | H. HILLS ... .. 5       |
| *J. MARTIN ... .. 2          | I. J. ATTWATER ... .. 6 |
| *F. SMITH ... .. 3           | *S. PENFOLD ... .. 7    |
| *W. W. STEVENS ... .. 4      | H. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor  |

Composed and Conducted by I. J. ATTWATER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since rehanging, and by the local society. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hills.

LITTLEBOROUGH, LANCASHIRE,  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Barnabas, Shore,

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

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| TOM CLEGG ... .. Treble   | CLIFFORD HORSFALL ... .. 5  |
| JAMES H. LEES ... .. 2    | JAMES H. KERSHAW ... .. 6   |
| *TOM FLETCHER ... .. 3    | HERBERT W. SLACK ... .. 7   |
| SIMEON K. TAYLOR ... .. 4 | JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES H. LEE.

\* First peal.

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

On Saturday, March 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5053 CHANGES;  
Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JESSE J. MOSS ... .. Treble | *FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 5 |
| JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2        | BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 6   |
| CHARLES MASON ... .. 3      | THOMAS RILEY ... .. 7      |
| *J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 4   | JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

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

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 10 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Treble | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 5 |
| ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. 2      | JAMES BETTS ... .. 6        |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 3   | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 4    | THOMAS W. LAST ... .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITTSLOW. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to Mrs. W. Groom, wife of one of the local hand, who died somewhat suddenly the previous Thursday, the funeral taking place at Debenham on the afternoon of the peal.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MISS RUBY HAWKESWORTH Treble    | *J. WILLIAM FROIN ... .. 5    |
| MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. 2       | *HARRY G. WINCOTE ... .. 6    |
| MISS ELLEN HARCADISTON ... .. 3 | ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... .. 7   |
| MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... .. 4  | ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by R. A. FARDON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 9 cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS BEVAN ... .. Treble | JOHN J. BEVAN ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2 | HAROLD POWELL ... .. 6      |
| JAMES BLAKE ... .. 3       | ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 7  |
| WILLIAM POWELL ... .. 4    | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Major for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th. All are members of the Bridstow band.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DUFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 12, 1925, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Edmund,

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

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MISS ELIZABETH FOULK ... Treble | HARRY HILL ... .. 5          |
| †GEORGE WARRINGTON ... .. 2     | SYDNEY DAWSON ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM BATES ... .. 3          | HENRY LETTS ... .. 7         |
| *REGINALD BOULTON ... .. 4      | CHARLES BRADLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE WARRINGTON.

\* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal as conductor.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble | †CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5 |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 2   | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 6    |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3         | *GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 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 away from the treble.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Oswald,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... Treble | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 5 |
| ARTHUR ALLEN ... .. 2          | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 6     |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3       | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7    |
| EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 4     | ROBERT T. EVANS ... .. Tenor |

Arranged and rung as a twenty-first birthday compliment to the conductor, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second, this being his first peal of Triples. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for giving his permission to ring the peal, and Mr. R. T. Evans for having everything in readiness.

## EDMONTON.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                          |        |                         |       |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| MISS PHOEBE UPSHER... .. | Treble | EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... | 5     |
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... | 2      | WILBY J. HAZELL ...     | 6     |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN ...     | 3      | JAMES PARKER ...        | 7     |
| JOHN THOMAS ...          | 4      | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...  | Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Parker.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

|                           |        |                         |       |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ..   | Treble | GEORGE WILLIAMS ...     | 5     |
| *GEORGE POLLINGER... ..   | 2      | *WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... | 6     |
| *D. CECIL WILLIAMS... ..  | 3      | OWEN H. GILES... ..     | 7     |
| *FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... | 4      | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... | Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method; also first in method on the bells.  
† 50th peal. Rung after meeting short for London.

## TRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

|                      |        |                      |       |
|----------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| HENRY W. WILDE ...   | Treble | EDWARD JENKINS... .. | 5     |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... | 2      | JOHN WILKINSON... .. | 6     |
| THOMAS GILMOUR ...   | 3      | FRANCIS BIBBY ...    | 7     |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ...    | 4      | JAMES MARTIN ...     | Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Mr. Wilde has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal of Cambridge.

## WARE, HERTS.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                         |        |                      |       |
|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... | Treble | THOMAS J. WATTS ...  | 5     |
| WALTER PRIOR ...        | 2      | GEORGE H. BARKER ... | 6     |
| THOMAS JORDAN ...       | 3      | WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... | 7     |
| ALFRED PRIOR ...        | 4      | GEORGE JORDAN ...    | Tenor |

Conducted by G. JORDAN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

## SOWTON, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                     |        |                         |       |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| EDWIN SHEPHERD ...  | Treble | EDMUND SARGENT ...      | 5     |
| WILLIAM HOWE ...    | 2      | *WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... | 6     |
| ALFRED MONKLEY ...  | 3      | GEORGE BETTS ...        | 7     |
| TOM G. BARTLETT ... | 4      | *JAMES DUNSTER ...      | Tenor |

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. It was arranged to ring at Sidmouth, but, illness near the church preventing, Sowton bells were obtained, and the members wish to thank the Rector for granting permission.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

## SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A.P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

|                         |        |                          |       |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| HAROLD J. POOLE ...     | Treble | *ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... | 5     |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... | 2      | ERNEST MORRIS... ..      | 6     |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ...    | 3      | *JOHN H. DREWERY ...     | 7     |
| JOSIAH MORRIS ...       | 4      | WALTER WRIGHT ...        | Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

† First peal of Stedman. \* First peal. The ringers wish, through this medium, to thank the Vicar for his kind permission to ring this peal.

## RISHTON, LANC.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

|                      |        |                          |       |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... | Treble | *FRANK WINFIELD ...      | 5     |
| MISS M. CLAYTON ...  | 2      | JOHN WATSON ...          | 6     |
| JOHN BROWN... ..     | 3      | *BERNARD CRABTREE ...    | 7     |
| WILLIAM HORAN... ..  | 4      | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... | Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Ringers of 1st and 6th from Blackburn; 2nd and 3rd from Houghton; 4th from Todmorden; remainder belong to the local band.

## TANFIELD, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                       |        |                       |       |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... | Treble | REV. A. W. LISTER ... | 5     |
| JOSEPH ROWELL ...     | 2      | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... | 6     |
| ARTHUR PAYNE ...      | 3      | JOSEPH E. KEEN ...    | 7     |
| WILLIAM STORY ...     | 4      | HENRY TYSON ...       | Tenor |

Conducted by J. E. KEEN.

Arranged as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. W. Lister, who is shortly leaving the parish; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Foreman, of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

## WALDRON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

|                           |        |                      |       |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| ALFRED J. PIERPOINT... .. | Treble | ALBERT HOBDEN ...    | 5     |
| FREDK. J. LAMBERT ...     | 2      | WILLIAM JENNER... .. | 6     |
| HAROLD S. HOBDEN ...      | 3      | JAMES A. HART ...    | 7     |
| PHILIP S. THOMPSON ...    | 4      | HARRY ADES... ..     | Tenor |

Conducted by J. A. HART.

The ringers of the treble and 7th hail from Uckfield; the 2nd from Burwash; the rest are local men.

## SIX AND FIVE BELI PEALS.

## BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS &amp; LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, March 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

|                               |                      |       |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM ROBINSON, JUN. Treble | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... | 4     |
| *HAROLD HARDY... ..           | CHARLES E. WEBB ...  | 5     |
| FURNESS WOODEND ...           | THOMAS B. NEWTON ... | Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS B. NEWTON.

\* First peal with an inside bell. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

THORNE, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

|                      |        |                         |   |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------------|---|
| H. RODWELL... ..     | Treble | D. ENGLAND... ..        | 4 |
| T. LEASK ... ..      | 2      | R. THOMPSON ... ..      | 5 |
| C. H. THORLEY ... .. | 3      | C. THORLEY, JUN. ... .. | 6 |
| T. HEPWORTH ... ..   | Tenor  |                         |   |

Conducted by C. THORLEY, JUN.

First peal by all except ringer of the 4th. This is the first peal on the new bells recently recast by J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough. Ringers of Treble, 2nd, 4th and 5th hail from Hatfield; 3rd, 6th and tenor belong to the local band.

SKIRBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |        |                         |       |
|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| *CHARLES E. WILLERTON... .. | Treble | FRANK DEWEY ... ..      | 4     |
| WILLIAM E. CLARKE... ..     | 2      | HARRY PALMEY ... ..     | 5     |
| JOHN PHILLIPS ... ..        | 3      | ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

\* First peal, and first attempt. The members of the band wish to congratulate the treble ringer for the excellent way he rang. He only started change ringing three months ago. Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Palmer, who has been captain of the above tower for over 35 years.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                           |        |                        |       |
|---------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| FRANK WARRINGTON ... ..   | Treble | FRED C. GINN ... ..    | 4     |
| CHARLES W. COOK ... ..    | 2      | F. HUBERT DRING ... .. | 5     |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. | 3      | GEORGE E. CRISP ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band, who wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Gleaves for their hospitality after the peal.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being forty-two 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                      |        |                        |   |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------|---|
| MATTHIAS HOBBS... .. | Treble | JOHN R. MAIN ... ..    | 3 |
| HARRY BAXTER ... ..  | 2      | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. | 4 |
| GEORGE BASFORD... .. | Tenor  |                        |   |

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles for the Guild, and by all the band, with the exception of the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the fourth.

BENTLEY, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Woodbine Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, Single Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in E.

|                             |        |                                |   |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|---|
| *JOHN A. COLR ... ..        | Treble | SAM PETER... ..                | 4 |
| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... .. | 2      | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... ..      | 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.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, March 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT FERN VILLA, CENTRAL ROAD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor, size 18 in G.

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|--------------------------|-----|------------------------|-----|
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... ..  | 1-2 | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. | 5-6 |
| CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. | 3-4 | CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. | 7-8 |

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, March 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5066 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 15 in C.

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| FRANK E. PERVIN ... ..  | 1-2 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. | 5-6 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. | 3-4 | HUBERT SUMMERS ... ..     | 7-8 |

JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

Referee: JOHN TAYLOR.

## DARTFORD LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The point that Mr. Ridgeway makes against me in this week's 'Ringing World' is quite a good one, and quite fairly put. I knew I was laying myself open to the charge of saying one thing and doing another. But it must not be taken that I approve of Dartford Little Bob. I do not, and I told the band so before and after the peal. Why, then, did I take part? Well, partly because, being then engaged on the Central Council Collection of Major Methods, I wanted to have as much practical experience of all sorts of methods as possible, and chiefly because Mr. Barnett was very wishful to ring a peal of it, and asked me to take a rope. I would stretch a point to the utmost to fall in with his wishes.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## 5,040 GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By SAMUEL JONES.

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11 times repeated  
S for last Bob at  
6th & 12th Part  
Ends.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Tuesday, March 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Late's Reversed, in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes (conductor) 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, seur., 8. Rung on the occasion of the ordination of the Rev. C. Jackson, curate at this church.—Also on Feb. 10th and March 3rd, quarter-peals of Stedman Triples by the same band, conducted by T. Butler, senr., and A. Allen respectively.

## LEEK MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to thank Mr. George Williams for his support and appreciation of my efforts in the matter of method construction.

How simple the whole matter is, when one knows, can be illustrated by my giving the complete set of Round Blocks in Leek Major, together with the transpositions which prove the theory to be sound and true, and also that Leek Major, as well as being unique in its qualities, is next to the primary principles the most simple Principle ever discovered:—

## LEEK MAJOR.

| 12345678 | x | 68472513 Round Blocks. | Transpositions. |
|----------|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| 21436587 | x | 88745231=75836142      | 75836142        |
| 12463578 | x | 68754213=48763215      | 32418576        |
| 21645387 | x | 86572431=73581462      | 74863152        |
| 26154837 | x | 85827341=64218753      | 16472538        |
| 62518473 | x | 58263714=35218746      | 42618375        |
| 26581437 | x | 85236741=43172865      | 16472538        |
| 62854173 | x | 58327614=43827165      | 74863152        |
| 68245713 | x | 53872164=58263714      | 32418576        |
| 86427531 | x | 35781246=76518432      | 75836142        |
| 68472513 | x | 53718264=68472513      | 12345678        |

It will be noticed that from the halfway transposition row, underlined, the transposition rows reverse, and rounds is the last row; this is a feature of all symmetrical methods, in asymmetrical methods rounds will not turn up.

The halfway transposition row itself is in coursing order a further proof of the beautiful simplicity of Leek Major which even Bob Major does not possess, the halfway transposition row in the latter method being 24567183 from which by adding extra pairs of bells a mathematical progression can be obtained to infinity.

Nothing further need be said of Leek Major, the method will, I am sure, commend itself to any band who cares to practice it.

May I, however, in the interest of truth, add a few words to reply to Mr. Powell's letter in your last issue?

The quotation from 'Bell News' of August 9th, 1913, given by the Rev. E. S. Powell is no retraction, and was never meant to be one by Mr. Trollope, this can be proved by quoting from a letter which I received from him on 22nd December, 1913:—

'You seem to think and act as if (1) I had deliberately and of set purpose attacked Mr. Ridgway and his method; (2) that you had proved that my attack was wrong and unjust; and (3) that, therefore, I ought to publicly recant in the "Bell News." It does not strike me like that at all, and I see no reason why I should don a white sheet, even if you had proved that I was mistaken.'

And further on in the same letter:—

'It is true that I said, "Leek might turn out to be legitimate after all." That did not mean that I had recanted anything. It meant that I recognised that in the future we might have to recast our ideas of what is legitimate. In Principles I am certain that the only legitimate division heads and ends are those of Original in that order:—

i.e. (1) 12345678 (2) 12345678  
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Here we have proof from Mr. Trollope's own writing that his ideas were the same in December as in the June previous, so it is not much use trying to make the Exercise believe that he retracted in the month of August which came between June and December, 1913.

It was after the receipt of the letter from which I have quoted that I published in the 'Bell News' and 'Ringing World' the method which could be produced with any one of the four possible rows as the first division head, and it is still my contention that as Mr. Trollope had condemned Leek Major as a mongrel method publicly in the 'Bell News,' it was up to him, when proved to be wrong, as a man, as a member of the Legitimate Methods Committee, and as a ringer, to acknowledge his mistake and to retract as publicly as he had condemned and also to apologise to the author of Leek Major for all the annoyance that he had been caused.—Yours faithfully,  
GEORGE BAKER.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, March 8th, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Dover, and before and after the evening service, at which he preached the following touches were rung, viz.: Three 504's of Stedman Triples and 1,008 in same method, 336 Bob Major, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, 168 Grandsire Triples and 360 Bob Minor, by the following ringers: Reg. Lambort and Robt. Lambert (Horsmonden), H. Parkes (Mersham), W. Wenban (Rolvenden), C. W. Player (Stone), Mr. and Mrs. Baker (Fritenden), and R. Edwards, W. Tickner, A. Batten, C. Tribe, G. Cramp, M. Holdstock (local members).—On Monday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. E. Pitman 3, C. Tribe 4, H. Baker 5, R. Baker (first quarter in the method) 6, H. Parkes (conductor) 7, A. Battin 8.

## THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

SOLVING A PROBLEM—SHALL THE 'STANDARD' GO?  
—FREEMASONRY—LONDON RINGING.

May one ask, just once again, if our experts are ever going to agree over anything? Personally it amuses me to see them attempting to 'slay' one another, but it does not seem to lead us anywhere nearer a solution of the problems which they seem unable to unravel to each other's satisfaction. Instead of being the jury which should decide these questions for us, they are counsel whose avowed object is to pull one another's case to pieces. This is probably a congenial task, but what we, as ringers, want is to know the truth about these things. Can we not do what, I believe, the law provides for when juries are obstinate, shut them up together until they agree?—if it could be done without food, or fire or bed, so much the quicker in effectiveness. Then we should get a verdict. It might be only an accommodation one, and it might be no more satisfactory than the historic decision of 'not guilty, but don't do it again,' but if it set the wranglers at rest and gave us some indication where we really are in some of these matters: if it told us, for instance, whether we are really back to the days of Fabian Stedman or Annable, or whether we are in the 20th century, it would be something gained.

If, however, the shutting up—in the bodily and not in the correspondence sense—is impracticable, I shall feel it ought to be possible for the Central Council to set up some kind of court of referees, who could hear the arguments of both sides, and come to a decision which would be acceptable to the average man. One can no more expect men with a divergence of views, such as we have recently read, to agree, than litigants in a law action, and the only common sense way out of the impasse seems to me to be an independent body to arrive at a judgment after considering the arguments. The loser would not, of course, be satisfied, but he could be debarred from inflicting his views again on the Exercise until he had some new evidence to support his contention. Now, how is that for a workable plan to settle these disputes, and what will the Central Council do about it?

Reading, last week, the list of Mr. Trollope's peals made me wonder who can claim the biggest variety of methods rung in his peal collection? Probably the honour goes to one of those Cheshire men who have put three dozen or so into one peal, but everyone will agree that, considering he has only rung two peals on five and six bells, Mr. Trollope's is a goodly collection. Those 'three-dozen-a-time' men, however, put loops round the majority of us, who stick in the stodgy rut of the 'Standard' methods. Which leads one to ask, what really are the 'Standard' methods? We know that in the old days, when Surprise ringing was looked upon as a 'crank' job, the 'standard' was Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman. Even poor old Double Norwich was outside the pale. That 'standard' was all right fifty years ago, but when the word, as applied in this case, means 'that which is authoritatively established as a rule; that which is established by public opinion or custom,' then we ought to bring our group of methods more in line with modern practice. Double Norwich and the four commonly rung Surprise methods ought certainly to be included when the term 'Standard methods' is used, but probably the best solution of all is to drop entirely the word 'standard' in this connection. Can we have a recommendation from the Council, please?

What are we going to do about this suggested Freemason's Lodge for ringers? I hope this proposal is not going to be allowed to end in words. The suggestion of the Recorder of Lincoln ought to develop into something really good. There are many ringers in the craft, and a lot more would no doubt come in under such congenial conditions; indeed, methinks Alderman Pritchett, whose services to the craft have brought him signal honours, would probably do an even greater service to Freemasonry than any he has ever done (if the introduction of new members counts in the scale of service) by putting this lodge on its feet—or, ought I to say, laying the foundations and building the superstructure. I am not sufficiently versed in the 'rules and regulations' of the Order to express an opinion as whether such a thing is possible, but I make the suggestion that the lodge, although it may be founded in London, or Birmingham, or some other big centre, should have itinerant powers, so that it might meet in various parts of the country and so be within reach of many who could not otherwise attend its meetings, but who would, nevertheless, like to be in actual association with it. Go ahead, Alderman Pritchett; you will have a big backing in this scheme—and there is nice time now between this and the next banqueting season.

I have noticed lately, in one or two cases, that secretaries are complaining of unpaid subscriptions. The trade depression of these days is, no doubt, to be blamed for a good many of these arrears, for unemployment is, unhappily, as rampant among ringers as any other class. At the same time I am quite sure there is a good deal of unnecessary delay in paying their contributions on the part of some who ought to know better. Subscriptions to ringing societies are not a heavy exaction, and there ought not to be the difficulty in collecting them that I am afraid is only too often the case. As-



sociations cannot carry on without funds—I shall be told that all ringers know this. My reply is: Then why do they not see that the funds are provided promptly, not wait for the poor secretary to drag it out of them. He pays twice who pays quickly, they say, and it would be well if some of the sluggards took this proverb to heart.

There is great competition for the use of the only two twelve-bell towers in London where peals may be rung with any frequency, and the rivalry does not create any too friendly a spirit. I only hope that the numerous peal attempts on the famous bells of Bow will not ultimately result in the same thing happening there as appears to have happened at Cornhill. This latter church was at one time constantly accessible for peals, but the present position there is just the reverse—the almost inevitable result of ‘overdoing’ it in the heart of a great city. I suppose I shall be told that, so long as the church authorities are willing to give permission, there is no need to decline the opportunity afforded. That is true, but what if presently there comes a reaction—as it has come in regard to other towers. If anything of that kind happens at Bow and Southwark it will be a sorry day for the twelve-bell pealers of London. London has enough twelve-bell ringers to use all the eight towers in moderation, but the present position of affairs drives all the peal ringing into about three of them, and my fear is that sooner or later even these will be debarred for this purpose. That indeed would be a catastrophe.

And, while touching upon London ringing, one cannot help noticing how the London County Association is losing the characteristic which brought it, as the St. James's Society, into existence. Some of us are old enough to remember when it was really the common meeting ground of the two old London Societies. Now, while it is true that its membership embraces members of both the College and Cumberland Youths, it is becoming, if it has not already become, an entirely separate society, with no specially distinctive character. I believe that originally peals rung by the St. James's Society had to be by bands of half from the College Youths and half from the Cumberlands, but I daresay there are peals rung for the society to-day by men who are members of neither. But be that as it may, those who like to see the old traditions upheld regret to see how the London County Association, vigorous as it now is, has departed, in spirit, if not in letter, from the intentions of the original founders.

CRITICUS.

#### SUGGESTED ADDITION TO ISLEWORTH BELLS.

##### AN APPEAL TO RINGERS.

At the annual meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, it was decided to try and raise money to supply two new bells to make a peal of ten at All Saints' Isleworth. The present eight are quite suitable for a splice, and it is strongly believed that a peal of ten in this part of the county would be of immense value in promoting change ringing in West Middlesex. The task, however, will have to be undertaken entirely by ringers and friends, the church authorities, although sympathetic, having no funds available for the purpose. The object is primarily for the good of ringers generally, and not particularly for an individual parish.

The approximate cost will be £185, and it is hoped that outside ringers will contribute generously to the fund. Collecting sheets will be supplied, and subscriptions received by

R. HOLLOWAY,

Ringing Master,

10, Summerlands Avenue, Acton, W.

W. H. HOLLIER,

Hon. Secretary,

29, Duke Road, Chiswick, W.4.

#### ABERAVON'S OLDEST RINGER.

The oldest ringer connected with Aberavon bells passed away on Sunday, March 1st, in the person of Mr. H. Perry, who had reached the advanced age of 77 years. He had been connected with the bells since 1871, when the old peal of five were hung at St. Mary's Church. He had rung no peals, but was always a regular Sunday service ringer up to about two years ago, when ill-health prevented him from taking part. His last long touch was a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 behind, on August 7th, 1921. This was rung as a compliment to him on completing 50 years' service.

He was buried on Thursday, March 5th, when ringers of St. Mary's carried him to his last resting-place. The bells were rung half-muffled, after the funeral, and for both services on the Sunday following.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

An attempt for a peal of 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus is to be made at Bow Church, Cheapside, London, on Saturday, by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Apart from their weight (the tenor is 53 cwt.), Bow bells are a difficult peal to ring, and the task before the Middlesex men tomorrow is a very big one.

The Parish Church, Kingston-on-Thames, where a peal was rung last Saturday—the first for something like seven years—overlooks the spot where, in the course of the tenth century, seven Saxon kings were crowned. The stone upon which the ceremony took place is preserved on the site.

The bells are a mixed lot, the earliest dating from 1748, but there were eight there before that time, for the inscription on the present eight records, 'The 8 old bells recast, and 2 new trebles added to make X by subscriptions.—S. London, S. Belchier, collectors, 1748.'

There were 'Fyve great belles in the steeple a sauns hell and a chyme for the belles' in Edward VI's reign, and records of payments in connection with the bells are to be found in the Kingston Town accounts as far back as 1503.

In 1535 and 36 there is an entry that one of the bells fell. There are charges for mending the bell, and the 2nd and 3rd bells were recast at Reading.

The following expenses in connection with the casting of a bell in 1516 are interesting:—

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Castyng of the bell and for the mettell putting   |           |
| to it   | vj li vs  |
| For Dynner at Meydenhedd when we carried the      |           |
| bell to be cast                                   | vs viijd  |
| Sopper at Reading                                 | vs        |
| Dynner at Reading on the morrowe                  | ijs viijd |
| Horse Meate at Reding                             | vjs       |
| Baytyng at Stanes comyng homeward                 | ijs       |
| For Drynke at the founders                        | ijs       |
| Drynke for the Carpenters that made the bell      | vjs       |
| whole   | vjd       |
| To william Mose for Carrying of the bell to Read- |           |
| ing   | xiijs     |

The fourth bell was recast in 1566; and the great bell was sent to London to be recast in 1587-8.

A peal of 6,876 Grandsire Caters was rung at New College, Oxford, on March 22nd, 1734. Another and longer peal in the same method rung at Oxford was the 10,008 Grandsire Caters at New College on March 27th, 1815.

A peal of 7,104 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, by the Cumberland Youths on March 22nd, 1802.

On March 23rd, 1887, a peal of 9,020 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 6 hours 17 minutes.

It was on March 23rd, 1837, that the celebrated Elijah Roberts tapped a peal of 19,440 changes on handbells. Roberts ended his life by suicide in the year 1865.

A 6,048 Albion Surprise was rung at Liversedge on March 24th, 1837.

The 27th March is memorable for a round twelve thousand of Treble Bob Royal rung by the Cumberland Youths at Shoreditch in 1784, and for the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, which was rung at Wakefield in 1826.

'Real Double Twelve In' was practised a good deal by the College Youths in 1784. On March 24th in that year they rang the 'first true peal' (which rather suggests there had been a previous false one). This was 5,160 at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, and two days later they went to Southwark and rang a 6,048, 'being the most ever yet rung in that method.'

From the information handed down to us by the 'Clavis,' the compositions had two bobs in one lead, and included courses 'which come by the great bells making bobs.'

The ringer of the treble in the peal of Superlative at Mayfield (published last week) was Arthur R. Miles, and not William Miles, as printed. A correction from the conductor reached us too late for the original report.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June the 2nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Chester. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 18th.

Will secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and, together with the names and addresses of representatives, should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

## PRINCIPLES &amp; METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

BY THE REV. E. S. POWELL.

A principle is a collection of rows which form a round block in which—

(a) Each bell does the same work;

(b) No bell moves up or down more than one place at a time;

(c) No bell lies more than two consecutive blows in any one place. This definition appears to be perfectly clear and simple, but no one who has followed at all closely the recent controversies on the legitimacy and character of various new methods which have been put before the Exercise can fail to have noticed how frequently there has arisen a discussion, and only too often an acrimonious one, on the meaning of this term 'principle.' It must have been equally evident to your readers that the number of those who can be said to understand the definition, i.e., the meaning attached to it by its sponsors—the Methods Committee—is small indeed. The writer of the present article freely confesses that he has no knowledge of the history of the term, nor does he claim to have an exact understanding of its bearing as used to-day in the official publications of the Central Council. He must not, therefore, be regarded as criticising adversely the Legitimate Methods Committee for bringing forward the definition originally. Still less must he be charged with suggesting that the existence of this definition did not serve in its day a good and useful purpose in discouraging the publication of rubbish in the form of what were known in those days as mongrel methods.

Twenty-five years ago all the leaders of thought in the Exercise were confined to experimental means in their search for new methods to ring. A method was observed to contain so many places, so much dodging, and such and such hunting forward and (or) backward. That was all there was to it. But in the last quarter of a century attempts have been made to go deeper into the problem. Such questions as the following have been asked: What is it that brings it about that, if certain operations take place, bells after leaving rounds will return to rounds again? No one would be so foolish as to claim that the shibboleth 'Places' affords an answer to a question of that kind. Of course we know that if places A, B and C are made the bells return to rounds, but why don't they if places A, B and D are made?

It will probably be granted that the employment of the term 'Principle' in 'Rules and Decisions' arises out of the experimental stage of method construction. It may even indicate a groping after more scientific means than were then available. Allowing all this it may be true that its day of usefulness has passed.

It will hardly be forgotten that a rather unedifying controversy centred round the term in connection with a difficult method discovered by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook. Even at that time it looked to some observers that the real merits of the problem, viz.: the value or otherwise of the method, were obscured by the quarrel as to whether that method could rightly be called a principle.

Probably again, this term had an intimate connection with the instinctive feeling of the leading minds in the Exercise of the importance of the so-called Bob Major lead ends. That they were right in their instinct is not to be denied, though it must be confessed that while the rights lay with the believers in those lead ends, the soundest arguments were then generally found on the other side, owing to the lack of knowledge by all parties of the fundamentals of method construction.

At the beginning of this year a plain, straightforward, simply worded article by Mr. Trollope was published in 'The Ringing World' showing the lines on which modern investigation into the genesis of methods is proceeding. Is there any longer need for the preservation of the term Principle? Would it not perhaps clear the air if a proposal were brought before the Central Council to put the definition into (say) cold storage? But before this could be wisely done, the opinions of those competent to express a considered judgment should be sought as to the value of the term at the stage of knowledge which has now been reached. In particular it would be useful to learn what the remaining members of the first Legitimate Methods Committee have to say about it.

So far as the present writer can see, for all practical purposes the term 'Principle' is now used as synonymous with 'Original,' except when some or other misguided person puts forth a method which he calls a principle, though it would equally have suited his purpose to describe it simply as a method. When this happens, it is (or is thought to be) necessary to correct the statement on the part of the Methods Committee. And thereupon follows the inevitable jovial dog fight. It certainly looks futile to the outsider, to say nothing of the undoubted fact that sympathy for the supposed underdog arouses in a good many minds an undeserved interest in a presumably worthless production. If it be true that the employment of this greatly debated term arises from the day of experimental and artificial regulation, the time has probably arrived when a fresh departure can be made in the general interest.

## NEW BELLS AT COOMBE.

OXFORDSHIRE RESTORATION AFTER FIRE.

A new peal of six bells, to replace those destroyed by a fire in 1918 were dedicated at Coombe, near Woodstock, on Sunday last, by the Bishop of Oxford. The peal have been put up by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and have been hung on ball bearings. They 'go' so well that the local men, we are informed, found them difficult to handle, their previous experience of their bells being of a vastly different kind. Had it not been for some few keen members of the Oxford Guild, who cycled or walked miles to be present, and were thus able to give their assistance, one wonders what the result might have been, especially on an important occasion of this kind, there being no one present from the foundry to see that the bells were properly handled.

After the dedication service, the bells were rung by visitors from Oxford, Eynsham, Witney, Charlbury and Wootton, and the ringing included 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 minutes, by W. Henagolph 1, T. Payne 2, F. Beckett 3, H. Tolley 4, F. Taylor (conductor) 5, F. Clineard 6. After evensong, Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by J. Keyte and J. Monk.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT SELBY.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby, on Saturday, March 7th, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.), and was attended by some 40 members, representing towers at Dewsbury, Doncaster, Goole, Hemingbrough, Horbury, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Sherburn-in-Elmet, York, and the local company. The fine peal of ten bells was kept going during the time allotted, and various touches were rung in the standard methods by the visitors.

Choral evensong was held in the Abbey at 4 p.m., where the Vicar delivered a most thoughtful and instructive address. This was followed by an excellent tea in the Co-operative Cafe.

The business meeting was held in the Hawdon Institute, Mr. W. Pearson, of Pontefract, occupying the chair, in the absence of the vice-president, Mr. A. E. West (Sutton).

A kind invitation was received from Thorne to hold the next quarterly meeting there, and this was duly accepted.

Six new members were elected: Messrs. W. Fox, A. Fox, J. A. P. Agar, J. Jackson, W. H. Waddington, of Pontefract (St. Giles'), and Mr. J. Douglas, of Huntingdon, York.

The retiring Ringing Master (Mr. H. Fairlam, Selby) was re-elected, as were also the three retiring committee men: Messrs. H. N. Imeson (York), J. F. Pickard (Pontefract), and D. England (Hatfield). Messrs. H. N. Imeson (York), J. E. Pickard (Pontefract) D. England (Hatfield), and A. Walker, senr. (Pontefract) were also elected to serve on the general committee.

A vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Mr. W. Stephenson, of Goole, whose demise at the age of 17 is greatly regretted.

One also learned of the serious illness of Mr. G. Horner, of the York Minster company, and on the motion of Mr. H. Fairlam, seconded by Mr. W. Pearson, senr., a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed, with the hope of speedy recovery and return to health.

The customary votes of thanks were accorded to Dr. Solloway for the use of the bells, address and service in the Abbey, the deputy organist (Mr. Ellis) and the choir, for their valuable services; and to the local ringers for their excellent arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

## DEATH OF MR. E. F. SLADE.

ESSEX RINGER DIES IN DURHAM.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Edward Frederick Slade, which took place at Harton, near South Shields, on Monday, March 9th. The deceased formerly resided at Braintree, Essex, and was a member of the Essex Association for many years. He was a regular service ringer at the Parish Church, and took part in many peals in the county, including the first peal of Major on Braintree bells.

He was for many years a member of St. Michael's choir, and a sidesman and member of the Parochial Church Council. During his residence in Braintree he was engaged with the Braintree and Bocking Gas Company, and was highly respected among a large circle of friends. The sympathy of his many Braintree friends is extended to his widow and son in their bereavement.





## WETHERSFIELD BELLS RESTORED.

After a silence of ten years, the bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Wethersfield, Essex, have been retuned and rehung in a teak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On Wednesday, March 11th, at the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. Sossiter, M.A.), the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, Braintree, rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, L. W. Wiven 2, W. H. Dyson 3, F. Ely 4, H. J. Collins 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

The bells are hung on the latest improved principle, with ball bearings, and the tone is much improved by their tuning. The work reflects great credit on the bell hangers, the 'go' being perfect, and every bell is hung to strike true. The bells will be reopened after Easter.

## DATE TOUCHES OF STEDMAN TRIPLES.

1925, By THOMAS BUTLER.

| 2314567 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
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| 621354  |   |   |   |   |   |   | S |    |    |    |
| 261345  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| 235641  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| 362451  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
| 632415  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |

These three courses called as Thurstans' Four-part, five times repeated, with extras at 7-8 in the second repetition produces 431625

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| 465321  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| 634251  |  |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| 1342657 |  |  | S |  |  |  |  |  |  | S |

Round at hand in three changes.

1925, By LOUIS HEAD.

Call the first 22 courses of Haley's Variation of 'Thurstans', which brings up 1362457. Then call 3, 5, 8, 11, 12, which brings up 1342657, round at 'hand' in three rows. This contains 'Queens' and 'Tittums.'

## 5,039 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By G. HOLFIELD.

|          |                   |
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| 23456789 |                   |
| 25364978 | 1, 3, 8, 10, 11S. |

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| 35462 | 89 |
| 45263 | 89 |
| 52463 | 78 |
| 24563 | 78 |

Repeat these 4 courses four times with S at last 78 in 2nd repetition, gives 53462

|       |    |
|-------|----|
| 43265 | 89 |
| 23564 | 89 |
| 35264 | 78 |

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| 53462879 | 1, 3, 5S. |
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|       |    |
|-------|----|
| 43265 | 98 |
| 23564 | 98 |
| 35264 | 79 |
| 52364 | 79 |

Repeat these 4 courses four times with S at last 79 in 2nd repetition, gives 34265

Round at hand in 6 leads.

First rung at Appleton, November 21st, 1924, and supposed to be the first rung with the 6th fixed throughout.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Wednesday, March 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. F. Honeywood 1, S. Moss 2, G. Moss 3, C. Honeywood 4, A. Fuller 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6. First 720 Cambridge by 1st, 2nd and 4th. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd, who reached his 14th birthday only last month.

## SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

## SOUTHERN BRANCH AT SWANSEA.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday, March 7th. The bells are a fine ring of eight, and, in spite of the 'go' being a bit stiff, they were kept going from 3 p.m. until 5.30 to touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. The ringers then adjourned to a sumptuous tea, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Wilson (Vicar of Swansea).

After tea, the business meeting was held, with the Rev. C. R. Thomas (Llanstephan) in the chair. It was decided not to hold a quarterly meeting in June, owing to the ringing contest taking place at Brecon on May 23rd, and the Guild general annual meeting at Sketty in June.

Thirteen new ringing members joined the Guild.

On the request of the chairman, the members all stood for a few moments as a token of respect to a very old ringing friend, in the person of Mr. H. Perry, of Aberavon, who passed away on Sunday, March 1st, at the ripe age of 75 years. Mr. Perry had been a very faithful ringer at St. Mary's Church, Aberavon, for upwards of 50 years, and was highly respected by all who knew him.

The Chairman proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon Wilson for his kind permission to use the bells, and for providing such a splendid tea. This was seconded by Mr. D. J. Lewis (Cadoxton), and carried with acclamation, Mr. J. A. Hoare being asked to convey the thanks of the meeting to the Canon.

The belfry was then revisited, and the bells kept going until well after 8 o'clock. The towers represented were Swansea, Sketty, Gorseinon, Llanstephan, Aberavon, Morriston, Cadoxton and Neath, about 40 members being present. They wish to thank Mr. J. A. Hoare for so kindly having everything in order for the meeting.

## ANOTHER GREAT BELL.

## A GERMAN 'MASTERPIECE.'

Cologne is now in possession of a huge bell, already consecrated, the cost of which has been met by the State Grand Municipal Levy and private subscription to replace the 'Kaiserglocke,' which towards the end of the war was lowered from its place in the south tower and cut up to be converted into munitions of war to be used against the French, even as it itself had been mainly cast from French cannon captured in 1870. In height 10ft. 9in., and 10ft. 6in. in diameter, it weighs 25,000 kilos, or just under 25 tons, thus ranking in point of size about fifth in Europe. It is richly ornamented with figures of St. Peter and the two patron saints of Cologne, St. Ursula—a British martyr—and St. Gereon, and on it are recorded the names of the cathedral dignitaries of 1922, when the bell was cast by Heinrich Ulrich, of Apolda, whose name is also recorded.

It is said that it is for its musical qualities that the 'Petrusglocke' at Cologne will become famous, for tests have proved it to be almost perfect. Indeed, Domkapellmeister Hartmann, of Frankfurt, one of the experts, who made most exhaustive tests, declares that the bell is unique, a masterpiece of the bell-founding art, which it would be difficult to equal throughout the world. The tragedy of the 'Petrusglocke' lies in the fact that Heinrich Ulrich, its maker, only lived to know that the bell he designed and made was tested and found true, and then he died before fulfilling his chief desire—to see his life's masterpiece in the Dom Tower, and to hear it ring out from its lofty position.

## THE GREAT BELL AT MOSCOW.

The largest bell in the world is, of course, the famous bell of Moscow. In 1651 a bell weighing 320,000 lbs. was cast, by order of the reigning Czar, which was destroyed by fire. In 1733 the present great bell was cast by order of the Empress Ivanovna by adding 80,000 lbs. to the metal of the old bell. In 1737 a great fire took place and communicated with the woodwork covering the great bell of 1733, and, the water coming in contact with the heated metal, a large triangular piece, about seven feet by two feet in size, was broken out. The bell remained in the pit till 1836, when, by order of Emperor Nicholas I., it was raised from the casting pit and placed on a stone pedestal near the Kremlin, in the presence of the great officers of state and the inhabitants of Moscow, to their great joy. The bells weigh 192 tons 3 qrs. 2 cwt. 14 lbs.; it stands 21 feet high; its diameter is 21 feet 6 inches, and the sound bow is 21 inches thick. The inscription it bears is a very long one, relating also to the original bell of 1651 as follows:

... Cast for the chief cathedral in the year 7162 from the Creation of the World and from the Birth by the Flesh of God the Word, 1654. ... This bell was cast from the 8,000 poods of copper (and tin) of the former bell that was destroyed by fire, with the addition of 2,000 poods of copper (and tin) in the year 7242 from the Creation of the World, and in the year of our Lord, 1734.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**GRAVESEND.**—At St. George's Church, on March 15th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Avis 1, S. Sandford 2, Miss D. Tall 3, E. Beer 4, R. Tall (conductor) 5, W. Beer 6, R. Constant 7, W. Parris 8. First quarter-peal by S. Sandford and E. Beer.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Cassel 1, T. Bolton 2, H. G. Frampton 3, H. Dyas 4, J. Herbert 5, W. H. Worsley 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, F. G. Edwards 8. Specially arranged for Mr. Dyas, of Wells Street, W.

**RAYNE, ESSEX.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 15th, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. Barnard 1, A. Redgwell 2, H. Richardson 3, B. Redgwell 4, H. Redgwell (conductor) 5, J. Redgwell 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Mrs. Gentry, mother of one of the local ringers, who was buried the previous day.

**WITHAM, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, March 15th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Double Court: W. S. Butler 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, A. Evers 4, P. Ashcroft 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Oxford Treble Bob, with W. Mellin 1 and W. S. Butler 3; rest as before.—For evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, A. Evers 4, P. Ashcroft 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also a touch of Double Court, with W. Mellin 1, V. Glass 3; rest as before.

**GUILDFORD, SURREY.**—At S. Nicolas' Church, for evening service, on March 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, all the ringers being paying members of the company: E. Heath (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters on a working bell) 1, Mrs. C. Hazelden 2, F. Radford 3, W. Chivers 4, C. Hazelden 5, E. Etheridge 6, E. Radford 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford 9, W. Enticknap 10.—On the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation, for evening service, on February 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: F. Radford (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 1, Mrs. C. Hazelden 2, E. Etheridge 3, W. Chivers 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. Loader 6, G. J. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford 9, E. Heath 10. Conducted by S. Radford.

**CROYDON.**—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, arranged from Washbrook's peal: D. Wright 1, Miss Hardcastle 2, Miss Chapman 3, C. Austin 4, Miss Orr 5, Wm. S. Smith (conductor) 6, G. Burl 7, C. Deau 8, T. Bannister 9, S. Holdaway 10.

**MARKET DRAYTON.**—On March 15th, for evensong, 419 Grandsire Triples: W. Broadhurst 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, W. Weatherby 4, J. Clark 5, S. Hughes 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

**MALDON, ESSEX.**—On Sunday evening, March 15th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins. (the first quarter-peal of Bob Major on the bells): F. Chalk 1, Miss A. E. Waldoock 2, A. South 3, E. Ellinger 4, J. Amos 5, J. Walden 6, W. Chalk (conductor) 7, H. J. Mansfield 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, for evening service, on March 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: H. W. H. Strickland 1, W. W. Dickinson 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, H. Ellis 5, J. A. Dart (conductor) 6, C. Bulton 7, V. Patmore 8.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: E. P. Palmer (first quarter-peal) 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, S. H. Hoare 3, W. E. Oakley 4, E. M. Elliott 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, W. J. Norris 7, W. Hewitt 8.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 1,260 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. F. Deal 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, R. R. Deal 3, E. J. King 4, T. Newman 5, F. J. Skelt 6, J. R. Gammon 7, C. F. Winney 8, E. D. Smith 9, F. W. Chorley 10.

**LONDON, W.**—On Sunday, Mar. 8th, at St. Mary Abbot's, Kensington, for evensong, 1,224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: \*E. G. Locke 1, H. G. Miles 2, P. L. Miles 3, W. E. Judd 4, \*R. Congreve-Pridgeon 5, A. P. Selby 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, A. F. Harris 8, \*C. W. Roberts 9, G. W. Frayne 10. Longest length in the method by a Kensington band since 1913. \* First quarter in the method.

**HARBORNE.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with 7 and 8 covering: \*L. Grosvenor 1, \*E. Cairns 2, \*F. G. Williams 3, \*F. H. Hawkins 4, S. Grove 5, \*J. Fowler 6, J. Atkins 7, G. W. C. Virgo 8. Conducted by S. Grove. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Burdett, verger for 45 years, who died suddenly in church during service on March 5th. \* First 720.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On March 8th, at St. Chad's Church, 560 Double Norwich Major: W. Goodfellow 1, J. Bain 2, C. Lee 3, W. G. B. Kynaston 4, J. Evans 5, J. E. Lilley 6, J. Griffiths 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.

**BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, March 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, W. P. Whitehead (conductor) 2, A. Disney 3, J. Pole 4, R. Barrow 5, H. L. Smith 6, H. Reeve 7, J. A. Bishop 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. G. C. Bettison, a former curate of this parish.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 8th, for Matins, 336 Stedman Triples: also 630 Grandsire Triples: W. Upton (conductor), W. Scott, senr., W. Johnson, W. Scott, junr., A. Callaway, S. Moody, H. Jennings, J. Leal.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evensong, 1,008 Bob Major: W. Scott, senr., W. Chambers, H. Phillips, W. Johnson, A. Callaway, W. Scott, junr., W. Upton, H. Barton (conductor).

**STAINES.**—On Sunday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., at St. Peter's Church, Staines: W. C. Parker (conductor) 1, A. J. Hiscock 2, F. Nye 3, G. Walmsley (first quarter-peal inside) 4, J. B. Hessey 5, S. G. Armstrong 6, J. Phillips 7, F. W. Smith 8.

**GRIMSBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, March 1st, 672 Superlative Surprise: N. Dales 1, F. Overton 2, S. Bromfield 3, E. S. Long 4, J. B. Budd 5, H. Mingay 6, C. W. Taylor 7, F. Metcalf (conductor) 8. Also 240 Double Norwich. Longest touch of Superlative by the band, all of whom are Sunday Service ringers.

**STREATHAM.**—On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. G. Marshall 1, Miss E. Hardcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, W. E. G. Hewson 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, T. W. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, H. W. Smith 8.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, March 1st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: G. E. Joyce 1, E. G. Cottis 2, T. Faulkner 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, E. Smith (Leytonstone), first in the method, 5, A. C. Hardy 6, R. Fenn 7, C. Fenn (conductor) 8. Composed by the late Edgar Wightman, to whose memory this was rung as a token of respect and sympathy.

**TIPTON, STAFFS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 1st, for afternoon service, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. B. Evans 1, T. W. Cattel 2, F. W. Ward 3, A. E. Clarke 4, B. Gough 5, C. Winwood 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, G. Hughes (longest length) 8. Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation service by the Lord Bishop of Stafford. All the above ringers are Tiptonians.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Saviour's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Little 1, W. Steed 2, A. Cooper 3, C. A. Hughes 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. F. Hull 6, H. A. Edwards (first quarter peal as conductor) 7, W. Lane 8.

**DUNMOW, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, February 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: B. Claydon 1, A. Ribbins 2, A. Smith 3, A. Perry 4, E. Richardson 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**PONTEFRAC.**—At the Parish Church, on Monday, March 9th, 784 Bob Major: W. Pearson, senr., 1, A. Fox 2, J. Jackson 3, W. Fox 4, J. A. Percy 5, J. H. Lenton (conductor) 6, W. Tate 7, V. Applegate 8. The longest touch by all except the ringers of the treble and sixth, the others being a young company, who took up the art about a year ago, and are now making excellent progress.

**FULHAM.**—On Friday, March 6th, in the belfry of All Saints', Fulham, on handbells, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: \*C. W. Roberts (conductor) 1—2, W. E. Judd 3—4, J. W. Driver 5—6, D. Stevens (first quarter-peal in method) 7—8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. W. Driver, on his completing 38 years as steeplekeeper at Fulham Parish Church. \* First quarter as conductor on handbells.

**CARISBROOKE.**—At St. Mary's Church, for Confirmation service, on Thursday, March 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 minutes: W. Upton 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott, junr., 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, W. Johnson (conductor) 7, E. Brett (first quarter-peal) 8.

## NOTICE.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Chippenham to-morrow, Saturday, March 21st.—S. Hopper, 5, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at: \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 24th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 31st; at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The meeting at Harlow will be held on March 21st, at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. The bells will be available.—C. Beeston, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Salle, on Saturday, March 21st; Reepham also available.—W. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec., Reepham, Norwich.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting on Saturday, March 21st, at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall (Wells Street) 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Ringing till 9.30 p.m. — W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, March 21st. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at the Church of All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 21st. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Sheffield. The business meeting for the election of officers, etc., will be held immediately after tea, and a good attendance is desired.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the Division will be held at Bexhill on Saturday, March 21st. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, 21st March, 1925, at Christ Church, Armley. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Mansfield Woodhouse on Saturday, March 21st. Meat tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. Meeting afterwards. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Subscriptions for 1925 now due.—H. G. Fretwell, Secretary, 14, High Street, Swanwick.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, March 21st. The bells (10) ready at 3 p.m. Linslade bells (8) will also be available after tea.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 193, High Street, North Dunstable.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Kingswolden (6) on Saturday, March 21st. Buses run from Hitchin and Luton at convenient times. Will those requiring tea please let me know?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wokingham (St. Paul's) on Saturday, March 21st, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Gen. Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Haslingden Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—H. J. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 28th, 1925. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Far Headingley on March 28th, 1925. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Marshall) the fine peal of 8 bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the School, Otley Road, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. Those who intend to be present are requested to notify Mr. F. Hutchinson, Weetwood Lane, Far Headingley, not later than March 24th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Malden, M.A.) the bells of St. Michael's will be available for ringing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 o'clock. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopgood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, 28th March. The bells will be opened on this date after re-hanging, and will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held on March 28th at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham. Bells ready 2.30. Free tea to all who send in names not later than March 24th to C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Spendon on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Breaston on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. Tea 1/3 each to those who notify Mr. H. Hales, Mount Street, Breaston, near Derby, by March 25th.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on March 28th at Braughing. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.45. Tea at the Brown Bear after business meeting. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Eastwell on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Flying Horse. Members requiring tea must let me know by Tuesday, the 24th.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Old Windsor, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge Wexham, Slough.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—All ringers will be welcome at the re-opening of the bells at Shilton, on March 28th. A band has been selected for the dedication touch, and tea will be provided for all ringers who notify Mr. George Parker, Shilton, of their intention to be present, not later than March 24th.—A. Wilkerson, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Thorne, on Saturday, March 28th. The recast ring of 8 bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. All who require tea must notify me before the 25th. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Iron Acton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me by March 23rd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 27th, at 6.30: quarterly business meeting at 8 o'clock.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18 Merrick Square, S.E. 1.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 4th, in St. Laurence's Hall (near Abbey gateway), at 3 o'clock. Notice of motion should reach general Secretary at least 10 days before. Will all branch Secretaries and representatives please note?—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Ripponden (near Halifax), on Saturday, April 4th. Will all those requiring tea (1/6 each) please notify me not later than Monday, March 30th?—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 3. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 13th, at Leicester. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m.:—St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's (10),

St. John's (8), St. Saviour's (8), and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). The Committee will meet at 12 o'clock noon. For luncheon has been arranged (for ticket holders only) at 12.45 prompt. Tickets; Members 2/-, non-members 2/6 each, to be ordered no later than April 6th, from Mr. H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

The general meeting of members will be held immediately after luncheon, and there will be a service in St. Martin's Church at 3.15 p.m. A smoking concert has been arranged for 7.30 p.m. The meetings, luncheon, and concert will all be at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, near L.M.S. Station.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — **PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. The address will be given by Rev. G. A. Lewis, Rector of Cheriton. Further particulars later.—Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 13th. Full particulars later. Will captains of belfries inform Hon. Sec. before April 4th, as to the numbers who will attend?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.** — North-Eastern Branch.—The meeting will be held at Bickleigh, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each. Cadeleigh tower will also be open. Those requiring tea must send their names to me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

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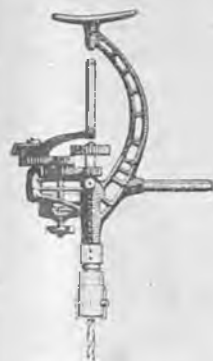


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### BELL FUNDS.

The spirit which prompts the effort to raise funds to add two new bells to the peal at Isleworth is highly to be commended, and shows a faith in the generosity of ringers which, we hope, will not be found misplaced. The object behind the scheme, which we published last week, is to provide a peal of ten bells in a part of West Middlesex where facilities for ten-bell ringing are now very meagre, and is solely to promote the art. The church authorities are sympathetic, but they have no funds to assist the project; hence, if it is to be carried out, it must be financed by ringers. For this reason it is likely to prove a big undertaking. Ringers, as a whole, are far from being a monied class, and those who have endeavoured to raise funds for special objects have realised the difficulties.

The proposed memorial to Mr. J. W. Washbrook is still far from complete, yet here is a scheme which appeals to a wide circle from the fact that the object is to perpetuate the memory of one of the greatest ringers of all time; who was known throughout the country, and who had done, in his day, a tremendous amount of work among beginners which had a lasting effect upon the fortunes of the Oxford Guild, and later of those other societies with which he happened to be connected. The memorial is to consist of two bells to increase a peal of six to a ring of eight, and in that respect is very similar to the Isleworth proposal. At present, however, a considerable sum is required to complete this memorial, and we trust that no time will be lost by ringers throughout the Exercise in bringing this scheme to successful fruition. There must still be many associations who have not yet sent any collective contribution, and it is from this source that the bulk of the fund must come if the project is to be completed within a reasonable time.

At Isleworth the position is different to that at Oxford, in that there is nothing to make a countrywide appeal, and for this reason the promoters will have to make up with zeal what they lack in the way of a special cause. There have been cases where an association has made itself responsible for adding bells to a peal, notably recent instances of bells given in memory of ringers who fell in the war, so that a scheme of this description is by no means beyond the possibility of achievement. Unfortunately the Middlesex Association is itself not too well endowed with funds, and a big donation from this source is not to be expected. The venture, therefore, is likely to depend almost entirely on the individual members, and if they can successfully shoulder this scheme they will deserve every credit. Enthusiasm and work will do wonders, and we may expect both from the officials of

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the Middlesex Association who will have to undertake the task. Reliance on outside help will, we are afraid, prove but a weak reed, but we hope the faith in which the scheme has been launched will be rewarded by a liberal response from all who desire to see the advance of ringing. Upon the men of Middlesex will mainly depend the success of the scheme, but there must be many others who will like to help.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. Treble | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 7     |
| THOMAS MILLER ... .. 2           | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 8       |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 3      | ERNEST MANSSELL ... .. 9         |
| ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4           | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 10          |
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5            | JOHN NEAL ... .. 11              |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6        | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in the inverted titmuss and hand-stroke home position, as a last token of respect to Dr. Oakes, aged 96, who was the oldest medical practitioner in Birmingham, and for very many years an active worker and supporter of St. Martin's Church.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WILLIAM HOLIFIELD ... .. Treble | CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. 6      |
| HENRY C. WHITE ... .. 2         | FREDERICK S. WHITE ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... .. 3 | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... .. 8 |
| *HARRY BENNETT ... .. 4         | RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9          |
| *FREDERICK MESSENGER ... .. 5   | FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor         |

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. Harry Holifield, a late member of the Appleton Society. \* First peal on ten bells. Rung by all Sunday Service ringers.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JESSE FRANCIS ... .. Treble     | HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2          | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 7 |
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On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. Treble | LOUIS ATTWATER ... .. 6     |
| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. 2   | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... .. 7 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3            | JAMES BULLOCK ... .. 8      |
| HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 4       | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 9    |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 5      | ALFRED B. PECK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH.

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE

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**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... Treble | FRANK SADLER ... 5    |
| ALFRED J. BULL ... 2            | PETER ETHERIDGE ... 6 |
| GEORGE ILLMAN ... 3             | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7 |
| *JAMES BATTERS ... 4            | WALTER HUNT ... Tenor |

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
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 J. GOLDSTONE ... 3    | WILLIAM GILLINGHAM ... 7     |
| MISS DOROTHY WILLETT ... 4   | ALBERT E. COLBOURN ... Tenor |

Conducted by MISS ALICE STOKES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of esteem to the late Mr. E. J. Hudleston, who had held the office of churchwarden at the above church for the past 15 years, and who was interred on that date.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| *R. J. HACKETT ... Treble | G. H. DETHERIDGE, SEN. ... 5 |
| T. CLARKE ... 2           | H. DOWELL ... 6              |
| W. H. DETHERIDGE ... 3    | A. TIMMINS ... 7             |
| E. HOMER ... 4            | *A. TAYLOR ... Tenor         |

Conducted by A. TIMMINS.

\* First peal in any method. This is believed to be the first peal rung on these bells by ringers wholly from the local band.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | JOHN WHEADON ... 5            |
| FREDERICK A. COLBY ... 2       | JOHN H. CHESMAN ... 6         |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 3  | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7      |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4           | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.  
The above peal contains two separate and distinct halves of Kent and Oxford, and is now rung for the first time.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ALFRED H. POLLING ... Treble  | CHARLES N. BORDOCK ... 5        |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... 2        | JOHN A. COLE ... 6              |
| *MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3   | C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 7 |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 4 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor   |

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This peal was arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled on the occasion of the unveiling of Aldershot Town War Memorial by H.R.H. Prince Henry. \* First peal in the method. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. and the Misses Mills for their hospitality after the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, March 20, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble | CHARLES CUTTING ... 5     |
| ERNEST WHITING ... 2         | CHARLES ROOPE ... 6       |
| ALFRED SMITH ... 3           | FRANK COPEMAN ... 7       |
| CHARLES BAKER ... 4          | FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

The conductor's 500th peal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble | CHARLES S. BIRD ... 5         |
| MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 2      | FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... 6 |
| WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 3           | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7     |
| JOSEPH MILNER ... 4             | ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor      |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES E. LAWSON ... Treble | *LEONARD DRAKE ... 5         |
| GEORGE HUNT ... 2            | FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6     |
| WILLIAM E. ASH ... 3         | FRANCIS BAKER ... 7          |
| *HERBERT ROWLEY ... 4        | *GEORGE W. PICKLES ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

\* First peal in the method.

ST. ANNE'S-ON-SEA.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARTHUR HAGUE ... Treble  | *ROBERT CADDWELL ... 5     |
| †WILLIAM RATCLIFFE ... 2 | GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... 6   |
| *GEORGE MARIES ... 3     | FRANK WHITESIDE ... 7      |
| *THOMAS ALLANSON ... 4   | CHARLES SHARPLES ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR HAGUE.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal of Major, and hail from Lytham. † First peal in the method, and belongs to local band. Ringers of 7th from Sacred Heart, R.C., Blackpool; 6th and 8th from St. John's, Blackpool.

BRENCHELY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble | WILLIAM COLLISON ... 5      |
| FREDERICK WHITE ... 2              | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6     |
| WILLIAM LATER ... 3                | HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7      |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4          | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor |

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. White, Master Peter White, and also to the ringer of the 5th. Mr. F. White's 100th peal.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 10 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 5 |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2         | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 6      |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3       | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 7   |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 4       | JOHN F. SHARPE ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. 2       | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 6   |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 3          | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 7 |
| *THOMAS ATKINS ... .. 4        | EDWARD READER ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD

\* First peal of Major in the method 'inside.' The band wish to thank Mr. E. Reader for taking a rope at the last minute.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2      | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6     |
| WALTER BARRETT ... .. 3      | RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 4    | ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. SUTTONSTALL.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## EAST MARKHAM, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE SHEFFIELD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HERBERT ROBBINS ... Treble | J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. 5     |
| JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 2       | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6 |
| JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 3     | BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES MASON ... .. 4     | JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor      |

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal of Major on the bells. Messrs. Taylor recently added the trebles, and the splice is excellent.

## LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FREDERICK S. PRICE ... Treble | *ARTHUR BRAINES ... .. 5         |
| *ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2      | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 6      |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3       | JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 7           |
| W. RICHARD DRAGE ... .. 4     | FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Also the first peal in the method by the Sherwood Youths.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

## ASHTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE JENNINGS ... Treble | ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 5   |
| EDWARD G. TALBOT ... .. 2  | *CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6 |
| FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 3    | CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 7  |
| CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 4 | JOHN AVERY ... .. Tenor      |

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung after meeting short for a peal of Stedman, which was to have been attempted by a band under 21 years of age. \* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble | JOHN BURLS ... .. 5          |
| FRANK BELSKY ... .. 2        | HARRY ARGENT ... .. 6        |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3    | GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... .. 7 |
| *HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4    | GEORGE MORRAD ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. E. AUDSLEY.

\* 200th peal.

## YORKTOWN, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lb. in F.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Treble | GEORGE W. STERRE ... .. 5      |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2      | C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 6     |
| HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3         | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| *JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4        | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

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

\* First peal in the method.

## BICESTER, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| †WILLIAM H. THORNE ... Treble | FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 5 |
| *RICHARD J. R. CHAUNDY .. 2   | WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 6  |
| WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 3      | WILLIAM STONE ... .. 7  |
| †FREDERICK SHARPE ... .. 4    | EDWIN HIMS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

\* First peal. Great credit is due to this ringer, who is only 15 years of age. † First peal of Major.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## TURVEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| BERNARD FISHER ... Treble | WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 4       |
| GEORGE HUTCHINGS ... .. 2 | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 5   |
| HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3  | HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

Rung on the back six, after meeting short for Treble Bob Major.

PLUCKLEY, KENT.—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: J. Wood 1, W. Henniker 2, A. Mills 3, F. Hodges 4, P. Good (conductor) 5, E. Hams 6. The ringers of the treble and tenor are local men.

## FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called ten different ways.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *REV. L. G. KETCHLEY ... Treble | WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4   |
| *WILLIAM T. SHORE ... 2         | THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5  |
| HARRY PROUT ... 3               | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal.

## BURY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 17, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

viz., three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *MISS E. HOUGHTON ... Treble | *THOMAS FOSTER ... 4        |
| JOSEPH FOSTER ... 2          | WILLIAM MITCHELL ... 5      |
| *ROBERT WALLWORK ... 3       | JOSEPH RAMSBOTTOM ... Tenor |

Conducted by R. WALLWORK.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Foster, to whom the ringers extend their heartiest congratulations.

## WOOD GREEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *HARRY BLEE ... Treble     | CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 4  |
| *WILLIAM E. RINGROSE ... 2 | CHARLES H. ROSS ... 5     |
| *JOHN G. NASH ... 3        | *ARTHUR PUTLAND ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. PUTLAND.

\* First peal. + First peal of Minor.

## BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| *HARRY E. BOWERS ... Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 4    |
| *WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 2    | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 5   |
| WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3  | ERNEST BRIGHT ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal of Cambridge Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. E. Bowers, who most kindly entertained the band to an excellent repast at the conclusion of the peal.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT 19, GLEBE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 1-2    | HARRY ARGYLE ... 5-6       |
| WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 3-4 | *DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7-8 |

Composed by W. WARHURST. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Umpire: ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

\* First peal of Treble Bob in hand. First peal of Treble Bob on handbells for the Guild.

## MR. F. WHITE'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 2; Grandsire Caters, 4; Siedman Triples, 36 (2 in hand on 7-8); Siedman Caters, 2; Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1 (on treble); Superlative Surprise Major, 22; London Surprise Major, 9; Bristol Surprise Major, 3 (including 12,160); total, 100. Rung in 42 different towers, in 10 counties, and with 188 different ringers.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL COLLECTION.

## SECTION III. CORRIGENDA.

Following the revision of Sections I. and II. of the Central Council's Peal Collection the correction of Section III. has now been completed. The following corrigenda will be printed by the Central Council, and issued in form to correspond with the original publication:—

Page 270, Line 1.—Read 'forty' for 'forty.'

Page 270, Peal 3.—For 35426 read 35426.

Page 270, Peal 5.—The note should read 'Single instead of Bob at 1, in the 12th and 24th parts.'

Page 271, Line 19.—Omit words 'two courses of.'

Page 271, Peal 6.—False (11,136 by W. Walmsley).

Page 271, Peal 7.—Omit final sentence—'By using . . . . . Bob Major.'

Page 272, Peal 8.—For 54263 read 54236.

Page 272, Peal 9.—For 6972 read 6912.

Page 272, Peal 9.—For 36542 read 56342.

Page 273, Line 9.—Add the words 'first and ' between the words 'except' and '7th.'

Page 273, Line 13.—Omit one t in 'bracketed.'

Page 273, Line 15.—Read (12) 5376.

Page 273, Peal 15.—For 53624 read 53264.

Page 274, Peal 16.—For 26343 read 26345.

Page 274, Peal 18.—Read 63542 bobs 1 and 6 not 4.

Page 274, Peal 19.—The calling given in the footnote for 5056 is false. It may be reduced to 5056 by calling Single for Bob at the first 6 instead of at the last 6, and omitting the second bob at 6 in the 5th and 10th parts. It was so rung, in a transposed form, at Northop, Flintshire, on July 8th, 1909, as the composition of the conductor, the Rev. H. L. James.

Page 275, Line 10.—Read 'bracketed.'

Page 275, Peal 23.—False (5040 by Rev. H. Earle Bulwer).

Page 276, Peal 25.—False (5,376 by E. Wightman).

Page 276, Peal 26.—False in its shortened form (5,056 by H. Dains).

Page 277.—In notes to peals 28 and 29 read 'full extent in 6th place, etc.' striking out '5.'

Page 278, Peal 30.—False in its shortened form (5,072 by H. Dains).

Page 278, Peal 32.—For 54236 read 54326. and for 23546 read 32546.

Page 279, Line 2.—For 23466 read 23456.

Page 279, Line 12.—Read 'bracketed.'

Page 279, Peal 35.—For 43256 read 43256.

Page 279, Peal 36.—Rung by Midland Counties Association on Feb. 5th, 1889, at Belgrave, Leicestershire, as the composition of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who conducted it.

Page 279, Peal 37.—Read 42356 bobs at 1 and 6.

Page 280, Line 13.—Read 'bracketed,' and for 'latter positions,' read 'position.'

Page 280, Peal 40.—For W. W. Wilde, read H. W. Wilde.

Page 280, Peal 41.—False (5,376 by H. Tucker).

Page 283, Line 12.—Read F. Dench.

Page 283, Peal 49.—The direction should read 'Bob for S except in 1st and 4th parts.'

Page 284, Peal 51.—Put bob mark under 5 opposite 34265.

Page 284, Peal 52.—False (5,088 by J. Carter).

Page 284, Peal 54.—For 32646 read 32546.

Page 284, Peal 54.—False as printed (5,088 by Hy. Johnson). This peal has not been correctly copied from Snowden's Treatise. The calling of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th courses should be as under, then the peal is true.

|       |   |   |   |
|-------|---|---|---|
|       | 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 32465 | — | — | — |
| 25463 | — | — | — |
| 53462 | — | — | — |

Page 285, Peal 56.—For 5248 read 5280.

Page 285, Peal 56.—Opposite 42563 put bob at 6.

Page 285, Peal 57.—Omit mark under 6 opposite 64352; for 34622 read 34625.

Page 285, Line 6 (from bottom).—Read 'bracketed.'

Page 287, Peal 62.—For 52365 read 52364.

Page 287, Peal 63.—Last course end should be 36524, with bobs at 1 and 6.

Page 290, Peal 73.—False in its reduced form (5,008 by H. Dains).

Page 290, Peal 73.—In footnote for 'first course' read 'seventh course,' and for 'either' read 'any.'

Page 291, Peal 75.—For 34256 (last course) read 34526.

Page 293, Peal 81.—For 5120 read 5248.

Page 293, Peal 82.—Instead of 'reduces to 5024' read 'Cuts out a course and reduces to 5040.'

Page 295, Peal 85.—Omit mark under 4 opposite third course 53624.

Page 296, Peal 87.—For 64524 read 63524.

Page 296, Peal 88.—For 34624 read 34625.

Page 298, Peal 93.—For 62533 read 62534.

Page 300, Peal 98.—For 52943 read 52643.

(To be continued.)

## THE CONSTRUCTION OF BRISTOL SURPRISE

By W. TAYLOR.

(continued from page 186.)

The other four variations are not symmetrical, and should be called Bristol Surprise Major (?) Variation, substituting any suitable name for the (?) mark. For the sake of completeness I give them here:—

| Variation (a) | Variation (b) | Variation (c) | Variation (d) |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1234 5678     | 1234 5678     | 1234 56 78    | 1234 56 78    |
| 2143 6587     | 2143 6587     | 2143 65 87    | 2143 65 87    |
| 1234 6857     | 1234 6857     | 1234 65 78    | 1234 65 78    |
| 2143 8675     | 2143 8675     | 2143 56 87    | 2143 56 87    |
| 2413 6857     | 2413 6857     | 2413 65 78    | 2413 65 78    |
| 4231 6587     | 4231 6587     | 4231 65 87    | 4231 65 87    |
| 2413 5678     | 2413 5678     | 2413 5678     | 2413 5678     |
| 4231 5768     | 4231 5768     | 2435 1786     | 4231 5768     |
| 2435 1786     | 2435 1786     | 2345 7168     | 2435 1786     |
| 2345 7168     | 2345 7168     | 3254 1786     | 2345 7168     |
| 32 54 1786    | 32 54 1786    | 3524 7168     | 32 54 1786    |
| 32 45 7168    | 23 54 7168    | 5342 7618     | 32 45 7168    |
| 23 54 7618    | 32 45 7618    | 3524 6781     | 23 54 7618    |
| 32 45 6781    | 23 54 6781    | 3254 7618     | 32 45 6781    |
| 32 54 7618    | 32 54 7618    | 2345 6781     | 32 54 7618    |
| 23 45 6781    | 23 45 6781    | 4231 5768     | 23 45 6781    |

In Lancashire Surprise, the construction is just the same, the Stedman blocks commencing with a whole pull the opposite way to Bristol, the 5th makes a peculiar variety of P. Court Shunt, taking up the whole half lead to complete it. This is because it gets involved in the Stedman block. Further, we may make the Stedman blocks, Bristol fashion on one side of the treble and Lancashire fashion on the other, either way about, and the half lead end is always 23456781.

In Royal it is possible to make use of two Stedman blocks above the treble and two below in each half lead. There is, however, overlapping of the middle pair, giving rise to a triple change when the treble is in 5—6; also the P. Court Shunts are cut out, leaving only R. Court Shunts in each position. From this circumstance, the method should be called 'Bristol Surprise Royal, Norwich Variation.' The bells at the half lead end are, of course, in proper coursing order, but, at a different stage to Major, consequent on the cutting out of the P. Court Shunts, the order is 4263850791 at handstroke. If no extremes are made when treble is leading and lying, we get the peculiar lead head 1860492735, from which, although it is a regular Bob Royal lead head, the bells run round after three leads only. The other lead head having this property is 1795038264, which results when extremes are used at the leading and lying of the treble, with a half lead end of 3527496081. These two lead heads, together with rounds, form a round block. Here follows the method. Extremes should be used.

## Double Bristol Surprise Royal, Norwich Variation.

| 1234   | 567890  |                   |
|--------|---------|-------------------|
| 2143   | 658709  |                   |
| 1234   | 685079  | 567890 work in    |
| 2143   | 860597  | Stedman block.    |
| 2413   | 685079  |                   |
| 4231   | 658709  |                   |
| 2413   | 56 7890 |                   |
| 4231   | 65 7980 | 7890 work in      |
| 2436   | 15 9708 | Stedman block.    |
| 4263   | 51 7980 | 5 makes R. Shunt. |
| 4623   | 15 7890 |                   |
| 6432   | 51 8709 |                   |
| 4623   | 58 1790 |                   |
| 4263   | 85 7109 |                   |
| 243658 | 1790    | 7 makes R. Shunt. |
| 234568 | 7109    |                   |
| 325486 | 7019    |                   |
| 234568 | 0791    |                   |
| 243658 | 7019    |                   |
| 426385 | 0791    |                   |

N.B.—With Extremes it should be called Double Oxford Variation.

According to the different numbers of bells which may take part in the Stedman blocks the Method may be rung in 180 variations, of which 10 are symmetrical or double.

I now give Bristol Surprise Royal along with Mr. Craven's variation for comparison. It will be seen that in the correct form the (a) type of P. Court Shunt is used, whereas Mr. Craven uses one each of types (c) and (d), Major uses the (a) type.

| Bristol Surprise Royal. | Mr. Craven's Variation. |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1234 567890             | 1234 567890             |
| 2143 658709             | 2143 658709             |
| 1234 685079             | 1234 685079             |
| 2143 860597             | 2143 860597             |
| 2413 685079             | 2413 685079             |
| 4231 658709             | 4231 658709             |
| 2413 567890             | 2413 567890             |
| 4231 576980             | 4231 576980             |
| 2435 179608             | 2435 179608             |
| 2345 716980             | 2435 719086             |
| 3254 179608             | 2435 170986             |
| 2345 719068             | 2345 719068             |
| 3254 791086             | 3254 791086             |
| 3527 490168             | 3527 490168             |
| 537294 1086             | 537294 1086             |
| 573924 0168             | 573924 0168             |
| 759342 0618             | 759342 0618             |
| 573924 6081             | 573924 6081             |
| 537294 0618             | 537294 0618             |
| 352749 6081             | 352749 6081             |

The order in which the Court Shunts occur shows conclusively that Bristol Surprise Royal is the correct form. In Major they are in the order, R, P, R; in Royal this becomes R, P, R, P, R. In each of these the number of variations possible is 30, of which 5 are symmetrical, and quintuple and quadruple changes only.

Finally, in Maximus we can have a Norwich variation without overlapping of the Stedman blocks, and so having only sextuple and quintuple changes. The half lead end being 42638507T9E1 and lead head without extremes 18604T2e3857, and with both extremes 142638507T9e. In Bristol Surprise Maximus, the two central Stedman blocks overlap, the Court Shunts are in order, R, P, R; R, P, R; that is, Major duplicated and a Stedman block for each series R, P, R on each side of the treble. The half lead end is 3527496e8T01, and lead head without extremes 13527496e8T01, and with both extremes 1795e3T20486.

## Double Bristol Surprise Maximus. Double Bristol Surprise Maximus, Norwich Court Variation.

| 1234 | 567890eT  | 567890eT in | 1234     | 567890eT  |
|------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| 2143 | 658709Te  | Stedman     | 2143     | 658709Te  |
| 1234 | 68507T9e  | block.      | 1234     | 68507T9e  |
| 2143 | 8605T7e9  |             | 2143     | 8605T7e9  |
| 2413 | 68507T9e  |             | 2413     | 68507T9e  |
| 4231 | 658709Te  |             | 4231     | 658709Te  |
| 2413 | 5678 90eT |             | 241356   | 7890eT    |
| 4231 | 5769 8e0T |             | 423165   | 798e0T    |
| 2435 | 1796 e8To |             | 243615   | 97e8To    |
| 2345 | 7169 8e0T | 80eT in     | 426351   | 798e0T    |
| 3254 | 1796 80eT | Stedman     | 243615   | 7890eT    |
| 3524 | 7169 08Te | block.      | 4263     | 5187 09Te |
| 5342 | 7619 80eT | 9 makes     | 2436     | 5817 90eT |
| 3524 | 6791 8e0T | R. Shunt.   | 426385   | 7109To    |
| 3254 | 7619 e8To | e makes     | 462835   | 1790eT    |
| 2345 | 6791 eT80 | P. Shunt.   | 648253   | 7109To    |
| 3254 | 769e 1T08 |             | 462835   | 7019eT    |
| 3527 | 496e T180 | T makes     | 426385   | 0791Te    |
| 5372 | 94e6 1T08 | R. Shunt.   | 24365870 | 18eT      |
| 5739 | 2e46 T180 |             | 23456780 | 91Te      |
| 7593 | e264 T810 |             | 32547608 | 9T1e      |
| 5739 | 2e46 8T01 |             | 23456780 | T9e1      |
| 5372 | 94e6 T810 |             | 24365870 | 9T1e      |
| 3527 | 496e 8T01 |             | 42638507 | T9e1      |

540 Variations are possible by altering number of bells in the Stedman blocks. If a diagram is made showing the work of the tenor, a further confirma-

The Stedman blocks can easily be seen. Of this, 2,700 variations are possible, all with same half lead end, further by using or not using extremes



tion that this is indeed Bristol Maximus will be evident.

each may be further varied four ways, giving a grand total of 10,800 perfect methods. Enough for the most ambitious band. This variation is far superior to the one using P. Court Shunts. It is the Double Norwich of Treble Bob.

The Stedman five row block is not the only way in which plain hunting bells may be brought back to coursing order with dodging bells. For instance, four rows of slow hunting with only two bells taking part do the same thing. See Kent with treble in 1-2, or Albion Treble Bob with treble in all positions. Court Shunts can be used in simple variation of Albion.

#### GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon branch was held at Chippenham on Saturday, with a fair attendance. Ringing commenced at St. Paul's at 3 p.m., and continued until 4.30, when a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar, who gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Chippenham, and congratulated them on their beautiful form of service.

Afterwards, a move was made for the Waverley Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided. The usual business meeting followed, at which Mr. E. Bishop (Swindon) presided.

Rishopstone was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, in June, and two monthly meetings are to be held, viz., St. Mark's, Swindon, in April; and Purton in May. The party adjourned to St. Andrew's, where touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were rung, after which the bells were lowered.

The following towers were represented: Swindon, Broad Hinton, Stratton St. Margaret's, Wootton Bassett and Devizes, together with members of the local bands.

A well-attended meeting was held at Lydney, Glos., on Saturday, March 14th. Mr. Davis was elected chairman, with Mr. Thomas as hon. secretary. Mr. T. Hart, junr., was elected representative upon the management committee.

There were numerous elections of honorary and performing members.

The next meeting will be held at Nownham.

This opportunity is taken to thank all visitors who helped to make the meeting a great success.

#### DEATH OF MR. HARRY HOLIFIELD.

##### A WELL-KNOWN ABINGDON RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Harry Holifield, member of a well-known ringing family, which took place at his residence, 6, The Vineyard, Abingdon, on Friday, March 13th. For the past two months he had been ailing, but the end came rather suddenly, the deceased having only taken to his bed a week previous to his death. Mr. Holifield, who was 68, was born at Appleton, Berks, and started his ringing in 1884 by ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples, this being his first peal. After ringing several years with the Appleton Society he went to Hertford, where he rang a few peals with the Hertford Association. After seven years at Hertford he left, and took up residence at Abingdon, where he established his business as plumber and decorator.

He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and St. Helen's company, where he has scored a good number of his peals. He had kept no record of his peal ringing, but his total was upwards of one hundred peals in various methods. His longest performance was at Appleton, where he took part in the 10,043 of Grandsire Caters in November, 1921, and the last peal he rang with the Appleton Society was a peal of Grandsire Caters on March 4th, 1922. His last peal of all was Stedman Caters at St. Helen's Church, Abingdon, on Boxing Day, 1924. The deceased was a steady ringer, and a willing helper, and was much respected by all.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, March 17th, the first part of the service being at St. Nicholas' Church, Abingdon, where he was a member of the choir. The Rev. C. S. Fleet officiated. The interment took place at Appleton later in the afternoon.

As the funeral party reached the village, the bells of St. Laurence were rung deeply muffled. The coffin was met at the churchyard gate by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) and the Rev. A. H. W. Theodosius (curate of St. Helen's, Abingdon), who conducted the service. The remains were carried to their last resting-place by four members of the Appleton Society—four of the Brothers White.

As the mourners left the grave 503 Grandsire Caters was rung, with the bells deeply muffled. The bells of St. Nicholas' and St. Helen's were rung muffled during the afternoon and evening, and the following towers were represented: St. Helen's, Abingdon; St. Giles', Reading; Witney, Cumnor and Appleton.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

On March 24th, 1856, Hyde ringers rang at Hyde 9,600 changes of Grandsire Major. After the peal was rung, Mr. William Harrison, of Mottram, was presented with a valuable silver lever watch, and appendages, the gift of the Hyde ringers, as a token of regard for his attention during two years in teaching them the art of change ringing.

The attempt for a peal of 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus at Bow Church, Cheapside, on Saturday, was unsuccessful, the ringing coming to an end in the eighth course, after nearly three hours.

There seem to have been no peals of record length rung at Bow, principally, we presume, on account of the weight of metal, although several long lengths were rung in the distant past at Southwark, where the bells are very little lighter.

But Southwark has long had twelve bells, while Bow was only made into twelve in 1881. They had been a ring of ten from 1762, but even so no Caters or Royal records were made on this big peal, the task being considered too great. But although no records have been made there, there have been some memorable performances.

Both the steeple and the bells of St. Mary-le-Bow perished in the Great Fire of 1666. They were rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren, and an order for a peal of eight bells was then given to John and Christopher Hodson, the funds to pay for same being derived from the sale of the site of All Hallows', Soper Lane, which was not rebuilt after the fire.

When a certain local historian wished to give a lecture on All Saints' Church, Leicester, recently, he desired to bring in the bells and their inscriptions. One of the ringers obligingly pulled the bells up, and left them so, to enable him to get the inscriptions more easily!

A remarkable peal was rung by the eight persons as under, called the Quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes which they rung in 6 hours 28 minutes on the 1st day of April, anno 1727. There was no change alike or bell out of course. This is the record of a peal at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, but in view of the limited knowledge at that date concerning the composition of such peals, it is considered highly probable that it was false.

The first peal of Grandsire Triples 'by Kent men only' was rung at Wye on March 29th, 1736.

A 6,000 of Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark on April 1st, 1777, by the College Youths.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Waldron, Sussex, and recorded last week, was rung on the 35th anniversary of the first peal rung by the Waldron band, viz., on March 15th, 1890. Six of the band are still alive, and one, Mr. Albert Reid, passed away on Feb. 13th this year, deeply regretted and sadly missed.

The Winchester Guild have a promising young ringer in John A. Cole, of Godalming, Surrey. Full of enthusiasm, he has shown perseverance and remarkable ability, and, seeking practice with the band at Holy Trinity, Guildford, he has within the space of three months rung his first peals of Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The peal at Oswestry, published in our last issue, was conducted by T. R. Butler.

## THE EXPERTS & THE EXERCISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your article in last week's issue I consider very fair and just. While agreeing with you that there are a vast number of ringers to whom articles dealing with theory do not appeal, yet there are doubtless some who, like myself, can follow all the pros and cons on either side, but yet are not able as these writers are to put our thoughts into words, or, rather, I might say, not so gifted with the pen. I may add that, although Mr. Trollope has given us some brilliant articles, I am more inclined to agree with Mr. G. Baker. I would also like to thank Mr. W. Taylor for his excellent exposition on the construction of Bristol Surprise and allied methods.

—Yours truly,  
Feering.

W. KEEBLE.

## BIRMINGHAM BELLS BROADCAST.

The bells at St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, were again broadcast on Sunday evening.

Mr. G. Holmes, of Sheffield, writes:—

On Sunday I was listening in at my wireless, and was much surprised to hear the Birmingham station announce that the Cathedral chimes were going to ring. I listened to some very good Stedman Caters, I heard the course end 213546978 come up beautifully, and a hob at 2 made. Eventually at three minutes to eight the bells came round. I must congratulate our Birmingham friends on their effort.

# ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN

TO BE MADE A UNIQUE PEAL.

By the addition of another treble, the bells at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, are to be made unique among ringing peals. There is already an additional bell in the tower giving a choice of rings, and another bell above the present treble has now been offered, which will give a second peal of twelve, in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt., and a third peal of ten in F, tenor 19 cwt.

The bell is to be the gift of Lady Leeds Kay in memory of her husband, and the offer is only awaiting the formal acceptance of the Cathedral Board, which meets on the 31st inst.

Of the bells at present hung in the Cathedral, the back ten, with a tenor of 45 cwt. in C, were given by Lord Iveagh in 1897, and with them is an additional B flat bell. The late Lord Justice Cherry gave two trebles to make a peal of twelve in 1909.

Originally there was a ring of eight, and two of them, the 3rd (cast in 1670) and the tenor (cast in 1670 and recast in 1809), are still used for occasional services, and the rest of the old peal stand in a room in the tower.



ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### BISHOP ATTENDS MEETING OF SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, by the kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. W. G. Largie, an honorary member of the association. With the exception of four, all the towers in the division were represented, and, with visitors from Chesterfield, Killamarsh, Norton and Workson, the number was brought up to 60, an attendance very gratifying to the officials, and, it is hoped, a good omen for future meetings, and the good of change ringing in the division. Various methods were practised during the afternoon, and a short meeting was held, at which the Vicar officiated. His very interesting address was very much enjoyed, as was also the splendid singing of the choir boys.

An excellent tea was served in the Institute, and the members were honoured by the presence of the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, and the president and hon. secretary of the association, the Rev. C. C. Marshall and Mr. P. J. Johnson.

Immediately after tea, the Bishop addressed the meeting, and apologised for not being able to take the service. He gave a very interesting address on the status of ringers in the service of the church, and the importance of that service.

His Lordship was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of the president, seconded by the general secretary.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. C. C. Marshall was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Vicar, Mr. P. J. Johnson, Mr. F. Willey (vice-president), and Mr. G. Halksworth (Ringing Master).—Nine new members were elected, viz.: Miss Noel Cawthorne (Handsworth), and Messrs. A. Winn (Tickhill), R. Sarsby

(Conisborough), R. Macfarlane (Sprothorough), J. Tuke and T. G. Sarel (St. Maries), A. Marshall (Darfield), J. Greaves (Ecclesfield) and J. Parker (Ranmoor).

Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster) was re-elected Ringing Master for three years, and the retiring committee, Messrs. Cockey (Ranmoor), Wooler (Wortley) and Panther (Wath), were also re-elected.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his address; to the organist and choir boys; and to the local company for the excellent arrangements made, were passed, and were replied to by the Vicar. This brought a most successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Gainsborough, Lincs., on Friday, March 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., by H. Cooper 1, F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 2, J. T. Bartram 3, J. Dixon 4, J. T. Ladd 5, C. H. Baker 6, H. Torr 7, E. Dalingwater 8. This was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. N. Harrison, who, for over 40 years, was a loyal church worker and a member of All Saints' choir; also in memory of Mr. Edward Pask, who for a considerable number of years was a ringer at St. Lawrence's Church, Corringham, and passed away on March 18th, at the age of 77 years.

At St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Staffs., for morning service, on March 22nd, 720 Cambridge Treble Bob; for evening service, 720 College Exercise. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Arthur Barlow and Mr. Harold L. Barlow, both members of the Parochial Council, and sidesmen of the above church. The whole pull and stand was rung at intervals prior to the evening service: R. Preston 1, C. Bowen (conductor) 2, H. Billings 3, C. Preston 4, W. Wheeldon, senr., 5, W. Fradley 6.

## ROTHERHAM PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

### A MAGNIFICENT ADDITION TO YORKSHIRE PEALS.

In Saxon times, Rotherham seems to have been a place of some importance. It had a Saxon church, it also had a market, and a fair before the Norman Conquest. If there be any truth in the old tradition that its big neighbour, Sheffield, was at one period of its history 'A Vill, Near Rotherham,' one has now the effrontery to say it applies with more force to-day (when we speak of bells!) than ever it did in bygone days, when Rotherham had its market and fair, and Sheffield had no such privileges. Strange, how history repeats itself! To visitors the Parish Church of Rotherham is the chief object of attraction, its rare beauty is so great inasmuch that it gives interest to the very irregular township. The church is a most spacious and handsome fabric, built in the reign of Edward IV. on the site of a Saxon edifice, it is dedicated to 'All Saints,' and is indisputably one of the finest parochial places of worship in Yorkshire.

On Wednesday, March 18th, 'all roads led thither.' On entering the sacred portal we found it packed to the utmost of its seating capacity, a reverent congregation awaiting—what? The ceremony of the dedication of the recast ring of ten bells, recast and erected in memory of a true son of the church, a beloved and revered fellow-townsmen—Robert Dyson.

The impressive service commenced with the singing of the hymn, 'Pleasant are Thy Courts,' a shortened form of evensong followed intoned by the Vicar (Canon Allen). Psalm 122 was chanted, and a former Vicar, Canon Goodhall, read the special lesson from Numbers x, followed by the 'Nunc Dimittis,' which was also chanted.

At 3.35, the soul-stirring moment had arrived, beneath the traceried roof of that spire stood the Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Sheffield (Dr. Burrows), who dedicated the bells in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Honour and Glory of God, and His Church, and in memory of Robert Dyson, and setting them apart from all profane and unhallowed uses. Anon, a sweet velvety note falls upon the ear as the treble is raised into the inverted position, reminding one of the pure, clear and poetic beauty of a silvery voiced choir-boy, whose voice rings out in solo as a preliminary to some great anthem. Picture the scene. A congregation standing in mute reverence, the stillness broken only by the odious hoot of some passing motor, dispelled the next moment by the harmonious song which burst forth from the brazen throats of the recast peal: through the old church on ethereal soundwaves their cadences ripple with soothing influence, and in majestic grandeur over the ancient township rolls the concordant harmony of these magnificent bells.

Never before in the chequered bell history of Rotherham had such a stately half-muffled requiem sobbed from lips of bronze, a lament, half sorrow, half exultation, in alternate permutation. Never before had such charming purity of tone, such temperament poured over the heads of a congregation in that church. Never before had a concourse of humanity assembled outside and listened to such a delightful and well-balanced Liturgy, to such a melting ritual of the soul.

The bells cease. The lingering vibrations die away, the grand old hymn, 'Hark! hark! my soul,' re-echoes through chancel and columned aisle. His lordship delivers an eloquent and impressive address, basing his remarks on 'A Bell and a Pomegranate,' and the ceremony concludes with the hymn, 'There is a blessed home.'

After service, the local band rang touches of Grandsire Caters, Kent, and Bob Royal, and a mixed band rang a touch of Double Norwich on the back eight, the bells were lowered in peal, and the locals adjourned to the residence of Mr. Dyson, who entertained them to dinner, along with other guests who partook of the donor's hospitality, as follows: Canon Allen (Vicar), Messrs. Elmhurst, Green, Smith and Hemmingway (churchwardens). Dr. Baker Dr. Knight, Mr. J. E. Knight, Mr. R. Fawcett (ex-wardens) and Mr. Dyson.

During the course of the evening, Mr. Dyson referred to a thing that weighed most (apart from his own opinion of the musical qualities of the old peal), when it came to a question of recasting. There was within recent years a peal of twelve (not many miles from home), which had had quite a considerable sum of money spent upon them with very little improvement, and it was not his (Mr. Dyson's) intention to have the job 'half done' at Rotherham!

With regard to the renovation and recasting which have been so generously undertaken as a memorial to the late Mr. Robert Dyson, the cost being defrayed by the widow, Mr. W. Dyson and Mrs. Knight (son and daughter) 'moves up to the hilt' that the Dyson family have always taken a deep and sincere interest in Rotherham Church, and difficult it would be even to try and estimate the extent of their munificence.

Concerning the old peal, 'Guest' writes about the opening, which took place on Easter Monday, 1822, when ringers from various parts of the country assisted in producing 'Tintinnahuly Clatter.' Truer words never were written and in confirmation of the historian's remarks of 1822, we have the honour to add our testimony a century afterwards, even less brief, 'they was!'

Thanks to the Dyson family, the cacophonous peal is 'hushed' the shrieking syrens, which only a lay mind would designate 'Trebles' are gone! That detonation, a dominating fiend, formerly known as 8th, which hid a multitude of ailments of her less lusty but equally dissonant 'Step-Sisters,' is gone! In fact, they have all—including that poor thin 'De-noted' tenor, who gave us persistent de-de-demonstrations of acute bronchial trouble—gone into the fiery cauldron, and they have all arisen, phoenix-like, from their own ashes!

The old oak frame has been removed. The donors had determined that only the very best should be done; therefore they commissioned Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, to recast and rehang the bells on modern principles, and a new steel and iron frame has been specially designed to suit the tower, and remove the hitherto unequal strain on the fabric. Massive steel girders now brace and bond the walls, forming at the same time a foundation for the new framework, with two additional pits prepared for the 'next' augmentation to twelve.

The whole job is a most magnificent piece of engineering skill, and reflects credit on the founders. The old tenor weighed 31½ cwt., the new one is increased to 34½ cwt., and on the day of dedication was raised by one man, and 'clattered-up-right-side!' This alone speaks volumes for the firm, who have introduced a superior type of clapper and other manifold improvements in hanging. All the bells are hung on patent ball bearings, and the only comment made on the 'go' is that 'they are perfection!'

A redistribution in the weight of the metal has 'hurled the thick treble theory out of sight' and worked 'wonders' (not imaginary) in conjunction with 'Taylor's harmonic system' of tuning, and has brought into being that which never before existed in the Rotherham peal, i.e., an equal temperament, combined with an absolute purity of tone. The former 'clatter' and dissonance is blotted out; in its stead, beautiful sonorous tone, and rich volumes of sound reign supreme!

The old 'Harmonious' inscription is reproduced in facsimile on the recast tenor, with this modest addition:—

'This peal of ten bells was recast 1924

In memory of Robert Dyson.'

The remaining nine each bear the inscription:—

'Recast 1924, John Taylor and Company, Bellfounders, Loughborough.'

Come, little judges, big judges, or judges of assize, find the founder (living or dead) who has cast, tuned and hung a peal that can be placed on a higher artistic, musical, or engineering plane than the 'Dyson' peal of ten at Rotherham!

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June the 2nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Chester. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 18th.

Will secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and, together with the names and addresses of representatives, should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

## A GREAT ADVENTURE.

Mr. Connor O'Brien, of Dublin, who was an active ringer in London and Guildford several years ago, and who set out in 1923 for a voyage round the world in the 25-ton ketch 'Saoirse,' arrived at Port Stanley, Falkland Islands, about the end of December last.

The 'Saoirse' sailed from Dublin on June 20, 1923, and called at Madeira, Pernambuco, Capetown, Durban, Melbourne, Picton, Napier, and Auckland. The vessel arrived at Auckland on May 25th of last year. On July 16th she left for a trip to Tonga, from where she returned about a month later. After refitting at Auckland the ketch took her departure from New Zealand on October 22nd, on her long journey back to Dublin via Cape Horn. On her arrival at Port Stanley the small vessel had travelled about 20,000 miles.

## A CORRECTION.

In the composition of the peal of Grandsire Triples (by Mr. Samuel Jones) published last week, the rows opposite the first two singles were transposed. The peal should begin as follows:—

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|--------|--------|
| 234567 |        |
| 752634 | 1      |
| 237546 | 3      |
| 562437 | 1      |
| 5      | 735246 |
| 627435 | 2      |

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Triples by Samuel Jones, given in your last issue, is W. Matthew's 12-part, and will be found in the C.C. Collection, No. 63, except that the 2nd and 3rd calls are reversed in the version published last week.—Yours, etc.,

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.



## THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

## PAID RINGERS—THE GLOSSARY.

We sometimes discuss among ourselves the propriety or otherwise of the payment of ringers in these days. I am with those who say that we ought to be a purely voluntary body; giving our services (except in special cases) for the pleasure which we get out of our art. I have usually found on my travels that the bellries where the visitor is least welcomed are those where the ringers receive some miserable pittance for ringing the bells on Sundays; and it is certainly the general rule that paid ringers are less concerned about their change ringing than their 'remuneration.' I can never quite follow the anxiety of some men that I know, who hang on to the 'loaves and fishes,' and set themselves against the introduction of young blood, because they are afraid it may affect their pocket to the extent of a few shillings a year. There are very few, if any, cases where the ringers are paid a sum at all commensurate with the time they give, and if the practice of paying ringers is to be continued ought there not to be a trade union to secure a proper recognition of the services rendered?

The extracts from ancient accounts which were given in 'Belfry Gossip' last week induced me to return to a perusal of some old records, reproduced in Mr. Cheetham's 'Church Bells of Lancashire.' They used to pay the ringers pretty well for their job at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, a hundred and more years ago. Eighteen shillings seems to have been the price of the services of six men for special occasions, with a lump sum of £16 17s. 6d. for their Sunday ringing for one year. In the year 1799 they paid six men for ringing on the King's birthday, on June 4th, 18s.; and a similar amount on each of the following occasions in the same year; July 12th for the news of General Suwarrow's victory; August 12th, for the Prince of Wales' birthday; August 19th, for the news of the taking of the Dutch fleet; September 5th, for news of taking of Alexandria and Mantua; September 22nd, for the King's Coronation; October 25th, for the King's Ascension to the throne; November 5th, for Gunpowder Plot; December 25th, for ringing on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. In addition, they had £3 3s. for 'ringing 3½ days for Bishop.' They do not pay for as many 'extra' days in these times, even in the best remunerated bellries.

These ancient records from parish documents make interesting reading. At Liverpool the men were encouraged to attend church, for in 1746 it was 'Ordered that a peal shall be rung at the old church every Sunday, both morning and afternoon, at the time of going into church, and that the ringers shall have liberty to sit in the seat next to the bell house door, and that the Sexton take care to secure the same for them.' Apparently about this time they used to inflict the 'passing bell' upon the parishioners for so long at a stretch that a special order had to be issued to limit it. Probably the sexton was paid by the hour; anyhow, to curb his enthusiasm in this department, on Sept. 21st, 1752, 'it is ordered that no passing bell be tolled at any Parish Church in this town longer than an hour upon no consideration; and if the sexton suffer it, that he pay for the use of the Parish five shillings for every offence, to be received by the Church Wardens for the time being.'

Paid ringing has been with us as long as ringing in the form we know it has existed. The Church book of Childwall records that in 1635 a meeting of parishioners ordered that 'he that keepeth the clock and ringeth curfews shall have xiid. per annum for his paynes; and also the ringers vis. viiid. per annum to ring every Sunday in this manner following, to witt, the sexton one peale att seven of the clock, the clark and sexten another peale at eight of the clock, and the clark, sexton and the other ringers another peale att nyne of the clock.' There are many other quotations which I should like to give, which I am sure would interest my readers, but I have quoted sufficient history to show that the paid ringer is a relic of the 'good old days,' and any attempt to rob him of his traditional emolument is bound to be resisted. Personally, as I have said, I look forward to the day when all ringing for services will be entirely voluntary; but if that is not possible, why should there not be an agitation to make the punishment fit the crime—or the payment fit the job?

Looking through these old records, I came across several ancient, and, to me, strange, expressions in regard to bells. In seeking information, I naturally went to the 'Glossary,' published by the Central Council, and, in turning over the pages I could not help feeling that it is nearly time this very useful little book was brought up-to-date. It was published in 1901, and there are terms which we now use which ought to find a place there, and some, which are already there, that require amending. When the 'Glossary' was published it supplied all that was required by way of definitions, but we have progressed since then, and there is substantial revision necessary. For instance, the classification of methods wants dealing with. The various grades such as 'Pleasures,' 'Delights,' etc., up to that jaw-breaking word 'Passalatesera' (or whatever it is) are not included, and even 'Surprise' is given the entirely obsolete definition of 'a name attached to certain Treble Bob methods, in which

the work of the course is highly elaborated and more or less difficult of execution.' That, of course, satisfactorily filled the bill a quarter of a century ago, but it is quite out of the running in these more scientific days.

But the part which to my mind requires most overhauling is the appendix, in which a large number of methods are 'described.' The description may be accurate, so far as it goes, but I defy anyone who does not know any of these methods to ring them from a mere study of the explanation given. Something much more readily understandable by the ordinary intelligence is necessary, and the Council might well set to work to revise this part of the book, if—and I say 'if' advisedly—it is really worth while to include this appendix. Most of the methods given are already included in other text books, and more explicitly dealt with. But if they must be given, let them be so set out that they can be understood by anyone approaching them from the standpoint of a learner. The 'Glossary' is a little volume that ought to be in every ringer's possession; it is one of the most valuable of the Council's publications, and I hope it will not be long before they set about its revision. These jobs take time. It would probably be two years from now before any revised copy would be ready for printers, and it would be unwise to wait until the present edition is exhausted before taking the matter in hand.

CRITICUS.

## STEPS OR SHUNTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is unfortunate that Mr. Baker and Mr. Williams should have taken my little joke so seriously. I thought I had exaggerated so obviously that no one could be hurt. I can only say, I am very sorry.

I am, however, glad to avail myself of this opportunity of saying that I have all along felt sure that Mr. George Baker has the truth of the matter in him, but that he does not seem, so far, to have made it clear to the Exercise in general. If I could help him to do so, I should be only too glad. I have in the past adopted Mr. George Williams' suggestion, and asked him for information (if not in your columns at any rate in 'Bell News' in the past), but I regret to say it was not forthcoming.

Those from whom I have learnt to preach or speak or write, have impressed on me the importance of always directing my arguments to the person with the least intelligence among those whom I am addressing. In what I have written lately, I have adopted this role, that of the least intelligent of those whom Mr. Baker, for instance, is addressing. So when he says (so kindly) that he cannot give me brains to understand, or when Mr. Williams says I show a want of knowledge of the subject, it proves that I have succeeded in what I set out to do; but I am sadly afraid that it also proves that they have not succeeded. For if I do not understand, or do not know, and yet am sufficiently interested to discuss these matters, surely I am quite the sort of person for whom they are writing. Mr. Baker cannot really mean that he gets you to print his articles just for the 'three persons in the United Kingdom, and one in far New Zealand,' of whom he speaks.

Your article in defence of these technical discussions is very much to the point, and I am sure you will agree that if such discussions are to be profitable to as large a number as they should be, everyone must always be careful to 'define their terms'; and especially to avoid misleading new readers by using confusing names, of which the word 'Shunt' is a glaring example.

In conclusion, may I give an instance of the needless difficulties which Mr. Baker supplies, by asking him when he has adopted the term 'Shunt' (or Step), why he goes on to speak of Double, Two-Bell and Four-Bell Shunts' (or Steps), without explaining the exact difference these epithets imply?

And why, when he has been told repeatedly, that the words 'proof of construction,' convey no meaning to us, does he go on using them? Ringing may be in some ways an abstruse art; but the English language is easy enough if we only use it properly.

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## A NUNEATON RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday, March 21st, the mortal remains of Mr. John Bollard were laid to rest in Nuneaton Cemetery. The deceased, who passed away, after a long and painful illness, had been a member of the Nuneaton Parish Church Ringers for upwards of 30 years. He was an excellent tenor man, and had rung the treble to a number of peals of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. Although he never aspired to great things in ringing, he was most regular in attendance for service ringing, and had a very genial disposition. He was always ready to take a rope or to stand down if the ringing was above his standard.

After the funeral, the Nuneaton company rang several touches, with the bells muffled, as a last mark of respect.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**STONY STRATFORD.**—At St. Giles' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 22nd, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Clarke 1, T. Tomkins 2, F. Case 3, E. Yates 4, W. Pedley 5, H. Edwards 6, W. Bonham 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8.

**NORTH SHIELDS.**—At Christ Church, on Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: J. Robertson 1, E. A. Horn 2, A. Tully 3, C. Waugh 4, J. Scott 5, J. George 6, E. Gosden 7, G. Dix (first as conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in method by ringers of 1st, 6th and 7th.

**PASTON, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, March 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 1,080 Grandsire Doubles, in 39 minutes, by the Northrepps company: E. L. Risebrow 1, J. W. J. Brown 2, C. Pooley (conductor) 3, H. F. Carter 4, F. N. Golpen 5.

**GREASLEY, NOTTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. E. Hobbs 1, W. Batcliffe 2, T. Storer 3, H. Byfield 4, H. L. Williamson 5, H. Bush 6, E. C. Williamson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, N. Hemmington 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman on the bells, and by all the band except J. E. Hobbs. All are Sunday Service ringers.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, March 22nd, at Holy Trinity Church, for Matins, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. Titt (first 720 of London) 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 York Surprise Minor as follows: W. Oliver 1, W. H. Porter 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Outmor 3, H. G. Owen 4, W. R. Grimwood 5, H. Folkard 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, F. Norris 10.

**CHIPPENHAM.**—For morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, on March 22nd, 788 Oxford Treble Bob Major, by the Sunday Service band: E. Trueman 1, A. Dale 2, S. Wiltshire 3, E. Perry 4, C. Lovelock 5, R. Pearce 6, L. Ambrose 7, F. Lambeth (conductor) 8. Longest length by all.

**SOUTH HACKNEY.**—At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, on Sunday, March 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. Riley 1, I. Attwater 2, F. Alleyway 3, S. Wapshere 4, F. Digby 5, W. Bottrill (conductor) 6, J. Carmen 7, F. Clark 8.

**LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, March 15th, at St. Margaret's Church, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: D. Grant (first quarter-peal) 1, G. S. Morris 2, A. Ballard 3, L. Johnson 4, E. Whitehead 5, A. Cattell 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, J. Grant 8.

**ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Vale 1, H. Kemp 2, T. Napper 3, W. Powell 4, H. Taylor 5, W. Colwell 6, W. Poston (conductor) 7, J. Bushnell 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Sunday, Mar. 15th, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major, in 48 mins. (composed by C. Charge): J. Hawkins 1, A. C. Gasson 2, C. Choquet 3, H. Franks 4, A. Darnell 5, R. Green 6, E. Russell 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

**NOTICES.**

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Wheald on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 with meeting after. Those requiring tea should advise me not later than Tuesday, April 7th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

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

A most successful meeting of the Northern District was held at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, about 30 members attending, including a few visitors from the Southern District, whose presence was greatly appreciated. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and several good touches in standard methods were rung during the afternoon.

The company afterwards attended service, conducted by the Rector, who extended a hearty welcome to the association, and delivered a most interesting address.

A very substantial tea was provided at St. Andrew's Hall, Wells Street, by the kindness of Mr. Alleyway (District Master), Mr. Riley and Mr. Attwater, after which the business meeting was held.

St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on May 16th.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells; to Mr. Riley (steeplekeeper) for having the bells ready; and to Mrs. Alleyway and friends, who waited at table.

After listening to a short touch on handbells a move was again made to the tower, where several good touches, including Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major, brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

**BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting was held at Darfield on Saturday, March 14th. Ringers were present from Anston, Badsworth, Barnsley, Hoylandswaine, Ecclesfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Wath, and members of the local company. The bells (six) are all ancient, and for years past have been the despair of change ringers. Happily they are now safely housed in a strong steel and metal frame, fitted with modern fittings. The tenor bell was believed to weigh 20 cwt. It has now turned the scale at 14 cwt. A table is now hung in the church giving measurements, weights, notes, age, inscriptions, etc., of the bells.

Ringings commenced at 3 p.m., and service was held at 4.30. The Rector (Canon Sorby) was absent, through illness, and the curate (the Rev. — Wilson) read the prayers. The Rev. J. R. L. Nicholls (Vicar of Ranmoor, Sheffield), who preached a short sermon, is an able ringer in standard methods, and needless to say, his presence and sermon were highly appreciated.

Tea followed in the Church Schoolroom. The above-named clergy were present, and warmly thanked for their great kindness.

Ringings followed after tea and business meeting in many pleasing variations of Treble Bob. One touch of Darfield seemed to be pathetic. It is the last method composed by the late Mr. W. Woodcock, and one which he did not live to ring himself.

**CHRISTCHURCH CATHEDRAL, NEW ZEALAND.****BELLS OVERHAULED AND RINGERS ENTHUSIASTIC.**

Quite recently the fittings of the fine ring of ten bells (tenor 28 cwt.), at Christchurch Cathedral, New Zealand, have been overhauled, with the result that the whole peal is now in good going order.

The furnishings in the belfry leave very little to be desired, everything being well ordered and clean. An oak cupboard of handsome design is the receptacle of a handy set of musical handbells. It also contains the complete series of Snowdon's works, tastefully bound, in addition to other literary matter on change ringing. Tablets on the walls record the performances of two peals of Grandsire Triples, and one of Bob Triples. Not the least pleasing feature to a ringer from the homeland are portraits of change ringing celebrities of the last generation.

The local ringers—an enthusiastic body of young men—ring rounds and call changes quite creditably. They are anxious to learn change ringing, and would welcome the advent of an instructor, who would have sufficient leisure to drill them to efficiency. The following took part in the ringing on New Year's Eve: G. H. Claydon, J. S. Wilde, F. H. Perkin, A. D. Dunkerley, W. D. Sloan, A. G. Cusdin, H. T. Lang, and G. N. Sloan (hon. secretary).

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.**

A combined ringing practice was held at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham, on March 21st, when the bells were utilised for three hours by the twenty members who attended from St. Laurence's, Reading; Binfield, Sandhurst, Hurst, Wargrave, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence, and Wokingham. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyu) and the general sec. (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) attended, and their help was very welcome. The following methods were practised: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

## NOTICES.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. The next meeting will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 2 p.m. All ringers welcomed. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Gen. Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at Haslingden Parish Church on Saturday, March 28th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—H. J. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 28th, 1925. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Far Headingley on March 28th, 1925. By kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. C. Marshall) the fine peal of 8 bells (tenor 20 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2 to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at the School, Otley Road, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Malden, M.A.) the bells of St. Michael's will be available for ringing from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 o'clock. There will be a short service in St. Chad's Church at 4 p.m. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopgood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, 28th March. The bells will be opened on this date after re-hanging, and will be available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held on March 28th at St. Cutbbert's, Lytham. Bells ready 2.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Spondon on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Chas. Draper, 25, Western Road, Derby.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Breaston on Saturday, March 28th. Tower open 3 p.m. F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on March 28th at Braughing. Bells ready during afternoon and evening. Service at 4.45. Tea at the Brown Bear after business meeting. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Eastwell on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Flying Horse.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Old Windsor, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells available at 6.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge Wexham, Slough.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Thorne, on Saturday, March 28th. The recast ring of 8 bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A good meeting is desired.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Iron Acton, on Saturday, March 28th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 2nd, 16th and 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill (for service) on the 19th, at 6 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30. \*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, Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 27th, at 6.30: quarterly business meeting at 8 o'clock.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18 Merrick Square, S.E. 1.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general committee meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, April 4th, in St. Laurence's Hall (near Abbey gateway), at 3 o'clock. Notice of motion should reach general Secretary at least 10 days before. Will all branch Secretaries and representatives please note?—Richard T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Ripponden (near Halifax), on Saturday, April 4th. Will all those requiring tea (1/6 each) please notify me not later than Monday, March 30th?—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 3. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W. 4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Leicester district will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 2nd latest?—H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hone on Saturday, April 4th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea. — E. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Service 7.30 p.m. All attending please notify Mr. E. A. Ridgway, 11, Shirley Street, Leek, by March 31st.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Stoney Stanton on April 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 13th at Leicester. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m.:—St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's (10), St. John's (8), St. Saviour's (8), and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). The Committee will meet at 12 o'clock noon. Hot luncheon has been arranged (for ticket holders only) at 12.45 prompt. Tickets; Members 2/., non-members 2/9 each, to be ordered no later than April 6th, from Mr. H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

The general meeting of members will be held immediately after luncheon, and there will be a service in St. Martin's Church at 3.15 p.m. A smoking concert has been arranged for 7.30 p.m. The meetings, luncheon, and concert will all be at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, near L.M.S. Station — A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — **PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. The address will be given by Rev. G. A. Lewis, Rector of Cheriton. Further particulars later.—Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 13th. Full particulars later. Will captains of belfries inform Hon. Sec. before April 4th, as to the numbers who will attend?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owistone Road, Cambridge.

**NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.**—General meeting will be held at Aylsham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel, Market Place at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending being present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Wednesday, April 8th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Annual meeting will be held at Nantwich on Easter Monday, April 13th. —Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Cheshire.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. 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. Address by the Rev. Canon Blake, Rector of St. Helen's. Tea will be provided at 5.30 for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th. As the allowance will not cover the cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), 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.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. The committee will meet at 1 p.m. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower at 2. Meat tea 2.30, and general meeting in the Co-operative Hall at 3.15. Ringing at St. Mary's, St. Margaret's and St. Clement's all day.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those intending to be present at tea should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.**—East Devon Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at Branscombe, Devon, on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock., Mason's Arms Hotel. Members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Tewkesbury, Gloucester, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Management Committee meeting in the morning. Those requiring luncheon and tea should apply early, as a very large meeting is expected. Reports are practically ready. For charabanc from Bristol apply at once. Peal books on view. Proposal to alter or add to Rules 3 and 5 received.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**STAINDROP, COUNTY DURHAM** (2 miles from Winston, L.N.E.R. Station).—By the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier, M.A.), the new peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) will be available on Easter Monday, April 13th, to all ringers. A bus will meet the 10.11 and 10.29 trains from the north at Bank Top Station, Darlington, and another will leave the Turk's Head, Bondgate, Darlington, at 10.30 a.m. Fare: 1s. single, 2s. return. The buses will return at any time after 6 p.m. to suit ringers. Cheap fares are usually available to Darlington on Mondays. The 'United' bus leaves Bishop Auckland for Staindrop (Route 18) at 10.35 and 2.35 p.m., and returns at 4.52 p.m. Dinner will be provided, 2s. 6d. each, at the King's Arms, 12.30 to 1 p.m., for all those who notify me by the 7th of April.—Mr. H. Shipp, 6, Duke Street, Staindrop, near Darlington.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the respective clergy the fine new peal of ten at the



Parish Church will be available from 12 noon onward, and the peal of eight at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, between the hours of 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 3 p.m. onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. C. Ryder not later than first post Thursday, April 11th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at St. Albans Easter Monday. Towers open for ringing 2 p.m. (six bell towers by arrangement with conductors). Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m. in Abbey Institute. Let me know if you can come—it will help the caterer—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.** — North-Eastern Branch.—The meeting will be held at Bickleigh, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each. Cadeleigh tower will also be open. Those requiring tea must send their names to me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—For the purposes of the annual cup contest and the association the following rule has been passed, viz.: 'The radius of the area covered by the association is 12 miles from Barnsley Parish Church tower. All members enrolled before March 14th, 1925, are to remain members, and are unaffected by this rule.' — C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

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### THE REVIVAL IN THE FYLDE.

It is gratifying to read that at length there seem to be signs of real revival in the Fylde district of the Lancashire Association, where, for a long time past, apparently unavailing efforts had been made to create interest and enthusiasm in ringing. For years the officials, and particularly the secretary, have had an uphill and disheartening task, and less stouthearted men would long since have thrown up a thankless and discouraging struggle. Patience and perseverance appear now to be reaping their reward, and support such as that which was forthcoming at last Saturday's meeting must have been a matter of great satisfaction. Only those who have tried to build up an organisation in the face not merely of apathy, but of discouragement, if not of actual hostility, have any notion of the difficulties which have to be confronted, and only enthusiasm for the cause, coupled with great tenacity of purpose, can overcome the trials that confront the organiser. The report of last Saturday's meeting shows that at last Mr. Sharples is meeting with the success for which he has so long laboured.

Now that the district is really awaking to its own interests, there is hope that steady progress in the Fylde may be assured. Among the large associations, the Lancashire is one of the most virile, but in parts the county presents no small difficulties of organisation, difficulties which patient labour is sure to overcome, and the lesson of the Fylde ought not to be lost. The one thing that astonished us is that ringers, professing even a limited interest in the art, should ever be so apathetic over the activities of their association. This apathy is to be found in many places, and is by no means limited to any one society. All associations suffer from it in some area or at some time, and strong and persistent efforts are required to overcome it. Unless the officials are themselves keen, hands will lapse and eventually break away from the parent organisation.

It is not easy to find a quick solution of the problem. Can the associations make themselves more attractive than they are? It is not enough to ask a man to join an association merely for the moral support which he thus gives to it, for, while we always argue that a ringer should seek what he can put into the art rather than what he can get out of it, we hold that the big organisations should make membership as attractive as possible. In many cases they do not do all that is within their power for backward companies—backward not only in the ringing sense, but also in their sense of duty to their association. As we have so often pointed out, the aims and

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duties of an association are not completely met by the mere holding of quarterly meetings. Wherever there is a backward band, or one where progress is slow, the parent society ought to get right into that belfry, and not leave it until the company is well on the high road to success. There are a few cases, perhaps, where such help would not only be unwelcome, but probably resented. Instances of this kind require tactful handling, but they can be overcome, and discouragement need not come with rebuffs. But in the vast majority of cases steady and consistent help such as we have suggested would be gladly accepted, and in the long run the association would profit from the loyalty and support which it would gain.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 42 lb. in E flat.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| REGINALD D. MARSHALL... Treble | WILLIAM S. SMITH ... .. 6    |
| *MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN... 2    | JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM H. JOINER ... .. 3     | FRANK E. DARBY... .. 8       |
| *MISS FRED A. ORR... .. 4      | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 9   |
| DANIEL COOPER... .. 5          | ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, Conducted by Wm. S. SMITH.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. The course ends of this peal are alternately in the titum and handstroke-home positions throughout.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM WEEDEN ... .. Treble | GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 5      |
| GEORGE WHITING ... .. 2      | T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 6   |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 3     | LESLIE G. BRETT... .. 7    |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4      | ERNEST C. LANHAM ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by G. WHITING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Bennett.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, March 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6162 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble | SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5    |
| FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 2     | JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... 6   |
| WILLIAM STEELE ... .. 3     | CHARLES E. BORRETT... 7   |
| GEORGE MAYERS... .. 4       | GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 5th, for whom this peal was arranged, was elected a life member of the Guild previous to commencing the peal.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Guild.)

On Tuesday, March 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| *RICHARD GRANT... .. Treble | IOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 5  |
| ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 2     | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6  |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 3    | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7 |
| ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 4     | JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor |

Re-arranged and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Lord Curzon.



BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| †ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. Treble | †HARRY TURNER... .. 5     |
| GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2          | ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 6 |
| ALFRED PYE ... .. 3            | *WILLIAM LEGGETT ... .. 7 |
| †FRANK RINGE ... .. 4          | GEORGE MILES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by G. R. PYE.

† First peal of Major. \* First peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11 cwt, 1 qr. 4 lb.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| CYRIL PORTER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM POYSER... .. 5  |
| JAMES PAGETT ... .. 2      | JACK BAILEY... .. 6     |
| JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 3      | MARK BARKER ... .. 7    |
| ALFRED MOULD ... .. 4      | JOSEPH LORD... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. W. GLEW.

Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Marquis Curzon of Kedleston.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5  |
| HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 2    | HARRY OVERTON... .. 6       |
| RICHARD D. LANGFORD ... 3    | RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 7  |
| GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 4   | JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 13 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... Treble | ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 5       |
| MISS MAY CLAYTON ... .. 2    | JOHN BROWN ... .. 6         |
| JAMES HARRISON... .. 3       | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 7   |
| FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 4     | WILLIAM FOWLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

Miss Clayton is the first lady to ring in a Preston Branch peal.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE KENWARD ... Treble | THOMAS JOLL ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 2    | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6    |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3 | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 7   |
| *JOHN W. UNWIN ... .. 4   | EDWARD H. SPICE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by J. BENNETT, R.M.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Brothers G. H. and E. H. Spice, sons of the ringer of the 2nd. \* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. and Mrs. W. Spice, senr., for their kind hospitality after the peal.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Arnabas,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN H. WHITE ... .. Treble | C.O.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 5    |
| JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 2      | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6      |
| WILLIAM T. BEBSON, JUN. 3   | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4       | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

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

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Dobinson, churchwarden at the above church.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;**  
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| EDWARD P. HUCKINGHAM ... Treble | LESLIE J. CLARKE ... .. 5 |
| HENRY W. KIRTON ... .. 2        | WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3         | JOHN WOOD ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4        | ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Treble | GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5       |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2       | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 6     |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3   | CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7     |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4    | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| THOMAS GROUNDS ... Treble | JOSEPH GRAY ... .. 5       |
| JOHN BOOTH... .. 2        | WILLIAM AUSTEN ... .. 6    |
| JAS. WM. GROUNDS ... .. 3 | ERNEST BIRCHALL ... .. 7   |
| ALFRED MORGAN... .. 4     | ROBERT TAYLOR ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST BIRCHALL.

Rung by the local band.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**  
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| JAS. GOODSSELL ... Treble | T. BOOTH ... .. 5   |
| F. MORGAN ... .. 2        | W. HOAD ... .. 6    |
| C. CREASEY ... .. 3       | T. HOAD ... .. 7    |
| E. MILLS ... .. 4         | G. KING... .. Tenor |

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                        |                        |
|------------------------|------------------------|
| *H. PAUL ... .. Treble | †T. K. DEACON ... .. 4 |
| P. A. ALDHAM ... .. 2  | ‡C. E. PETTIT ... .. 5 |
| †F. MEARS ... .. 3     | C. ALLSOP ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor 'inside.' Ringer of 2nd from Hinckley; 4th from Earl Shilton; 6th from Ratby; remainder local.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE VERNON ... .. Treble | JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 4  |
| ERNEST BOSTOCK ... .. 2     | LEONARD BOSTOCK ... .. 5    |
| FREDERICK HINDS ... .. 3    | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... .. Treble | HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4           |
| JOHN BURLS ... .. 2             | GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 5          |
| *FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 3    | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

\* First peal of Surprise on a 'bob' bell. First Surprise peal on the bells by an entirely local hand. It was specially rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., Rector of Milton.

WOODSTON, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb. in A flat.

|                                 |                              |
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| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. Treble | HERBERT HOARE ... .. 4       |
| *HENRY E. LITTLE ... .. 2       | †ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5      |
| †WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 3          | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Rung on the 15th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. H. Hoare. \* First peal. † First of Cambridge Minor. The ringers of 5th and tenor have now rung peals of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus together this year.

OXENHOPE, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *CLARENCE BLACKBURN ... Treble | FRED HODGSON ... .. 4     |
| TOM SCOTT ... .. 2             | REX GODDARD ... .. 5      |
| ALBERT MARSHALL ... .. 3       | ERNEST BETTS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

\* First peal. First peal of Bob Minor by all the rest. The average age of the band is 19, and are all Sunday Service ringers at Liversedge, Yorks.

KILBURN. — At St. Augustine's Church, for evensong, on March 22nd, 1,260 Bob Triples, in 40 mins.: F. Ladyman 1, Rev. M. C. Edgar 2, A. Gardiner 3, G. Margets 4, F. Saxby 5, J. Butler 6, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 7, W. Ware 8. First quarter-peal by all except ringers of 6th and 7th, all of whom are members of the local band.

LAUNTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK SHARPE ... .. Treble | ROBERT ELKERTON ... .. 4     |
| *RICHARD J. R. CHAUDY ... 2    | EDWIN HIMS ... .. 5          |
| JACK JUDGE ... .. 3            | WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

\* First peal of Minor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor size 15 in C.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... .. 1-2  | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6 |
| ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 3-4 | *PERCY BRETT SMITH ... 7-8  |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE.

\* First attempt 'in hand.'

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT RYE MILL FARM,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1-2  | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5-6 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3-4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7-8 |

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

Rung on the conductor's 47th birthday.

**MR. H. J. TUCKER LEAVES BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**

On Wednesday, March 18th, the local company at St. Michael's Church, Bishop's Stortford, with four fingers from Stansted, met at their church for a farewell gathering with Mr. H. J. Tucker, who, for domestic reasons, has now left the district. A quarter-peal of Grand-sire Calers was attempted, the ringing being stopped when the 7th course was reached on account of a bereavement that day near the church. The ringers were: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, Wm. T. Prior 3, G. Jordan 4, W. Prior 5, T. Jordan 6, T. J. Watts 7, H. J. Tucker (composer and conductor) 8, H. Dew 9, W. Wilkinson 10.

By his departure, Mr. Tucker severs a life-long connection with the town, in which his family has resided for generations. It is interesting to note that Mr. Tucker's grandfather was appointed sexton of St. Michael's Church in September, 1826, and held the appointment till his death in 1863, when his widow succeeded to the position. She was followed by Mr. Tucker's father in 1879. Mr. Tucker himself succeeding his father in 1888, and retiring in 1902. Mr. Tucker has been associated with the bells since earliest childhood, and one or two of his peals have become almost 'classical' compositions. The good wishes of the ringers were tendered him, and regret was expressed that his connection with the tower is now severed.

**A DATE TOUCH.**

At Ellesmere, Shropshire, on Tuesday evening, March 24th, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,925 changes), in 1 hour 15 minutes: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr. (composer), 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Lichfield to this parish for Confirmation service.

WEST GRINSTEAD. — At St. George's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 8th, 720 Baintree Treble Bob: V. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, R. Stodwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor), 6. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band. — On Thursday, March 12th, 720 Baintree: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Coatcher (first in the method) 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor), 6.

**PRESHUTE BELLS RESTORED.****REOPENING OF RECAST RING.**

After an interval of two years the bells of Preshute Church were rung for the first time on Saturday, March 14th, when, having been recast and rebung, they were dedicated, in the presence of a large congregation, by Canon R. C. Abbott, a former housemaster at Preshute House, and now Sutrangan Bishop-designate of Sherborne.

Canon Abbott, previous to the dedication, delivered a very forceful address on the uses of the church's musical instruments, particularly bells. He said that in the early history of the church the bells were considered so holy that only the priests, by virtue of their holy office, were allowed to ring them. He spoke of this because he wanted the present-day ringers to realise the sacredness of their office as ringers.

He then dedicated the bells, handing them over to the care of the Vicar and wardens. While the Canon and clergy returned to the chancel, rounds were rung by the local ringers.

After the service, touches were rung by various bands, including ringers from St. Mary's, Marlborough; St. Peter's, Marlborough; Ogbourne; Ogbourne St. George; St. Catherine, Collingbourne; Redwyn, East Grafton and other towers.

The members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar and Mrs. Bartlett.

The five present bells have been cast from the old metal made up to the weight of the former ones, with shape, moulding, dates and inscriptions carefully reproduced. The recasting and fitting of the bells have been ably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

Replying to a vote of thanks proposed by the Rev. H. S. Arrow-smith, the hon. secretary of the Marlborough Branch of the Diocesan Guild, the Vicar said how pleased he and Mrs. Bartlett were to welcome so many ringers and friends. He hoped to meet them again before long, when a Guild meeting could be arranged at his church. On behalf of all the subscribers and parishioners, he wished to say how pleased they all were with the bells—his ringers had told him the 'go' was perfect—and he wished Mr. S. Roper, who was representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, to convey their best thanks to Mr. Johnston for all the trouble his firm had taken.

The tone of the restored bells is particularly good, the mellow richness of the tone of the old bells having been retained and improved by their having been tuned on modern lines.

As a continuation of the dedication festival, a special service was held on the Sunday morning, at which the Mayor, aldermen, councillors, firemen and Corporation employees of Marlborough were present. The Marlborough town band, taking their stand in the belfry, accompanied the hymns. Marlborough Boy Scouts were also present. Before and after this service the bells were rung by the local ringers.

**APPLETON'S 'FOURTH OF MARCH.'****ANNIVERSARY OF FAMOUS BELLS CELEBRATED.**

The time-honoured 'March the fourth day,' being the day which saw the commencement of the famous ring of ten at Appleton 107 years ago, was celebrated this year on Saturday, March 7th, it being generally agreed by those most concerned that it is worth moving from the actual fourth in order to secure a day in the week which is convenient to most people. No peal was attempted, but the tower was open for ringing to all-comers; an arrangement much appreciated, if one may judge from the way the bells were kept going in Stedman and Grandsire until 4 p.m. That being the hour of dinner, it then became apparent that a goodly number of visitors had been in and about the village during the day, sufficient anyhow to test the compass of the Thatched Tavern to the utmost. Many came who had been often before—notably Mr. G. Phillott, who is on the way to keeping his jubilee 'Fourth.' These renewed old friendships; others came for the first time, and made new friends and vowed to come again.

The Master, treasurer and secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild supported the Rector (the Rev. F. C. R. Jourdain) and the heads of the Appleton Ringing Society, Messrs. G. Holfield and R. White. Dinner was well served by Host and Hostess Brown, the 'sperrit' as usual being on the menu.

Then followed 'the afterwards,' when diners from two rooms managed to insert the greater part of themselves, their pipes and glasses into one, and movements had to be carefully thought out beforehand; indeed, one was reminded of the tale, 'Father says turn and we all turns.' Many songs were sung, and speeches made, but the most popular item as usual was tune ringing on handbells by the Brothers White. Beautiful bells! Cast in the village; and they were ably handled.

Some time before the end of the evening the writer had to leave, but he was assured that the remainder consisted of much more of what was good.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL COLLECTION.****SECTION III. CORRIGENDA.**

(Continued from page 197.)

- Page 300, Peal 99.—For 62354 read 63254.  
 Page 300, Peal 99.—For 34256 read 54326.  
 Page 300, Peal 100.—For 65325 read 65324.  
 Page 300, Peal 101.—For 62354 read 62534, and add boh at 6 opposite last course 34256.  
 Page 301, Peal 103.—Last line should read 'This peal has 5th and 6th, the extent in 5—8.'  
 Page 305, Peal 115.—False (5,280 by A. Knights).  
 Page 308, Peal 120.—Put period for parenthesis after 5088.  
 Page 310, Peal 126.—For 65245 read 65243.  
 Page 311, Peal 127.—To note add 'extra boh at 1 (not 4) in this course.'  
 Page 311, Peal 138.—This is out of place, but is numbered correctly.  
 Page 312, Peal 128 and 129.—Cross out 'Each has the 6th each way in 5—6 at 12 course ends.'  
 Page 314, Peal 132.—The same as peal 130.  
 Page 314, Peal 135.—Put boh mark under 4 in first course.  
 Page 316, Peal 136.—In last course but one for 64325 read 63425.  
 Page 316, Peal 137.—False (6,048 by H. Dains), but the 5,440 is true.  
 Page 317, Peal 140.—False (5,024 by E. Wightman).  
 Page 319, Peal 144.—Add boh mark under 6 opposite 42356.  
 Page 323, Peal 151.—Put boh marks under 4, 5, opposite 34526.  
 Page 326, Peal 158.—False (5,088 by Dr. A. B. Carpenter).  
 Page 327, Peal 160.—False (5,248 by Dr. A. B. Carpenter).  
 Page 327, Peal 161.—5,088 by F. Hopgood. This is the same peal as 159.  
 Page 331, Peal 168.—In note for '32465' read '32456.'  
 Page 334, Peal 174.—Put 8 under 6 opposite 35246.  
 Page 336, Line 15.—Read 'bracketed.'  
 Page 337, Peal 181.—Opposite 23654 put boh mark under 1 and omit mark under 4.  
 Page 339, Peal 184.—Opposite 34526 omit mark under 1, put boh mark under 5.  
 Page 339, Peal 185.—Opposite 24563 put boh mark under 6.  
 Page 340, Peal 186.—Fourth course from bottom should read 45236.  
 Page 347, Peal 198.—Opposite first course 65324 omit mark under 8.  
 Page 349, Peal 201.—Opposite 43526 put boh mark under 5, and omit mark under 6.  
 Page 349, Peal 201.—Opposite 25346 omit mark under 5.  
 Page 353, Peal 206.—Ninth course from end for 52426 read 52436.  
 Page 365, Peal 225.—For 6380 read 6384.  
 Page 370, Peal 232.—For 5126 read 5093.  
 Page 375, Peal 246.—Opposite 46352 omit mark under 3, put boh mark under 8.  
 Page 376, Peal 247.—False (5,040 by J. R. Pritchard).  
 Page 378, Peal 256.—Second line from bottom read 'J. R. Pritchard

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH.**

To the Editor

Dear Sir,—In your last issue of the 'Ringing World,' under the heading of the 'Central Council Peal Collection,' you have stated that my peal, No. 52, of 5,088, on page 284 of this collection, is false. Permit me to point out that the peal, as sent by me, is quite in order, but it has not been printed in the collection correctly.

I am sending you herewith a copy of the peal as it should appear, and will ask you to kindly let this be known in your next issue.—

JOHN CARTER.

5,088, by J. CARTER.

|       |   |   |
|-------|---|---|
| 23456 | 5 | 6 |
| 42635 | — | — |
| 26435 | — | — |
| 42563 | — | — |
| 54326 | — | — |
| 43526 | — | — |
| 54632 | — | — |
| 65243 | — | — |
| 52643 | — | — |
| 26543 | — | — |

5 times repeated single for boh  
 last course but one in parts 2,  
 3, 5 and 6.

Contains all the 5-6's.

BARNES. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmer 3, H. Crook 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skerington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, S. Stratton 8.

## NOISY BELLS: ADVICE WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can any of your readers give me any practical advice as to the utility of blocking up the louvres of a bell chamber with corrugated iron, or 1½ inch boarding? The cost of corrugated iron being half that of 1½ inch boarding, it is a question whether that material would prove effective in lessening the sound thrown down on surrounding buildings through the acute slant of our louvres, which, unfortunately, are fixtures.

I am asked by our Parochial Church Council to furnish this advice, and should welcome any information which some of your many readers must have gained by practical experience.—Yours truly,

10, Elm Grove,

Newport, Isle of Wight.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

Members of the Midland District held their quarterly meeting at Edgbaston Parish Church on Saturday, March 14th, when ladies were present from Evesham, Broomsgrove, Solihull, Smethwick and Handsworth. Mr. Freemantle (parish clerk) had the bells ready for the visitors, and later, with Mr. H. Wilhers and other gentlemen, gave valued help. The Vicar (the Rev. Canon S. Blofeld) was not able to be present, but Mrs. and Miss Blofeld gave the ladies a hearty welcome. The curate took the service, and joined the visitors at tea, which was provided by the churchwardens, and, needless to say, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Miss Foulks, of Duffield, was elected as a ringing member, and Mrs. Robinson, of Solihull, as a life member.—A very hearty vote of thanks to all brought the meeting to a close.

## MR. D. C. WILLIAMS' FIFTY PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 3 (conducted 2); Bob Major, 7 (conducted 1); Stedman Triples, 7; Double Norwich Major, 14; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 9 (conducted 1); Loudon Surprise Major, 2; total, 50 (conducted 4).

## KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR SPLICED.

5,088, by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

The following composition was rung at Crayford, Kent, on March 17th (conducted by E. Barnett, senr.), and contains 2,528 changes of Kent and 2,560 changes of Oxford.

23456 From which ring Kent to the 28th row of the 3rd lead, which is:

64128375

61482735 Ring Oxford from this row.

16847253

61842735

16487253 and a bob here equals the 2nd lead of course 23654.

14682735

M B W H

26534

1

2

56324

2

1

56243

2

1

42653

2

2

36254

2

1

32564

1

2

65423

2

2

From this course end call 2 bobs M, which gives 16345827 at the third M lead end.

16345827 from which continue Oxford to the 28th row of the 3rd lead, which is:

48136572

41863752 Ring Kent from this row.

14867325

41863752

14867325

16483752 and a bob here equals the 2nd lead of course 35426.

35426

M

B

W

H

43526

1

43265

2

2

62345

2

2

53246

2

1

52436

1

2

34625

2

2

23456

2

2

This is the first spliced peal of Treble Bob which has two separate and distinct half peals of Kent and Oxford.

## RESTORATION OF SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND BELLS.

REOPENING OF A FINE PEAL OF EIGHT.

The bells at Skelton-in-Cleveland have been reopened after restoration. They have been rehung on ball bearings, and put into proper working condition by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the White-chapel Foundry, and ringers from Middlesborough, Saltburn, Darlington and Stockton (totalling some 30 in all) gathered in the little village to join the local band when once again this grand peal of eight were rung. The 23 cwt. tenor was declared to run 'like a top,' and the various bauds were delighted with the 'go' in their ringing of Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Kent, Bob Major and Grandsire Triples.

A short service took place in the church, and the ringers were welcomed by the Vicar in an eloquent discourse. His remarks on the bells were listened to with great interest, and the information he expounded came as a revelation to many present.

A bountiful tea was provided by the local band and the Vicar; indeed, so bountiful was the supply that the appetites of the ringers (large though they were) proved incapable of making any noticeable impression on the repast, and the hosts were compelled to ask their guests to return to the attack at a supper. Even then there must have been enough cakes left over to feed the village of Skelton for a week.

Mr. Metcalfe (secretary of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Ringers' Association), in proposing a vote of thanks to the donors of the feast, spoke of the pleasure it had given him in acting as 'over-seer' of the job, which had been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's representative in a most thorough and workmanlike manner.—Mr. Newton (of Stockton), in seconding, suggested that the church should endeavour to have the numerous handbells which were in the tower renovated.

The Vicar responded, and thanked Mr. Metcalfe for his very great assistance on the job, and also promised to see that the matter of the handbells had the very earnest attention of the church. He also invited the ringers to attend his wedding, which he assured them would be taking place within the next 50 or 100 years! (laughter).

The guests were highly amused by the conversation of two of the 'oldest inhabitants,' overheard on the return to the belfry.

First Septuagenarian: 'My word, but the old bells do sound nice to-day, Jake.'

Second ditto: 'Yes, they do, but heaven help us to-morrow when our own lads start kicking up a row!'

It is stated that the local captain has not yet recovered from the shock.

J. C. P.

## AN APPRECIATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Could you possibly find room for the following in connection with the peal of Stedman rung at Aldershot, and recorded in your peal columns last week?

On Wednesday, March 18th, the Aldershot War Memorial was unveiled by His Royal Highness Prince Henry, and it was hoped that a half-muffled peal would be attempted by the local band. Owing to the Lenten service at 7.30 p.m., an evening attempt was impossible, and the occupation of the very few members of the Aldershot company prevented an afternoon attempt being made.

This was not realised until noon on Monday, the 16th, when a telephone message was passed to a certain gentleman in Guildford, asking him what the possibilities were of producing a band and commencing ringing at the unveiling hour. From this time onward things 'buzzed'—telephone, telegraph, train, the conductor's motor-cycle and sidecar (and the usual thoroughness with which he does things) were brought into use, and the result was a beautiful peal of Stedman, half-muffled, at Aldershot Parish Church. Our art could not pay a finer tribute to the 'Glorious Dead.'

One may ask, why the heading? The answer is this. The band did not consist of a lady and gentleman of leisure, and some members (at a great inconvenience to themselves), when approached, at once said, 'It is our duty.' This duty meant loss of time, and loss of time means a short week, apart from means of travel from such places as Guildford, London, Woking and Walton-on-Thames. The thanks of Aldershot (particularly the local ringers) are due, and are conveyed by this means, to those members who, at such short notice, came over and gave their best possible in ringing.

Trusting I am forgiven for so far trespassing on your valuable space,

ONE OF THE LOCAL BAND.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

An excellent ringing meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks branch was held at Old Windsor on Saturday. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****MORE ENTHUSIASM IN FYLDE BRANCH.**

'It is the dawn of a new era in the district.' This is the question prompted by the successful meeting of the Fylde Branch held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday last, when there were nearly 30 members present. Ringing commenced at 2.45, and a bright little service took place in church at 4.30. Through the kind generosity of Mr. Smith Roberts (churchwarden) tea was provided in the Parish Hall.

The business meeting followed immediately after, and was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Rosher, M.A.), who said how pleased he was to see so many present, instead of the usual seven or eight. Perhaps, in the near future, there would be as large numbers as he had seen at Tamworth when Vicar there. He emphasised the need for meeting and mixing one with another. It helped to broaden one's mind, and enabled them to escape from the narrow rut of prejudice and conceit. The Vicar expressed a desire to become an honorary member of the association, along with Mr. Roberts, the churchwarden. He also hoped in future that the association membership fees for each ringer of the Parish Church would be paid out of the church funds.

The Vicar and churchwarden, with eight ringers, were made members en bloc.

The Vicar said he would suggest at the next Ruri-decanal Chapter, to be held early in May, that each church in the Fylde district, which possesses a peal of bells, should pay the association membership fees annually for each ringer.

It was decided, on the Vicar's suggestion, that the annual branch meeting be held in June instead of October. He offered the Vicarage grounds for bowls and clock golf, if they would hold the annual meeting there in June. Needless to say, the meeting decided to accept the invitation, and hold the annual meeting there on June 6th.

A touch of Grandsire Triples on handbells followed: C. Sharples 1-2, A. Hague (conductor) 3-4, G. Barraclough 5-6, W. Ratcliffe 7-8; also a course of Grandsire Caters, which were enthusiastically received.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for presiding; to Mr. Roberts for providing tea and refreshments; and to the organist and ladies who served tea. A little more ringing on the tower bells brought to a close the most successful meeting held by the Fylde Branch since 1914.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the members of the South-Western Division was held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, March 21st. The bells were available from 2.30 p.m., and were kept going till 4.30, when a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Russell). Tea, kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Belcher, was afterwards partaken of.

At the meeting which followed, five new members were elected, three from Stanford-le-Hope and two from West Tilbury.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for permission to hold the meeting; to Mr. and Mrs. Belcher for providing tea; and to Mr. W. Wade for having every 'ing' in readiness.

The Rector and Mr. Belcher responded, and both said they hoped it would not be long before another visit was paid to Stanford-le-Hope by the members of the association.

During the afternoon five recruits rang their first 120, and the hope was expressed that they would persevere until they became proficient.

Thirty-three members were present, representing the following towers: Hornchurch, West Tilbury, Leytonstone, Shenfield, Orsett and Romford, together with the local band, and touches of Bob and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and York Surprise, were brought round during the day.

**SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT HARLOW.**

A meeting of the North-Western Division was held on Saturday, March 21st, at Harlow, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin. The splendid gathering that assembled was far beyond expectations, and the belfry was practically packed out during the whole of the afternoon and evening. Representatives arrived from Saffron Walden, Bishop's Stortford, Stansted, Harlow Common, Roydon and Epping Upland, and the members were pleased to welcome visitors from other associations. The bells were rung until 5 o'clock, when the company retired to St. Mary's Institute to partake of an excellent tea.

The business meeting followed, when Mr. F. J. Pittow was elected to the chair.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Sawbridgeworth. Two new ringing members, both from Harlow Common, were elected.

It was agreed that a hearty vote of thanks be sent to the Rev. Wilkinson for the use of the bells, etc. This concluded the business meeting, and the company again visited the belfry. During the day, touches of Superlative, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich and Grandsire Triples were indulged in. In closing, it is desired to thank all those who attended and helped to make this such a pleasant and successful meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers attending the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Leicester should note that a change has been made in the service arrangements. The service is to be held in the Church of St. John-the-Divine, and not at St. Martin's, as previously announced.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, formerly hon. secretary of the Central Council, and now secretary of the Basingstoke District of the Winchester Guild, is this year president of the British Astronomical Association.

Mr. D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac., Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, and the gifted organist of Millbrook Church, Southampton, has just rung his 50th peal. Mr. Williams is a native of Wales, and nearly the whole of his ringing has been done with the North Stoneham band. Is he the first Mus.Bac. to reach the half-century mark?

A peal at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, of a hundred and fifty years ago is recalled by the 'Hampshire Chronicle' in reprinting items from the issue of March 20th, 1775. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung in 3 hours and 25 minutes 'by a Society Club of the said island.' The notice adds, 'If three or four gentlemen ringers think fit to make a tour to the said island, the above society will accommodate them with either tripples or bob major.'

It is not uninteresting to read in the same issue (although it may have nothing to do with the belfry) that at Winchester Assizes in the same week eleven people were sentenced to death, the offences including stealing a mare, sheep stealing, burglary, theft of a saddle and house-breaking. Verily, they were 'good old days.'

One of the great performances in the Double Norwich method was rung at Erith, by the Kent County Association, on April 3rd, 1899. The 15,072 changes were rung in 9 hours 24 minutes.

At St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, is a tablet recording a peal of 10,097 Grandsire Caters, performed in 6 hours 50 minutes. The tablet was erected by the Union Society 'to record an excellent peal of Grandsire Caters rung here on Tuesday, April 5th, 1808, which, if surpassed by future practitioners, will stand as a memorial that their predecessors were not deficient in skill and perseverance.'

Nine years next Monday, Mr. Henry Dains, one of the foremost composers of his day, died at the age of 78.

The anniversary of the death of another famous Cumberland Youth occurs on Tuesday—George Newson died on April 7th, 1896.

The longest peal on record was commenced on April 7th, 1761, and completed on April 8th, when the Leeds Youths, of Kent, rang the extent of Bob Major (40,320 changes) in 27 hours. It is on record that 13 ringers took part in the peal, relieving one another at intervals. Among the ringers was James Barham, who during his long life rang 112 peals.

The peal rung at Appleton, on March 17th, was Grandsire Caters, and not Stedman, as published.

On April 7th, 1741, 'was rung at the Parish Church of St. Sepulchre (Holborn) a complete peal of 5,200 Oxford Triple Bob, ten-in . . . This was the first complete peal of 5,000 Oxford Triple Bob, ten-in, that was ever rung, and completed in 3 hours 57 minutes.'

This was rung by the Eastern Scholars, and at one time it was suggested that the peal was false, probably on account of the following lines which were appended to the record of a performance in May, 1741, by the College Youths, who rang another peal in the same method.

'When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth,

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth.'

The late Mr. Jasper Snowden analysed the question in his 'History of Treble Bob,' and came to the conclusion that, although the peal might have been a 'bad' one, there is little reason to suppose it was 'false.'

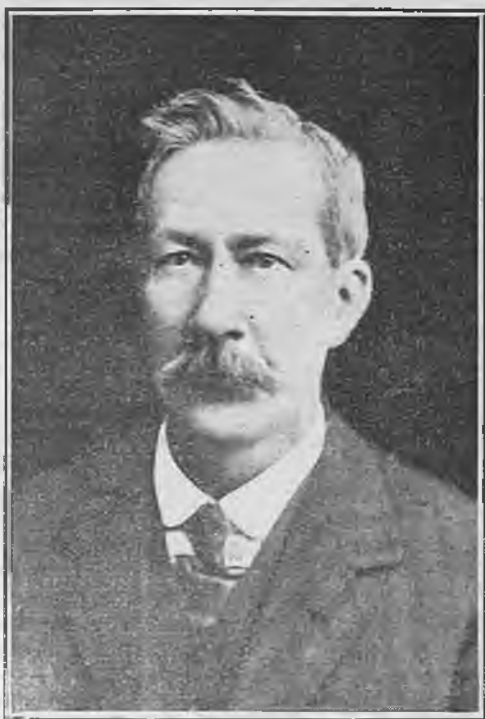
On April 8th, 1912, 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major was rung at Knodsworth, Herts, in 7 hours 18 minutes, and on the same date in 1922, 13,440 Bob Major was rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough by the Midland Counties Association.

Recently, in recalling an ancient peal rung by College Youths, we mentioned that one of the ringers, Robert Catlin, was a well-known London bell founder. Here are some old bell founders who joined the Ancient Society, with the dates of their election: Brian Eldridge, 1649; Philip Whiteman, 1683; Henry Bagley, 1686; Abraham Rudhall, 1699; Robert Catlin, 1722; Thomas Lester, 1748; Thomas Pack, 1752; Joseph Eayre (St. Neots), 1763; William Mears, 1775; John Briant (Hertford), 1782; Edward Arnold (Leicester), 1785; Thomas Janaway (Chelsea), 1786; Thomas Mears, 1790; Thomas Mears, junr., 1801; William Dobson (Downham), 1801.

**BIRMINGHAM RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING****MR. AND MRS. THOMAS RUSSAM'S JUBILEE.**

Ringers throughout the country will join in congratulating Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russam, of Birmingham, upon celebrating their golden wedding, and wish them still many years of life and happiness together. They were married at St. John's Church, Birmingham, on March 29th, 1875, and they now reside at 114, Walford Road, Sparkbrook. Unfortunately, Mr. Russam is at present confined to bed. He was taken ill with influenza and bronchitis a few days after the recent Johnson Dinner, and is not yet sufficiently recovered to get up, although he is, we are pleased to say, slowly improving.

What ringer that has visited Birmingham does not know Tom Russam. He is one of the links with a past generation of famous men, and one of the pillars of St. Martin's Guild, of which he is one of the vice-presidents. His ringing career has been even longer than his long married life, for it began as far back as 1869 at Bishop Ryder's Church, where he was also in the choir. He had become interested in bells even earlier than the date mentioned, for as a lad he used to climb, with others of his age, to the belfry and watch with wondering eyes the old man (called 'Puffer' Malin, because he was also organ blower) pulling the rope for service. They soon had a desire to ring the bell themselves, and at last it was almost a fight as to who should have a pull. When the peal was put in in 1869, Tom Russam became a regular ringer.

**MR. THOMAS RUSSAM.**

He soon met the giants of that day, Johnson, Chattell, Perks, Hallsworth, Biddlestone, etc., and used to sit, so to speak, at the feet of the mighty, picking up knowledge from their conversation. There were few instruction books on ringing in those days, so the learner had no easy job. In this connection Mr. Russam is one of the few Birmingham ringers who had the privilege of going to 'Billy' Chattell's bakery, where this worthy used to demonstrate the 'slow work' in Stedman by a novel method of his own.

At that time J. Banister (of Woolwich) was towerkeeper at Bishop Ryder's, and it is to him Mr. Russam owes it that he had such a sound tuition in the art. He always maintains that of all the ringers he has ever met, he has never seen Banister's equal in the graceful handling either of tower or handbells. It was always his ambition to try and imitate him, and we may say here that Mr. Russam has been very successful, for he is an exceedingly graceful ringer, particularly on handbells. In those days the Birmingham men were very keen on handbells, and the practices used to commence on the Monday and finish the following Sunday evening, usually at a place known as 'Old Joe Nixon's.' The spirit has descended to the ringers to-day, for there is no band more capable in ringing Stedman Cinques 'in hand' than the present men of St. Martin's, and Mr. Russam

is still among the most reliable. He was one of those who rang in the handbell peal of Stedman Sextuples.

Mr. Russam has spent a lot of time teaching both tune playing and tower-bell ringing, the last of the tune playing bauds to go through his hands being Cadbury's Moseley Institute. He was expert adviser in connection with the purchase of 80 handbells from Barwell's for this band, and was instructor to them for two years. The last tower-bell band he instructed was at Erdington Parish Church.

Mr. Russam was tower-keeper at Bishop Ryder's for a time, and afterwards for many years at Aston.

A jeweller's engraver by trade, Mr. Russam is not blest with very robust health, and therefore confines his ringing to the lighter end, but he is a remarkably 'safe' ringer, and a splendid striker.

The performance to which he gives pride of place was not a peal at all, but a touch of Stedman Cinques rung double-handed at a dinner given at the Colonnade Hotel, Birmingham, by Sir Arthur Heywood (then plain Mr.) to celebrate Henry Johnson's 80th birthday, in 1889. The guests were representative of all the ringers in England, and, as he says, 'to the glory of St. Martin's company, the touch came off without a hitch, the striking being absolutely faultless.' It was unique inasmuch as scores of excellent ringers in the room had never heard twelve-bell ringing on handbells before. Indeed, it was supposed to be the first touch of Stedman Cinques ever rung publicly.

Mr. Russam was a member of the Birmingham and District Association, and the Birmingham Amalgamated Society from their formation until their decease. He was also a Holt Society man until that society was absorbed by the St. Martin's Guild, and for the latter he had the honour of calling the first peal. (Previous to the amalgamation it was the St. Martin's Society.) He is now a member of the St. Martin's Guild and the Staffordshire and Midland Counties Associations, and a regular Sunday service ringer at St. Martin's. He took a pair in the first peal of Grandsire Cinques on handbells, and the first double-handed peal of Stedman Cinques out of London, this being also the second ever rung. His handbell peals also include 10,000 Grandsire Major. He rang in the only peal of Duffield Maximus ever rung, and was one of the band chosen to represent Birmingham at the opening of the ring of ten at Leominster in 1894.

He rang in the first peal of Stedman Cinques in which a lady took part (conducted by Miss Parker, at St. Martin's), and has himself conducted a few peals of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Royal. Mr. Russam has not kept a record of all his peals, but as near as he can gather his peals on tower bells include Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Duffield, Forward and Erin; everything from Triples to Maximus. On handbells, Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, the first named from Triples to Cinques, and Stedman from Triples to Sextuples, including everything from Triples to Cinques in the two former methods. His first peal in a Surprise method was at Solihull, when he rang a working bell to Cambridge Royal at the first attempt. Being blessed with a good memory, Mr. Russam can tell many good yarns of the Birmingham ringers he has known during the past 50 years and more, and their little peculiarities, and when he is in reminiscent mood, his listeners will be kept in a roaring laughter. We hope Mr. Russam will soon be seen again in his place in St. Martin's belfry.

**A DOUBLE CENTURY.****MR. C. F. BAILEY'S RECORD AT LEISTON.**

Mr. Charles F. Bailey, of Leiston, rang on Saturday his one hundredth Surprise peal on the bells of his own tower, all of which he has conducted. This is another most interesting record in this wonderful family, and has been accomplished in thirteen years' ringing, if the four war years are eliminated. The first peal was rung on January 25th, 1908, and in calling a peal of Bristol from the treble on Saturday, Mr. Bailey has now conducted a peal in this method from every bell. Between 1908 and 1913 the methods rung were Superlative, Cambridge and New Cambridge only, there being 15 of Superlative, 11 of Cambridge and four of New Cambridge. In 1914 there were two peals of Bristol and one of Guildford Surprise. Then came the war, and nothing more was done until 1919. The total number of methods included in the century has, however, risen to 13, as follows: Superlative 22, Cambridge 23, New Cambridge 5, Bristol 22, Guildford 4, London 15, Suffolk 2, Dublin 1, Norfolk 1, Yorkshire 1, Lancashire 1, Edinburgh 1, Rochester 2. The numbers rung in the respective years have been: 1908, 4; 1909, 6; 1910, 5; 1911, 7; 1912, 4; 1913, 4; 1914, 3; 1919, 6; 1920, 11; 1921, 10; 1922, 12; 1923, 11; 1924, 13; 1925, 4.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 15th, for evening service, at All Hallows, Lombard Street, City, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. R. Gammon, J. H. Parrott, T. H. Taffender (conductor), J. Martin, S. Penfold, H. Hills, R. G. Chapple, H. C. Taylor.

## DEATH OF MR. F. W. RICE.

### A WELL-KNOWN SUSSEX AND SURREY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frederick W. Rice, of Redhill, Surrey, who passed to his rest on March 19th. The deceased, who was in his 64th year, succumbed to an attack of pneumonia, following a brief illness.

For some years he had been a member of the band at Reigate Parish Church. He had always been most regular in his attendance at both service and practice ringing, and his death, which has come thus unexpectedly, will cause a great loss to the company.

Mr. Rice was an accomplished ringer, and will be best remembered among the older generation of the Exercise for the part he took in the successes of the Crawley (Sussex) band in the heyday of their prosperity, thirty years ago. A native of Worth (a parish adjoining Crawley), Mr. Rice began his ringing with the old band at his own church, but he soon found they were not masters of the art of change ringing. He, therefore, sought his practice in neighbouring towers, and, after a few years, he was able to get a young band to replace the old one in his native parish. Mr. Rice rang his first two peals at Warnham, viz., Oxford Bob Triples, on November 20th, 1886, and Grandsire Triples on the following day. He had belonged to the old Crawley band for several years, and when a new band was formed, under the leadership of Mr. James Parker, he was glad to get back to a peal of eight. The Crawley band made wonderful progress, and in most of their peals Fred Rice was to be found on the tenor, which bell he rang to the long peal of Superlative, the then record of 9,312 in 5 hours 20 minutes, on December 26th, 1894. Only two or three of this band now survive, the ringers having been Edward Jordan, John Rice, Alfred Mills, William Ward, Frederick Dench, Robert Jordan, James Parker and Frederick W. Rice. Altogether Mr. Rice had rung 230 peals in methods ranging from Bob Minor to London Surprise Major, and among his long lengths, in addition to the Superlative, were 6,720 Canterbury Pleasure Major and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob at Warnham.

Mr. Rice, who among those who knew him best, was something of a character, spent a long and active career in the Exercise, and his energy was maintained to the end, as, only a few days before his death, he conducted a 720 Bob Minor at Mersham.

Among the societies of which he was a member were the Sussex and Surrey Associations, Winchester Guild, and the Ancient Society of College Youths. His peals were as follows:—

|                                  |            |                     |
|----------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| Bob Minor .....                  | 1          |                     |
| Minor in 7 methods .....         | 18         | Conducted 6         |
| Grandsire Triples .....          | 27         |                     |
| Oxford Bob Triples .....         | 1          |                     |
| Court Bob Triples .....          | 2          |                     |
| Union Triples .....              | 1          |                     |
| Canterbury Pleasure .....        | 2          |                     |
| Bob Triples .....                | 2          | Conducted 1         |
| Stedman Triples .....            | 15         |                     |
| Bob Major .....                  | 8          | Conducted 1         |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major .....  | 1          |                     |
| Treble Bob Major .....           | 55         | Conducted 17        |
| Double Norwich .....             | 29         | Conducted 6         |
| Alliance Major .....             | 1          |                     |
| Superlative Surprise Major ..... | 46         |                     |
| Cambridge Surprise Major .....   | 5          |                     |
| New Cambridge .....              | 1          |                     |
| London Surprise Major .....      | 2          |                     |
| Grandsire Caters .....           | 2          |                     |
| Stedman Caters .....             | 9          |                     |
| Treble Bob Royal .....           | 9          |                     |
| <b>Total .....</b>               | <b>230</b> | <b>Conducted 31</b> |

The interment took place at Reigate Cemetery on March 23rd, the service being conducted by the Rev. — Owen.

A large gathering of ringers attended, including members of the Surrey, Sussex, Winchester and Essex Associations, and touches of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to one who by his enthusiasm and personality, had endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES DATE TOUCH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of March 20th, you published a date touch of Stedman by Mr. Thomas Butler. For the benefit of any ringers using this touch, will Mr. Butler kindly allow me to point out that this composition produces 1,955 changes, and then not rounds. To produce rounds from 431625 substitute a S for the first B at 3, and a B for the S at 14 in the last course.—Yours faithfully,

L. W. JACQUES.

## ANCIENT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondent 'treneus' is quite right in supposing that the founder's name and date does not appear on the two ancient bells at Eyethorne. I do not know of a single instance of the name of the founder being found on any pre-Reformation bell; though in some cases we find his initials on a shield with other devices. In very rare cases we find the date—always in Roman numerals, not Arabic.

The two bells at Eyethorne are inscribed in the usual style of the period, viz.: Lombardic capitals with 'black-letter' lower type. Each bears also the following devices: (1) A shield charged with a flag and a 'black-letter' 'm' at the base of the flagstaff, which is crossed by a 'T' placed slantwise; (2) the usual medallion charged with a floriated cross and 'ihu merci ladi help' in the four quarters; (3) a shield charged with cross keys between a wheatheaf, a dolphin, a bell, and an ewer. Figs 25, 26 and 27 in Stahl's 'Church Bells of Kent.' These marks are common enough on mediæval bells; and were used by other founders besides Henry (not William) Jordan, double turret, and is inscribed: † ANNO DM10M0CC0NON0G0Alo.

I believe that Claughton, in Lancashire, claims to possess the oldest dated bell in England. It is the larger of a pair hanging in an open i.e. 1296; 'nonog' standing for 'nonaginta,' and the 'V' in six being reversed. This bell is 21 inches in diameter, and 16½ inches high from lip to crown: which is more in proportion to the dimensions of modern bells than most of these ancient ones are; most of the latter being about the same measurement from lip to crown as the diameter at the mouth. Their crowns are generally hemispherical, and their waists long and straight.—Yours, etc., J. R. JERRAM.

Salisbury, March 17th, 1925.

## 'STEP' OR 'MOVE'.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—When a gentleman states in your columns that he is very sorry for any offence unintentionally given, what can I do but reciprocate and express regret for anything I, in the heat of the moment, may have said which seemed unkind?

Whether the term 'shunt' is retained or not is a matter of indifference to me. I have been trying to think of a better word myself, and I thought of 'shift,' then I remembered we are already using that when we speak of a shift-course in a peal.

The term 'step' to me seems utterly unsuitable, and the only other word that I can think of is 'move,' i.e., we 'move' into a fresh course every time we make a fresh place, and this applies to method construction just as much as it does to peal construction.—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

Brighton.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DIVISION AT REXHILL.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association was held at St. Peter's, REXHILL, on Saturday, March 21st, when the following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and Nicholas'), Battle, Eastbourne (All Saints' and St. Saviour's), Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings: Henfield, Heathfield, Lewes, Pevensey, St. Leonard's, Salehurst and Waldron, together with members of the local band. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and the customary service was held, the Rector officiating, and Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presiding at the organ.

After the service, the members partook of a splendid tea at the Bell Hotel, which had been generously provided by the Rector and churchwardens.—A hearty vote of thanks was, on the proposition of Mr. G. H. Howse, accorded to them for their kindness and in addition the Rector was thanked for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service.

In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the Rev. Canon Maycock thanked the company, on behalf of the churchwardens and himself, and expressed a wish that visits of this nature could be made more frequent.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, the Master of the Association, and five new ringing members were elected.

The election of officers then took place. Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected hon. secretary, and Messrs. G. H. Howse, W. Franks and A. R. Miles were re-elected on the committee.—The Hon. Secretary, in responding, gave a report of the year's progress.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Battle in June.

Before the meeting closed a collection was made in aid of the Association's Benevolent Fund, which realised 13s.

The ringers returned to the tower, where ringing in a variety of methods was indulged in until 8.30 p.m.

Taken altogether, it was a most successful and enjoyable meeting, 45 members being present, and great credit is due to Mr. F. J. Pont, the secretary of the local band, who kindly made all the arrangements.



## THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

## TERMINOLOGY.—FOOTNOTES.—MORE STORIES FROM HISTORY.

From time to time we have read criticisms of the rather loose terminology employed in our art, and sometimes one has wondered how it has been brought about, but recent correspondence enlightens us on the point, and we need ponder the subject no longer. If in these enlightened days our experts grope round for words to express their meanings and use terms which, when examined, are really misapplied, there is great excuse for our forefathers who had not the advantages of twentieth century education. The latest illustration of our laxity of method in finding suitable terms, turns on our old friend 'shunt.' We never have stuck entirely to dictionary definitions of the words we use, any more than the dictionary gives a strictly accurate definition of our use of terms. For instance, a 'standard' work lying on my desk gives me many meanings of the word 'bob,' adding, 'Among bell ringers, a peal of several courses, or sets of changes.' But I am not concerned just now with what the dictionary says about our curious 'lingo.' What I am concerned with is the manner in which we select words and apply them to special uses, when a little consideration would cause us to reject the term as inappropriate. Moreover, what makes our vocabulary all the worse is that in some instances we use the same word to indicate different meanings, such as in the case of 'course.'

Now we are getting, or, I ought to say, have got, the same thing in regard to 'shunt.' Formerly the use of this word in ringing indicated merely the insertion or omission of a call or calls to divert a composition from one point to another. Now we use it for some constructional detail of a method, and it is given varying significance according to whether you prefix P or R, or, may be, X, Y or Z. But whether 'shunt' or 'step,' or any other old term is the right one, what we want is some definite system by which these words should come into our vocabulary and not have it left, haphazard, to every Tom, Dick and Harry, to make confusion worse confounded by selecting any word which he just fancies answers his purpose at the moment. We shall have to have a Definitions Board to settle these things, to tell us whether the terms we select are appropriate to the use we want to make of them: whether they overlap or fall short; whether they are sense or nonsense. In all seriousness, however, I would appeal to the Central Council to do something to disentangle our vocabulary, and they might very well do it when they put in hand the revision of the 'Glossary,' to which I referred last week.

We all like to be informed which man rings his first or his one hundredth peal, which peal is the first in the method on the bells or by an association, and matters of that description which specially mark a performance; but, without particularising and thus offending anyone's susceptibilities, there are only too often in the peal columns evidences of peals rung, apparently for the most inadequate reasons, and we are burdened with details which can be of no interest to anyone but the writer of the report. It would be a good rule, I think, if conductors would limit their footnotes strictly to what they would put on a peal board if they were having one erected. What matters it if the birthday of the cousin of the sixth's ringer's wife happens to fall on the day before, or in the week after? It does not justify the infliction of three hours of ringing on the parishioners, and bells would not be obtained for peals on that ground alone. A good deal more circumspection is needed in what we append to our peal reports—and I am sure the Editor will back me up in this.

Those who find an interest, as I do, in searching among the musty records of the past, or reading the history of ancient bells, as supplied to us by antiquarians, in various county histories, are familiar with the quaintly worded agreements entered into of old time between church officials and bell founders, but it is seldom one comes across a legal instrument drawn up between the Vicar and wardens and the ringers. Such articles, however, were drawn up at Oldham in 1745, and are dated June 11th of that year: 'It is this Day agreed by and between Samuel Townson, of Oldham, Clerk, John Woolfenden, John Wallwork, Ralph Brown and Jonathan Taylor, churchwardens of the same, upon the one part, and Robert Dalton, Abraham Milns, James Milns, Isaac Gartside, Jno Wallwork and John Mellor as Ringers are to Ring the Ringing for the whole service for one whole year from the 13th instant till the 12 day of June, 1746, Ringing upon 11th and 30th Days of October, the 5th Day of November, the 25th Day of December, 1745, the 29th Day of May, and the 11th Day of June, 1746, together with all Sundays and other Sermon Days whatsoever that shall happen in the said year.

'And the aforesaid Samuel Townson, Minister, John Woolfenden, John Wallwork, Ralph Brown and Jonathan Taylor, Churchwardens for and in Consideration of the said premises Do Promise unto the said Ringers for one Whole Year as aforesaid the Sum of Four Pounds of good and Lawfull Money of Great Brittain, at two Severall Payments usuall, In Consideration of which Sum the said Ringers

shall and will Ring and Toll half an Hour each Sermon Day, always beginning at such a time as publick Notice is given in the Church by the Minister excepting upon Sacrament Days, when they shall begin to Ring Half an Hour Later in the afternoon than usual, And also the said Ringers Shall and will forfeite and Pay to John Mellor the sume of Two Pence Each that is not Ready in the Steeple or otherwise provide one in his room Except some reasonable Excuse to be approved on by the Church-Wardens for the time being, And to Ring the said half Hour before and after noon, and Also the Whole Set of Ringers shall and will forfeit and Pay for any Gross or Bodily neglect the Sume of Twelve pence to the said Church-Wardens Except some Reasonable Excuse to be approved of by the Minister and Two Inhabitants Constantly or Commonly attending the Church, And it is further agreed that any Four of the said Body of Ringers Shall have a power to turn out any one of the Same Ringers for any Misbehaviour when and as often as they Please.' I don't know whether 'any four of the said body' exercised their right of turning out any other, but in the following year, when another agreement was executed, there were two fresh names among the ringers. The articles show that the ringers' appointments were considered a serious matter in those days.

Incidentally, Cheetham's 'Church Bells of Lancashire,' from which I have taken the above extract, tells an interesting story of the Oldham ringers and their rivalry with their neighbours of Ashton-under-Lyne more than a century ago; indeed, the 'feeling' between the two seems to have sprung up about the year 1733. Round about this time the Oldham ringers are credited, so the story goes, with 'repeatedly, arrogantly and improvidently saying that the Ashton ringers were not able to ring them anywhere,' and when a deputation from Ashton waited upon Oldham they were treated with something like contempt. 'Instead of entering into a proper obligation to prove the superior ability of the disputants, nothing was heard on their part but banter, scurrility and defamation.' After this a challenge was issued on behalf of the Ashton ringers 'to ring upon eight bells any set of ringers belonging to Oldham for any sum of money not less than eight and more than twenty guineas.' The contest took place at Leeds on September 22nd, 1736, and was decided in favour of Oldham.

The Ashton and the Oldham ringers met again at the opening of the new bells at Flixton more than 20 years after, viz., in January, 1808, but at the close of the ringing the judges were unable to come to a decision, and the prize money was divided. The verdict satisfied nobody, and a match for £40 was arranged at Flixton, and came off on June 24th, 1808, when Oldham were declared the winners. The conductor of the Ashton ringers, Jonathan Wild, was charged with selling the match to the Oldham men, and so high was the state of feeling at the time that Wild left Ashton and went to live at Stockport, where he remained 26 years. The accusation seems to have been unjust, and Wild was allowed to come back to Ashton before his death. After the Flixton match there was continued strife between Ashton and Oldham ringers for more than twenty years, and it is said to have been carried to such a pitch that if one of the Oldham ringers strayed to Ashton and was recognised, 'they ran him out of the village.'

What would be said by the 'conscientious objector' in these days if he had a rate levied upon him for the upkeep of the church bells? Yet here are extracts showing that such things were done: On June 17th, 1659, it was 'Resolved yt ye great Bell which is now burst shall be maid new this year with all the speede may be. That thirty-six pounds be assessed vpon the parishoners of Bolton according to the antient p'portions for the new casting of the said bell and the repairs of the walls and gate of the churchyard and levelling the flags of the church.' In 1665, 'resolved that fifty six pounds be assessed vpon the inhabitants of the parish of Bolton for the making of a new frame for the bells, and other necessities about the church,' and again, in 1699, 'resolved that an assessment of an hundred and forty pounds bee assessed and raised for the casting of the Bells of the parish into five bells.' Afterwards this amount was reduced to £110.

Another good (?) old 'custom' has disappeared with the advance of civilisation, and there may still be some who will heave a sigh that they lived not at Flixton when the bells were brought home. A record of the arrival of a new peal in 1808 informs us that the bells, which were brought to Manchester by water, were taken on eight decorated carts to Flixton. 'A large concourse of people followed in an irregular procession,' and on arrival at Flixton 'the tenor bell was taken into a field belonging to Ralph Wright, Esq., and deposited in a small hole made for that purpose and turned mouth upwards, when Ten Guineas worth of Double Strong ale was put in for the populace to Regale themselves with, and in little more than one hour the whole of the "Good old Stingo" disappeared, and the whole of the bells were deposited in the church.' The announcement of the opening of the peal invited 'amateurs of the art' to repair to Flixton 'to try their skill and pass their judgment upon the tone and time of the bells.'

CRITICUS.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As Good Friday falls in next week, the 'Ringing World' will be published on Thursday and all matter (including notices), intended for insertion must reach us on Monday.

Correspondents are particularly requested to send in reports of Easter Day and Bank Holiday ringing and meetings to reach us on Tuesday, the 14th. Reports of peals rung on Easter Monday should be posted the same night to ensure insertion in the same week's issue.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Theobald 1, W. Steed 2, E. D. Smith 3, H. A. Edwards 4, G. Dawson 5, A. Prior (conductor) 6, G. W. Cooper 7, F. Moulton 8.

**STREATHAM.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 44 mins.: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. Hardcastle 3, R. D. Marshall (conductor) 4, Miss E. Chapman 5, J. W. Chapman 6, T. W. Welbourne 7, H. Smith 8.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 48 mins.: G. L. Joyce 1, J. Waghorn, senr., 2, F. Russell 3, H. E. Parker 4, E. H. King 5, C. Fean (conductor) 6, G. E. Cottis 7, A. C. Hardy 8. Composed by Y. Green. The quarter-peal is in three courses, with a call from every position of the tenor.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, March 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: C. J. Tricker, junr. (first quarter-peal), 1, F. G. Goddard 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, J. Milner (conductor) 4, S. Stilwell 5, S. G. Armstrong 6, J. Kent 7, C. J. Tricker 8.

**KIDDLINGTON, OXON.**—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major by E. Hims (1,344 changes): R. R. Payne 1, E. Bennett 2, W. F. Judge (conductor) 3, H. Miles 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Stone 6, C. Bennett 7, W. Judge 8. Longest length of Major by 1st, 2nd and 7th.

**TETBURY, GLOS.**—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,344 changes), taken from Holt's Original: A. Parsons 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. Gassor 4, W. C. Cuss 5, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8; and at Shipton Moyne, in the afternoon, by the above and W. R. Locke, several six scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday, March 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. V. Beadle 1, A. Beckensale 2, A. Brookland 3, T. Beadle 4, E. F. Cole 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8.

**EALING.**—At Christ Church, for morning service, on Sunday, March 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer 1, G. Harbour 2, H. Brookland 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, C. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### WESTERN DISTRICT.

A very pleasant evening meeting was held at Great Gaddesden on Saturday, March 28th, the bells (5) being utilised from 5.30 to 7.30 by ringers from Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamstead, Dunstable, and the local tower. The methods rung were: Plain Bob, Grandsire, New Doubles, St. Simon's, Erin Doubles and Double Bob Singles.

Unfortunately, only one local man put in an appearance. After 'ceasing' the bells in peal, a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. H. Golding. One new member (Mr. A. V. Good) was elected, and Berkhamstead was chosen as the next meeting-place; the meeting being fixed for May 9th.

By the addition of a treble to this ring of five, a handy peal of six would result, but this is, at present, highly improbable.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the sexton for having everything ready, and the chairman for his services, concluded the meeting.

The 'bus' not leaving until 8.50, the remaining time was spent in 'reminiscencing' and discussing how to improve ringing at one or two towers.

## NOTICES.

**THE CHARGE FOR NOTICES** of Meetings inserted under this heading is at the rate of 3d. per line (average 8 words) per insertion, with a minimum charge of 1/6.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newton-le-Willows on Saturday, April 4th. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. till 7 p.m.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hone on Saturday, April 4th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Ripponden (near Halifax), on Saturday, April 4th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Diseworth on Saturday, April 4th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Meeting to follow. All ringers and friends invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Stoney Stanton on April 4th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing from 3. The usual tea arrangements will be made. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave (8), on Saturday, April 4th. Ringing 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. and members meeting at the Talbot Inn at 7 p.m.—H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.**—General meeting will be held at Aylsham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel, Market Place at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. Members intending being present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Wednesday, April 8th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting will be held at Nantwich on Easter Monday, April 13th.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Cheshire.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, 27th, at 6.30: quarterly business meeting at 8 o'clock. —A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18 Merrick Square, S.E. 1.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 13th at Leicester. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m.:—St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's (10), St. John's (8), St. Saviour's (8), and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). The Committee will meet at 12 o'clock noon. Hot luncheon has been arranged (for ticket holders only) at 12.45 prompt. Tickets; Members 2/-, non-members 2/9 each, to be ordered no later than April 6th, from Mr. H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

The general meeting of members will be held immediately after luncheon, and there will be a service in St. John the Divine's Church at 3.15 p.m. A smoking concert has been arranged for 7.30 p.m. The meetings, luncheon, and concert will all be at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, near L.M.S. Station.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. Address by the Rev. G. A. Lewis (Rector of Cheriton). Collection for the Benevolent Fund. Dinner in Woodword Hall 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing: Folkestone (8), Cheriton (8), Hythe (8), Newington (6), Lyminge (8). Applications for dinner tickets must be sent in by Tuesday, April 7th.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 13th. 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. Address by the Rev. Canon Blake, Rector of St. Helen's. Tea will be provided at 5.30 for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 8th. As the allowance will not cover the cost, a small charge will be made. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), 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.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill, Ipswich, at 2 p.m. on Easter Monday. Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry at 12.15 p.m. Service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 1 p.m. Luncheon 2s. 6d. for those sending me word by Tuesday, April 7th. Bells available all day at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's.—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Those intending to be present at tea should notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**STAINDROP, COUNTY DURHAM** (2 miles from Winston, L.N.E.R. Station).—By the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier, M.A.), the new peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) will be available on Easter Mon-

day, April 13th, to all ringers. A bus will meet the 10.11 and 10.29 trains from the north at Bank Top Station, Darlington, and another will leave the Turk's Head, Bondgate, Darlington, at 10.30 a.m. Fare: 1s. single, 2s. return. The buses will return at any time after 6 p.m. to suit ringers. Cheap fares are usually available to Darlington on Mondays. The 'United' bus leaves Bishop Auckland for Staindrop (Route 18) at 10.35 and 2.35 p.m., and returns at 4.52 p.m. Dinner will be provided, 2s. 6d. each, at the King's Arms, 12.30 to 1 p.m., for all those who notify me by the 7th of April.—Mr. H. Shipp, 6, Duke Street, Staindrop, near Darlington.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the respective clergy the fine new peal of ten at the Parish Church will be available from 12 noon onward, and the peal of eight at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, between the hours of 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 3 p.m. onward. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham, not later than first post Thursday, April 11th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Blyth on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells ready early morning, Tickhill (8) bells will also be open from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and Harworth (6) at intervals in morning and afternoon. Visitors welcome, and special parties requiring use of Tickhill and Harworth bells write Hon. Sec. early next week. Meat tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at Sheffield House, Blyth, at 2/- per head for all those who notify J. H. Hind, Blyth, Rotherham, not later than Wednesday, April 8th. Please note the last item is important.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the General meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th. The re-cast peal of 10 at the Parish Church will be available from 12 noon onwards, and St. Stephen's, Eastwood, from 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. onwards. Applications for tea (1/6 each) must reach Mr. T. C. Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham, not later than Thursday, April 9th. Committee meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will follow the one held by the Yorkshire Association.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Easter Monday, April 13th. Dinner will be provided at Mr. Brewill's Cafe: members 2/6, non-members 3/-. Service will be held in the Church at 4 p.m. Address will be given by Canon Leigh, Rector of Richmond. Those intending to be at dinner please notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 8th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Monday, April 13th. Towers available: Great St. Mary (12), St. Andrew's (8), Church of our Lady (8), Chesterton (6). Service at 12 at Great St. Mary's, with address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Price. Luncheon and business meeting at the Dorothy Café at 1 p.m.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Will those requiring tea let me know before the 15th? Ringers and friends will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 18th, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All ringers intending to be present are asked to notify me before Tuesday, 14th April, as no accommodation will be provided for tea after that date.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highclere on Saturday, 18th 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 11th April.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Southgate on Saturday, April 18th. Service 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, Rector of Finchley. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.45, 1s. each, to those who advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, High Street, N.14, by April 15th. Send in your names to avoid disappointment. Ringing at Southgate (10) from 2.30 to 5 and after the meeting; also at Wood Green (6) from 3 to 4.30.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to those who notify Mr. William Sharples, Thorpe Green, Brindle, near Chorley, not later than Tuesday, April 14th. A good attendance is requested, as Mr. Wm. Taylor is expected to read a paper at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at St. Albans Easter Monday. Towers open for ringing 2 p.m. (six bell towers by arrangement with conductors). Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m. in Abbey Institute. Let me know if you can come—it will help the caterer.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ranmore Common on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 with meeting after. Those requiring tea should advise me not later than Tuesday, April 7th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Branscombe, Devon, on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock., Mason's Arms Hotel. Members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9 a.m., St. Peter's (6) from 12 noon throughout the day. Luncheon will be at the Silver Grill Restaurant (near St. Paul's) at 1 p.m., to be followed by the meeting for the election of officers, etc. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Tewkesbury, Gloucester, on Easter Monday. Management Committee meeting at 12 noon. Luncheon 3s., or hot dinner 3s. 6d., at Hop Pole Hotel, at 1 p.m. General business meeting at 2.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at 5 p.m. (room for 100 only). Service at 6 p.m. in the Abbey. Those who notify me by April 8th their intention of being present will receive a report. Please advise me for meals by April 8th.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1537).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 16th and 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill (for service) on the 19th, at 6 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.**—North-Eastern Branch.—The meeting will be held at Bickleigh, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each. Cadeleigh tower will also be open. Those requiring tea must send their names to me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th. A large attendance is requested. Fuller particulars next week.—S. H. Symonds, Assistant Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3. Association service in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A. Tea will be provided in the Johnston Institute for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 22nd (free). Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting to members. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—For the purposes of the annual cup contest and the association the following rule has been passed, viz.: 'The radius of the area covered by the association is 12 miles from Barnsley Parish Church tower. All members enrolled before March 14th, 1925, are to remain members, and are unaffected by this rule.'—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.



**GOLDEN WEDDING.**

**RUSSAM—ISLIP.** — On March 29th, 1875, at St. John's Church, Birmingham, Thomas Russam to Kate Cecelia Islip. Present address: 114, Walford Road, Sparkbrook.

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**GREAT BELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In connection with your article in the 'Ringing World' of March 20th, respecting the great bell at Moscow, it may be of interest to mention the approximate weights of other very large bells in the world, viz. :—

The great bell at Minguon (Burmah) is 125 tons, said by some authorities to rival the giant of Moscow in point of size, in which case it must naturally be a thinner bell. Another Moscow bell is 125 tons. This is the largest bell in use in the world. Other giant bells are at Pekin, 53 tons; Novgorod (Russia), 31 tons; St. Isaac's Cathedral (Leningrad), 22 tons (like the bell of Moscow, this fine specimen is adorned with imperial portraits); Olmutz (Austria), 18 tons; Notre Dame (Paris), 18 tons; Vienna, 18 tons; Lens (France), 15 tons; Erfurt Cathedral (Prussian Saxony), 13 tons (this bell was cast at the end of the 15th century); Montreal (R.C. Cathedral), 13 tons; Gorlitz (Silesia), 10 tons; Bruges, 10 tons.

We are, of course, acquainted with the very large bells in England, viz., St. Paul's, and 'Big Ben,' London; York, and 'Great Tom,' Oxford.

It is quite probable that some of the German or Austrian bells mentioned, shared the fate of the 'Kaiserglocke' during the Great War, but of this I have no information.—Yours faithfully,  
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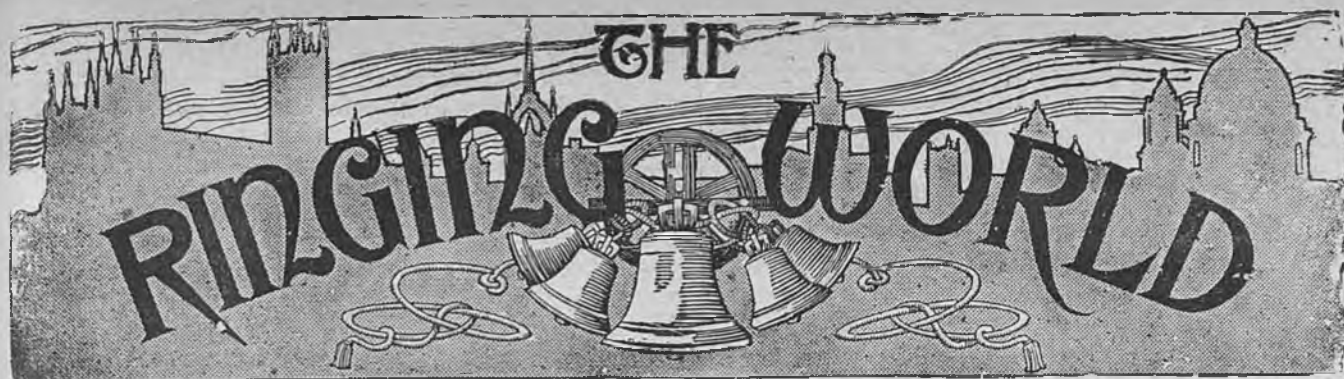
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### THE EASTER MEETINGS.

Next Monday will be, as usual, a busy day among ringing associations, for the Easter holiday is a favourite time for general meetings. Our notice columns show the considerable number of important gatherings that are to be held. Among those which are holding their annual meeting are the Bedfordshire Association, Chester Diocesan Guild, Ely Diocesan Association, Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, Hertford County Association, Kent County Association, Midland Counties Association, Suffolk Guild and Worcestershire Association. In addition several other important societies are having meetings which are certain to attract considerable numbers of ringers. The holiday meetings form a valuable part of the work which the ringing associations do, for, apart from the annual business which is transacted, they provide opportunities for wider intercourse than is often possible with Saturday meetings.

With some ringers the business part of the proceedings at these meetings is looked upon as something of a bore—a necessary evil sandwiched into a day's pleasure—and they are better pleased when they find that the affairs to be transacted are 'cut and dried,' and they can get away again quickly to the hellsies. This is a mistaken attitude, for the success of an association depends largely upon the interest taken in its concerns by members. An organisation may be carried on satisfactorily for a time by the efforts of a few enthusiasts; but, sooner or later, lack of interest by the rank and file and a tendency to leave everything to the officials is bound to show itself in a falling off of activity. Those associations best maintain their vitality which have a critical membership—critical, that is, in seeking to maintain the organisation in an effective condition.

Important financial matters will occupy the attention of the Midland Counties Association at Derby, and at Nantwich the Chester Guild will not only be concerned with ringing affairs in their own diocese, but they have on the agenda a resolution from the Bowden and Stockport Branch 'that it is the opinion of this Guild that the existing names of Minor methods should stand.' This, of course, refers to the appointment last year of a committee of the Central Council to overhaul the nomenclature of methods, and it is significant that it comes from the branch in which several of the methods, so unsuitably named, were first rung, and in which resides one of the gentlemen originally responsible for many of the titles which have been so adversely criticised. It is a happy sign to find Central Council affairs figuring on an association agenda, and it is a pity, as we have often pointed

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out, that subjects of general ringing interest do not appear more often on the agendas of our associations. Whatever the outcome of this particular discussion at Nantwich, we welcome it as a sign of a widening interest in matters outside purely 'domestic' affairs.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Four Hours and Five Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7       |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2         | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 8        |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3     | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 9       |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4         | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 10      |
| WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5           | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11       |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6       | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal on twelve bells as conductor.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, March 25, 1925,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. Treble | DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6         |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2     | ROBERT T. CHAPPEL ... 7        |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3      | JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 8        |
| RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 4      | HARRY MANCE ... .. 9           |
| WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5       | WILLIAM E. J. HEWSON ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman away from tenor.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5048 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. Treble | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 5    |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2         | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6    |
| EDWARD HARRISON ... 3          | ROBERT SPERRING ... 7       |
| * JOHN HAYES ... .. 4          | WILLIAM HIGGINSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal in the method.

EPSOM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Saturday, Mar. 28th, in 40 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. P. Bullen 1, R. Jackson 2, W. A. Taylor (first in the method as conductor) 3, F. W. Hagyard 4, S. Howard 5, H. Dean 6. The ringers are members of St. Mary's tower, Wimbledon.



## NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ERNEST GOSDEN... .. Treble | RICHARD A. GOFTON ... .. 5    |
| JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 2   | R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 6      |
| JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 3    | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON... .. 4   | THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

\* First peal of Major. First peal of Bristol on the bells. Rung on the opening of the Borough of Tynemouth's War Memorial extension of the Tynemouth Victoria Jubilee Infirmary, North Shields.

## SOUTH SHIELDS.

## THE DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Treble | A. EDWARD HERNE ... .. 5    |
| *JOHN E. SCOTT ... .. 2       | *JOHN GEORGE ... .. 6       |
| *ARTHUR PAYNE ... .. 3        | ADAM DEAS... .. 7           |
| WILLIAM STOREY ... .. 4       | *ERNEST GORDEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. Rung as a 'welcome' peal to the Rev. A. W. Lister (a vice-president of the Association), who was inducted Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields, the same day.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WALTER G. ROWE ... .. Treble | JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5          |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 2 | D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3    | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 7       |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... .. 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. C. Privett, of Fareham, one of the oldest members of the Guild; also to Mrs. J. Gater, of West End, who has been a worshipper at this church for a number of years.

## WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CALNE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| C. J. GARDINER ... .. Treble | *H. FLEWELLING... .. 5       |
| L. A. WILSON ... .. 2        | *W. H. WHEELER ... .. 6      |
| W. H. TRUDMAN ... .. 3       | G. LANCASTER ... .. 7        |
| *S. HOPPER ... .. 4          | W. G. LANCASTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. G. LANCASTER.

Rung to celebrate the completion of the War Memorial screen in the church. First peal of Major as conductor. \* First peal of Major.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| THOMAS ATKINS ... .. Treble  | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2 | *EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 6  |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3      | EDWARD READER ... .. 7       |
| J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 4 | PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Major in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.

## KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *FRANK B. YATES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... .. 5 |
| HARRY WILLIAMS ... .. 2       | CHARLES WEBB ... .. 6         |
| PERCY O. LARLIN ... .. 3      | JOHN NEAL ... .. 7            |
| WILLIAM H. BALL ... .. 4      | JOHN WITHERS ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were recast by John Taylor and Co.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *CHARLES CHAPMAN ... .. Treble | *JAMES PRATT ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2       | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 6     |
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3          | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 7 |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 4      | THOMAS H. REEVES... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. W. PEMBERTON.

\* First peal in the method. The 50th and 25th peal for 5th and 6th ringers respectively. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russam.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## ECCLESTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours,

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 12 cwt.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ADAM BLOGG ... .. Treble | WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 4    |
| FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 2  | *ARTHUR HARTLEY ... .. 5      |
| ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 3     | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

\* First peal, and elected a member of the association previous to starting. † First peal of Minor.

## POWICK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4     |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2       | JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 3       | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor  |

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## CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 1924 MEETING.

The first session of the twelfth Council (thirty-second meeting) was held in the historic Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey on Whitsun Tuesday, June 10th.

There were present at the general meeting 83 members, representing 32 Guilds (this being the greatest attendance of members in the Council's history).

After the meeting had been opened with prayer, the Council proceeded to the election of officers; and prior to the president's election, the honorary secretary temporarily took the chair. He stated that only one nomination had been received, and that on behalf of Canon Coleridge, who had been proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by the Rev. H. Law James. He (Mr. E. Alexr. Young) therefore declared Canon Coleridge duly elected for the ensuing three years. The president then took the chair.

After expressing his thanks to the Council, the President said that for honorary secretary and treasurer there was only one nomination, that of Mr. E. Alexr. Young, the proposer and seconder being as before, and he, therefore, declared him elected for three years. — Canon Baker proposed, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews seconded, the re-election of the honorary librarian, which was carried, together with a vote of thanks to the Council's officers for their services.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and the Rev. H. T. S. Richardson, Messrs. G. Bolland, C. E. Borrett, R. B. Chambers, G. Chester, E. Edwards, E. H. Lewis, D. J. Nicholls, H. W. Wilde, G. Williams and Mrs. A. Edwards.

Before passing to the general business, the President here presented to the late honorary secretary and treasurer, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, a silver cup, asking him to accept it at their hands as a slight token of their appreciation of all he had done in serving the Council during nearly 20 years. — The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in receiving the cup, expressed in fitting terms his great pleasure and his hearty thanks.

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 £76 18s. 7d., and that the balance, after the receipts and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £62 17s. 1d. The accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James.

The Honorary Librarian then read his statement upon the year's sales, etc., which had dropped to 265, as against 315 the previous year. He also referred to some of the Council's publications being now either out of print or likely to be so shortly. In regard to publishing the *Corrigenda of Peals*, this had been partly done, and the remainder would follow. The honorary librarian then presented the illuminated roll of honour, now completed. The work was by Mr. Cousins, of Cambridge. The cost was £3 15s. above the £20 voted. (This amount was contributed by those present at the meeting.)

The President voiced for the Council how deeply they were indebted to the honorary librarian for all he had done in compiling the roll. It was undoubtedly one of the most beautiful modern examples of its kind of work. The Honorary Librarian then moved that the Memorial Book be placed in the Library at St. Paul's Cathedral, London (the Dean having kindly consented). This having been seconded by Canon Baker, it was unanimously agreed that it be deposited for inspection and on permanent loan, and to be produced to the Council upon demand of the officers; with this, a proposition of Mr. W. A. Cave's, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, was also agreed, that it be placed on the table at the annual meetings.

The Honorary Librarian then completed his report by referring to the distribution of the corrigenda slips, and suggested that applicants should forward 1d. stamp. The report was then, upon his motion, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, agreed to, as was also the statement that the Council was unable to pay for advertising in Association Reports.

Election of honorary members. Those retiring, with the exception of Mr. K. A. Daniel, were re-elected, viz.: Mr. J. Carter, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. J. S. Pritchett and Mr. J. A. Trollope, on a motion by Canon H. J. Elsee, seconded by Canon Baker, and the names of Mr. J. Griffin and Mr. E. Alexr. Young (the honorary secretary) were added.

A large number of new members attending for the first time, were then formally introduced to the President, who cordially welcomed them. (For names see those marked with a star in the schedule.)

The Standing Committee and its enlargement being referred to by the President, it was unanimously agreed that they be re-elected as

follows: Canon Coleridge, Canon Elsee, the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, C. D. P. Davies, H. Law James, with Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. H. Lewis and E. A. Young (Messrs. Parsons and Daniel having dropped out). — It was then proposed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, seconded by Mr. Smith, and agreed, that the three bell founders' representatives be added, viz., Messrs. A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston and Pryce Taylor, as was also, on the proposition of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, the inclusion of Alderman J. S. Pritchett.

The Dean of Westminster (Bishop Ryle) here entered, and gave a hearty welcome to the members. — The President, responding on behalf of the Council, thanked him, and added that they were honoured in being allowed to meet in such an historic Chamber.

The Council then received the following committee's reports: —

**Peal Collection Committee.** — Mr. J. A. Trollope having reported generally upon the year's work, the committee, consisting of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker and Miss E. K. Parker, were, on the President's proposal, re-appointed nem. con., and the report adopted. — Subsequently, on the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Mr. J. A. Trollope, the Rev. E. S. Powell was added to the committee.

**The Literature and Press Committee.** — The Rev. C. E. Matthews having referred to the report which had been previously published, moved its adoption. — This was seconded, and carried. The committee, consisting of the Revs. C. E. Matthews, F. L. Edwards, A. T. Beeston, Messrs. G. P. Burton and W. Willson, were re-elected. — Subsequently, on the motion of the Rev. F. L. Edwards, seconded by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. A. Padgon Smith was added to the committee.

**Methods Committee.** — The Rev. H. Law James here spoke as to the further delays in printing the collection. — The President referred generally as to the position, and then proposed the re-appointment of the Rev. H. Law James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope to the committee, which was carried nem. con.

**Peals Analysis Committee.** — The Rev. E. W. Carpenter having referred to the great work and to the report published, moved its adoption, this being seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and carried nem. con. — The President then referred in terms of eulogy to the work of the members of the committee, and extended the thanks of the Council to them. Their re-election was then proposed by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded, but the Rev. E. W. Carpenter was unable to offer to serve again. The Rev. A. T. Beeston and Messrs. J. W. Parker and G. Williams were duly re-elected. — The President expressed the regret the Council felt at the Rev. E. W. Carpenter's retirement, after 16 years' valuable service on the committee, and on the motion of Mr. T. J. Salter, seconded by Mr. J. George, Miss E. K. Parker was elected in his place.

**Towers and Belfries Committee.** — The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported that no formal work had been done during the year, but he wished to call the attention of the Council to the desirability of considering the attitude of the new Advisory Committees, especially in regard to bells and their restoration. After some comments by Canon Elsee, the Rev. C. E. Matthews and Mr. C. H. Howard, Canon Baker proposed, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded, 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 the resolution be communicated to the secretaries of the committees and congresses.' — Carried nem. con. The committee, consisting of Mr. E. H. Lewis, the Revs. C. D. P. Davies and C. W. O. Jenkyn, Major J. H. B. Hesse, and Mr. E. A. Young, were, on the proposal of the President, duly re-appointed nem. con., and on the further motion of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, seconded by Canon F. J. O. Helmore, Mr. H. Fairclough was added to the committee.

**Records Committee.** — The Rev. A. T. Beeston referred, in general terms, to the year's work, but regretted that their report, having been lost in the post, must be deferred. The committee, consisting of the Revs. A. T. Beeston, H. Law James and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, were then duly re-appointed, on the motion of Mr. C. H. Howard, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave.

**Science Museum Exhibit Committee.** — The Honorary Secretary reported at some length as to the present position, stating that framed diagrams had been given to the Museum, illustrating 'Standard Methods,' including those printed at his own expense by Mr. W. A. Cave. In reference to the Carter Ringing Machine, he suggested that Mr. Carter was prepared to make the Council Trustees, and he (Mr. Young) proposed that if possible the Council should arrange to meet the offer, and formally moved his report. — The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in seconding, referred to the desirability of maintaining some control and use of the Ringing Machine.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, having been asked by the President for his views, kindly stated his opinion to be 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 of the Council as it might from time to time select. The report was adopted, and the committee, consisting of the Revs. C. D. P. Davies, E. Banks James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, Pryce Taylor and E. Alexr. Young, were, on the motion of the President, re-appointed nem. con.

The Council then adjourned for lunch.

Card of Instruction.—The Hon. Secretary outlined the difficulties which had arisen since the card was proposed, and £5 promised by the Rev. H. Drake, though somewhat conditionally, it would appear. The latter having expressed some of his objections, discussion was adjourned until later.

The President pointed out, that owing to the overlapping in the scope of the next three motions, it was felt by the Standing Committee that it was desirable they be conjoined as far as possible. This finding general acceptance, he called upon Mr. G. P. Burton to move his motion, which he did as follows: 'To call attention to the Nomenclature of Methods, and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) To review the whole existing method nomenclature, and to make recommendations for revision to the Council.' It being agreed to take it seriatim, the first part of the motion was then seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, both speakers strongly urged the need of such a committee, and pointed out that good ringers were not necessarily masters of good wording. The mover instanced as objectionable old examples, 'Grandsire' and 'Jolly Dick.' And in regard to the new names, supported and proposed a motion from Leytonstone, which desired to see 'Geranium' and other flower names omitted, as being equally absurd. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, for the Analysis Committee, then justified their selection of names, feeling that the proposed committee would prove of little use. Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope and the Rev. H. Law James also spoke generally against the motion. They were followed by Messrs. C. T. Coles, H. Hunt and A. D. Barker, who spoke for the motion, Clause 1, of which was eventually carried by 34 to 29 votes.

Clause (2), viz.: 'To prepare a selection of suitable topographical names, to which method nomenclature is to be limited for the future,' was then moved by Mr. G. P. Burton, and seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams. Following some discussion, an amendment, proposed by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, met with general approval, and was agreed to as a substantive motion as follows, viz., that the rest of the motion should read: 'To suggest a suitable system of Nomenclature for the future.'—This was carried nem. con.—A motion that the election of the committee be deferred for a year being defeated by 35 votes to 32, the Council then elected the following as members of the committee, viz., Mr. G. P. Burton, the Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. A. D. Barker, T. Hervey Beams, and A. L. Colman.

The President then called upon Mr. T. H. Taffender to move his resolution that 'The Council only recognise as peals upon handbells, those that have been umpired, and that the latter qualification shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made.' The proposer called attention to the loose nature of the present general practice and the necessity of stiffening the Council's present rule.—The motion was seconded by Mr. J. George, but on being put to the meeting was lost by a large majority.

The President then called upon Mr. T. Hervey Beams to move his resolution: 'To alter Rule 6' by omitting 'but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London.' Mr. Beams called attention to the changes of the past 33 years and the need for revision. He suggested a London meeting every five years.—The Rev. F. L. Edwards having seconded; the motion, on being put to the meeting, was lost by a large majority.

The President then called upon Mr. J. Hunt to move his resolution: 'That the Council consider the advisability of publishing instructions showing how bobs are made in various Minor Methods as published.' Mr. Hunt having done so, the motion was seconded by Mr. A. H. Pulling, and, with the proviso that the same be an instruction to the Methods Committee to deal with in their revision of Minor Methods, was carried.

The Next Annual Meeting.—On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, and by general consent, it was agreed to accept the invitation to Chester for 1925.

Card of Instruction.—Upon returning to the consideration of the card, as presented by the honorary secretary, it was, on the motion of the President, agreed nem. con. that it be left for the Standing Committee to agree to publish it, regard being paid if possible to one or two of the points referred to by the Rev. H. Drake.

On the motion of Canon Elsee, the Council commended to the support of the ringing associations, the proposal to erect in a suit-

able 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, which Canon Perkins (who was now present to describe the Jerusalem Chamber) promised to convey, and the business proceedings terminated at about 5 p.m., with a vote of thanks to the President, who briefly responded.

## 'BRISTOL' SURPRISE EXTENSION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I trust you will pardon me for again wishing to speak on this subject, but Mr. Taylor's article calls for some correction. He publishes two sets of figures of 'Bristol' Royal and terms the second of the two Mr. Craven's variation. Mr. Taylor has got mixed up somehow, as it is the figures he claims as Royal which I published. (See issues of 'Ringing World,' March 3rd, 1922, and January 12th, 1923.) I am sorry to note that Mr. Taylor's version of Maximus is away from the correct line of extension. The reason I say so is that the two chief characteristics are violated: 1st, the coursing order of the bells; and, 2nd, the correct pivot bell and its correct work.

Taking the first essential, it will be noticed in the Major the coursing order reverses every dodging block of the treble's path. When in 1-2 even bells are hunting down and odd bells up; as the treble passes through 2-3 a 4th's place is made, which reverses the coursing order; i.e., odd bells are coursing down and even bells up. The quarter section line is reached where the pivot bell meets the treble, as per example.

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Any extension which has not got the course bells in these relative positions is not Bristol, i.e., pivot bell crossing with the treble and pivot bells fore and aft, coursing bells making the places. The pivot bell must also make a run through from back to front, divided with the necessary work entailed in passing the middle.

I might say that there is no exaggeration in the number of variations possible on the whole turn block system. I have a large number, and all without the use of 'adjoining' places, a feature which, in my opinion, ought not to be tolerated on ten bells and upwards. I must congratulate Mr. Taylor on the able and descriptive analysis he has made of the method, but beg to differ from him regarding Bristol Maximus.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

## MR. FRED R. BORRETT'S 500 PEALS.

By a peal of Superlative Surprise recently, Mr. F. R. Borrett, of Pulham Market, brought his total up to 500, of which he has conducted 215. The following is the list:—

|                                |     |
|--------------------------------|-----|
| Plain Bob Major                | 23  |
| Plain Bob Royal                | 2   |
| Plain Bob Maximus              | 2   |
| Grandsire Triples              | 4   |
| Grandsire Caters               | 1   |
| Grandsire Cinques              | 1   |
| Stedman Triples                | 28  |
| Stedman Caters                 | 5   |
| Stedman Cinques                | 6   |
| Oxford Treble Bob Major        | 128 |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal        | 1   |
| Kent Treble Bob Major          | 27  |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal          | 15  |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus        | 10  |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Major | 97  |
| Double Norwich Court Bob Royal | 1   |
| Superlative Surprise Major     | 101 |
| Cambridge Surprise Major       | 17  |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major   | 13  |
| Norfolk Surprise Major         | 4   |
| Bristol Surprise Major         | 6   |
| London Surprise Major          | 8   |

Total 500

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## STRONG FINANCIAL POSITION.

In their annual report, the committee of the Midland Counties Association, referring to the finances, say: Once again your committee has reason to be proud of the position attained. Probably no other association in Great Britain can view its funds with the equanimity of the M.C.A. We have a current balance from 1924 of £260, and the amount standing to our credit is £246. Such a position is unprecedented in the annals of our association. It must be borne in mind, however, that our source of profit comes exclusively from the gallant roll of honorary members. Ringing subscriptions alone would not allow us to even pay our way, and we are indeed grateful to all of our patrons for their invaluable help. The accumulation of funds, however, has given rise to various trends of thought. There is much to be said for local autonomy of funds. On the other hand, we are in union with each district, and should our honorary members diminish—as they undoubtedly will some day—the association might be wrecked for want of unity. Your committee does not believe in hoarding up vast sums for future generations to spend. This generation should enjoy the fruit of its labour, and to this end suggestions of rule alterations are in the air. We wish to be up to date and to create the greatest good to the greatest number; and a special committee is about to discuss how this can best be done. Before this report is in print, their deliberations will have taken concrete form for recommendation to the annual meeting.

The 'Bell Restoration' Fund shows a balance in hand of £14. Grants, have been made to Thurlaston, Leicestershire, and to North Wingfield, Derbyshire. Further grants are being made during the current year to other churches.

## PEAL RINGING.

The following list shows the peals rung by the association during the past year: Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 2 (both on H.B.); Cambridge Surprise Royal, 4; Leicester Surprise Royal, 1; Bob Royal, 2; Stedman Caters, 18 (9 on H.B.); Grandsire Caters, 2; London Surprise Major, 3; Bristol Surprise Major, 5; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Pudsey Surprise Major, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Spliced T.B. Major, 3; Oxford T.B. Major, 1; Kent T.B. Major, 3; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 3; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Bob Major, 9; Little Bob Major, 1; Stedman Triples, 20 (4 on H.B.); Grandsire Triples, 15; Minor in 5 methods, 1; Minor in 4 methods, 2; Minor in 3 methods, 1; Bob Minor, 6 (1 on H.B.); Doubles in 2 methods, 1; Stedman Doubles, 1 (on H.B.); Grandsire Doubles, 6; total, 130 (17 on H.B.).

Possibly the first thing members interested in peals will notice is the revival of handbell peal ringing, 17 of such peals being recorded during the year. All these, with the exception of one of Bob Minor, are Stedman peals, varying from Doubles to Cinques. The only other Stedman Cinques on handbells by the M.C.A. is the famous silent peal rung in 1903.

The number of peals rung during 1924 is smaller than the total for both 1922 and 1923, and for tower bells alone is less than for the last three years, but the variety of the methods rung is more extensive, the 130 peals appearing under 31 divisions. Stedman, both on tower and handbells, appears to be the most popular method, for, with the exception of Grandsire Triples (15), the other peals are well distributed.

Very important additions to our records are Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Leicester Surprise Royal, and Pudsey Surprise Major, the latter method serving as a gentle reminder that all our go-ahead ringers are not in one corner of the district. The ringers who are breaking new ground in such splendid manner are congratulated, and it is hoped their example will be an incentive to other districts.

One peal which deserves special mention is the 9,120 Spliced T.B. Major, the extent in this variation.

The peals rung have been conducted by the following 38 members: H. J. Poole, 22 (10 H.B.); W. P. Whitehead, 14 (5 H.B.); E. Morris, 13 (1 H.B.); F. H. Dexter, 10; J. Flint, 10; B. Reader, 6; F. Cotton, 5; M. Swinfield, 5; E. C. Shepherd, 4 (1 H.B.); A. H. Ward, 4; G. Freebrey, 3; L. W. Jacques, 3; R. Barrow, 2; B. A. Knights, 2; J. Lord, 2; C. A. Manning, 2; W. Wilson, 2; C. Allsop, F. W. Bailey, J. A. Barratt, R. H. Bartram, E. C. Chasty, A. Coppock, J. T. Dyke, J. A. Fenton, E. C. Gobey, A. H. Mansfield, F. M. Mitchell, W. Moore, G. S. Morris, F. Pervin, G. R. Pye, F. A. Salter, J. F. Smallwood, E. H. Stoneley, J. Taylor, W. White, T. H. Wright (1 each).

The composition of one peal (Superlative) rung for the association during the year, has been found to be false; therefore, this peal has not been accepted nor recorded.

Our membership roll at the 31st December, 1924, is as follows: Patrons and honorary members, 237; ringing members, 778; total, 1,015.

## GRANDSIRE AND PLAIN BOB.

By GEORGE BAKER.

Although I pointed out in the 'Bell News' as long ago as June, 1900, that the Bob lead of the Grandsire Method is symmetrical within the lead and the Plain lead is not (a fact which can be demonstrated by anyone who understands reciprocal proof) it was only as recently as last October that I was flatly contradicted by one of 'the powers that be' when I made a declaration that Grandsire is NOT Plain Bob with a bell in the hunt.

When other experts realise that proof can now be given by the Round Blocks and Transpositions as to the relationship of methods, perhaps they will drop their arbitrary definitions, and try to understand the natural laws of method construction.

Here it will be well to remark that, if a method is the same on all numbers, the round blocks and transpositions will prove the fact.

Below I give the round blocks, etc., of Bob Singles and Bob Minor, also of Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples, the figures will speak for themselves, and I hope we shall never hear repeated the false statement that Grandsire is Plain Bob with a bell in the hunt.

## BOB SINGLES.

|      | Round Blocks. | Transpositions. |
|------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1234 | x 1342 = 1342 | 1342            |
| 2143 | x 3124 = 4213 | 2314            |
| 2413 | x 3214 = 4132 | 4213            |
| 4231 | x 2341 = 2314 | 2143            |
| 4321 | x 2431 = 3124 | 4213            |
| 3412 | x 4213 = 2431 | 2314            |
| 3142 | x 4123 = 3241 | 1342            |
| 1324 | x 1432 = 1423 | 1234            |

1342 1423

## BOB MINOR.

|        | Round Blocks.     | Transpositions. |
|--------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 123456 | x 135264 = 135264 | 135264          |
| 214365 | x 312546 = 421635 | 231456          |
| 241635 | x 321456 = 513264 | 521364          |
| 426153 | x 234165 = 261435 | 245316          |
| 462513 | x 243615 = 316254 | 526413          |
| 645231 | x 426351 = 241536 | 245163          |
| 654321 | x 462531 = 315246 | 526413          |
| 563412 | x 645213 = 241653 | 245316          |
| 536142 | x 654123 = 315462 | 521364          |
| 351624 | x 561432 = 243615 | 231456          |
| 315264 | x 516342 = 325164 | 135264          |
| 132546 | x 153624 = 142635 | 123456          |

135264 156342

The halfway transposition rows from Singles to Maximus are as follow, and it will no doubt be a grain of comfort to the mathematicians to find that at least one of their theories is true.

|         |              |
|---------|--------------|
| Singles | 2143         |
| Minor   | 245163       |
| Major   | 24567183     |
| Royal   | 2456789103   |
| Maximus | 24567890c1t3 |

## GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.

|       | Round Blocks.   | Transpositions. |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 12345 | x 12534         | 12453           |
| 21354 | x 21543 = 12453 | 13425           |
| 23145 | x 25134 = 15324 | 53124           |
| 32415 | x 52314 = 52143 | 25134           |
| 34251 | x 53241 = 41325 | 13425           |
| 43521 | x 35421 = 23145 | 25134           |
| 45312 | x 34512 = 31245 | 53124           |
| 54132 | x 43152 = 24315 | 13425           |
| 51423 | x 41325 = 32541 | 12453           |
| 15243 | x 14235 = 14352 | 12345           |
| 12534 | x 12453 = 12534 | 12345           |

N.B.—To obtain a symmetrical set of round blocks in the Grandsire Method one has to start from 21354.

## GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

|         | Round Blocks.       | Transpositions. |
|---------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1234567 | x 1253746           | 1246375         |
| 2135476 | x 2157364 = 1246375 | 1342567         |
| 3241657 | x 5231476 = 6214375 | 6132475         |
| 3426175 | x 5324167 = 7132546 | 5613427         |
| 4362715 | x 3542617 = 2714365 | 6753124         |
| 4637251 | x 3456271 = 3162547 | 5627134         |
| 6473521 | x 4365721 = 2415367 | 6751234         |
| 6745312 | x 4637512 = 3152467 | 5627134         |



|         |   |                   |         |
|---------|---|-------------------|---------|
| 7654132 | x | 6473152 = 2416537 | 6753124 |
| 7561423 | x | 6741325 = 3154762 | 5613427 |
| 5716243 | x | 7614235 = 2436571 | 6312475 |
| 5172634 | x | 7162453 = 3254716 | 1342567 |
| 1527364 | x | 1726543 = 1436275 | 1246375 |
| 1253746 | x | 1275634 = 1253746 | 1234567 |

Grandsire Halfway Transposition rows from Doubles to Cinques:

|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| 51234       | Doubles. |
| 6751234     | Triples. |
| 685971234   | Caters.  |
| 68507x91234 | Cinques. |

No one will be able to say that the mathematical progressions of Plain Bob and Grandsire are the same, therefore the methods are not the same.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Correspondents are particularly requested to send in reports of Easter Day and Bank Holiday ringing and meetings to reach us on Tuesday, the 14th. Reports of peals rung on Easter Monday should be posted the same night to ensure insertion in the next week's issue.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by T. Collison, in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, March 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Titt (first 720 in the method) 1, W. H. Thomas 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. For evensong, 840 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, W. H. Porter 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, March 29th, at Lawton, for evening service, 640 Bob Major: R. Arrowsmith 1, W. Longman 2, T. Arrowsmith 3, E. Harper 4, J. Booth 5, J. Wildblood 6, G. Bid-dulph 7, W. Rigby (conductor) 8. First touch of Bob Major by ringers of 1st, 3rd and 7th.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, H. J. Hazell 2, E. Gleaves 3, F. J. Cook 4, Geo. Crisp 5, E. Warrington 6, C. W. Cook (conductor) 7, J. B. Woolley 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday evening, March 29th, for Confirmation service, conducted by the Lord Bishop of Rochester, 720 London Surprise, in 23 mins.: Cyril M. Mitchell 1, J. Burles 2, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, H. Argent 4, Fred A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On March 29th, for evensong, 518 Grandsire Triples (by J. Holt): W. Brounquist 1, A. M. Hickman 2, T. Tudor 3, E. V. Rodenburt (conductor) 4, J. Clark 5, S. Hughes 6, W. Weatherby 7, G. Hall 8. Rung after meeting late for a quarter-peal.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday morning, March 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. W. Stevenson 1, E. C. Hartley 2, T. G. Hawkins 3, J. Shuker 4, W. L. Gutteridge 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6.

CHILDWALL, LIVERPOOL.—At All Saints' Church, for confirmation service, on March 29th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 minutes: E. G. Lus 1, E. L. Humphreys 2, E. Trevitt (conductor) 3, J. Seddon 4, W. Betley 5, J. Roberts 6.

LONDON.—The St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 44 minutes: H. Franks 1, R. Green 2, C. Chooet 3, E. Brett 4, A. Darnell 5, J. Bullock 6, E. Russell (conductor) 7, J. Hawkins 8.

### DEATH OF MR. W. ROCK SMALL.

We regret to announce the death, on Saturday last, of the well-known veteran ringer, Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs, who passed away at the advanced age of 85 years.

The funeral takes place on Wednesday.

A sketch of Mr. Small's ringing career will appear in our next issue.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Appleton, the place of not a few long peals, including the longest of all, claimed a record length of Grandsire Caters, made on April 11th, 1888, when the Oxford Guild rang 13,265 in 8 hours 5 minutes.

College Exercise Major, a little practised method, took its name from the College Youths who rang the first peal in the method in 1760. A peal of 5,600 was rung at Bletchingly on April 11th, 1789.

Kettering, which has long been a centre of Northamptonshire ringing, was among the earliest provincial towers where peals were rung. A peal of Grandsire Triples rung there on April 12th, 1731, was the outcome of a challenge made, when a peal was recorded as having been rung in 3 hours 18 minutes, on Feb. 20th, 1729, that a peal could not be rung in less than 3½ hours.

To prove the 'wiseacres' in the wrong, another peal was rung in 2 hours 48 minutes, and the record states: 'Since it was asserted our first performance could not be rung in less than 3 hours and a half, for an experiment and before skilful 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: Tho. Howard 1, Tho. Woodford 2, John Law 3, G. Eayre 4, Hen. Parker 5, Rob. Booth 6, Jno. Carley 7, Jona. Barlow 8.'

The anniversary of the great performance at Loughborough falls on Sunday next. It was on April 12th, 1909, that the 18,027 Stedman Caters was rung in 12 hours 18 minutes, at All Saints' Church—one of the most wonderful achievements on record.

Easter has been a favourite time for record breaking, and it was on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914, that the Ashton-under-Lyne men rang the 14,000 Treble Bob Royal, and thus beat the previous longest length in the method which had stood for 130 years.

The first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major was rung on April 16th, 1838, at Birstall, Yorks.

Mr. Connor O'Brien, of Dublin, who is sailing round the world in a 20ft. boat, recently reached Pernambuco, in South America.

What can be accomplished in an agricultural village by determined and persistent effort, is illustrated by the restoration of the tower and bells at Wethersfield, where £1,500 has been raised for the purpose. The tower was struck by lightning about ten years ago, and the bell frame, as well as the structure, was damaged. The Essex Association, through the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard), has given valuable assistance in the work carried out on the bells and fittings.

## ORGANIST PEAL RINGERS.

Dear Sir,—I am pleased to note a mate of my rank and file, Mr. D. Cecil Williams, Mus.Bac., Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, scoring 50 peals, but in reply to the query, whether he is the first Mus.Bac. to achieve that honour, I think I can claim the preference, as being now only four short of my 100th peal, and having turned the 50 long before the war. All my peals have been pulled off since I took my degree.—Yours faithfully,

W. E. PITMAN,

Mus.Bac., Oxon, Fellow of the Royal College of Organists, Organist and Choirmaster of St. George's, Canterbury, and a member of the Cathedral band. St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The April meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Heston on Saturday. The bells were set going soon after 3 p.m., under the direction of the Ringing Master, and several touches from Grandsire to Double Norwich were rung before service, at which the Rev. Col. W. Maclean officiated, and, in a brief address, welcomed the society to Heston on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Wilkinson).

Tea and business meeting followed in the Church Hall, with the Rev. Col. W. Maclean presiding, supported by the Vice-President, Ringing Master and Mrs. Maclean. The company numbered 25.

St. Mary's, Ealing, was selected for the May meeting, and Ruislip for June, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Church Hall; to the Rev. Col. W. Maclean, Mrs. Maclean, the Vice-President, the Ringing Master, and Mr. C. S. Bird, of the Heston Band.

The tower was again visited with the Rev. and Mrs. Maclean, and Surprise methods were practised, another pleasant afternoon and evening concluding at 9 p.m.

### THE FIRST PEAL OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

The 184th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Royal which occurred on Tuesday, recalls the fact that St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London, where the peal was rung, was one of the earliest towers in London to have ten bells. A chronicler in 1708 wrote that at this church 'there are 10 Tuneable Bells, which make a pleasant harmony when rung in peal.' At this time there was no peal of twelve in London, and, indeed, only York and Cirencester in the provinces had the maximum number. Eighty years later there were only nine peals of ten in Middlesex, viz., St. Mary-le-Bow; Christ Church, Spitalfields, St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Sepulchre's, Holborn; St. Margaret's, Westminster; St. Leonard's, Shoreditch; St. Magnus-the-Martyr; St. Dionis Backchurch, and All Saints', Fulham.

By this time there were four peals of twelve, viz.: St. Bride's, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Michael's, Cornhill, and St. Saviour's, Southwark.



ST. SEPULCHRE'S CHURCH, HOLBORN.

[Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

St. Sepulchre's bells had been recast in 1739, by Samuel Knight, of the Holborn foundry. The frame was made and the bells rehung by Robert Catlin, who was himself an active ringer. The rehanging, apparently, led to renewed activity in this belfry, and at least two

peals were rung there in 1741. We referred to them briefly last week. The ancient tablets contain the following details:—

#### 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 10 in. The performers:—

|                |        |                             |       |
|----------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Jos. Dickinson | Treble | Wm. Rowan                   | 6th   |
| John Sharpe    | 2nd    | Wm. Phillips                | 7th   |
| Wm. Simms      | 3rd    | Thos. Bennett               | 8th   |
| Wm. Lovell     | 4th    | P. Mainwaring (call'd bobs) | 9th   |
| John Blake     | 5th    | R. Windlesborough           | Tenor |

This is the first compleat peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob ten-in that was ever rung, and completed in 3 hours 57 minutes.

#### ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 30th, 1741, the above Society rang 5,000 changes of Union Bob Royal in 3 hours 46 minutes. The performers were:—

|                  |        |                |       |
|------------------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Saml. Lee        | Treble | Jos. Griffiths | 6th   |
| Jahez Stephenson | 2nd    | Richd. Spicer  | 7th   |
| John Dearmor     | 3rd    | Saml. Jeacocks | 8th   |
| Wm. Pickard      | 4th    | Robt. Mobbs    | 9th   |
| Benjn. Annable   | 5th    | John Trevell   | Tenor |

Conducted by R. Spicer.

When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth.

A good peal needs no frame, a bad one none deserveth.

1741

### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

#### RE-OPENING OF SHILTON BELLS AFTER RESTORATION.

The re-opening of the bells at Shilton after augmentation and restoration took place on Saturday last, in the presence of a large concourse of parishioners and visitors from the neighbouring towns and villages. The church was filled to overflowing long before the time of the service. Prayers were read by the Vicar (Rev. C. T. Pyemont), and the special lesson by Canon F. R. Evans, of Bedworth.

The Lord Bishop of Coventry performed the dedication ceremony, and also gave an inspiring address, based on the words 'Sursum Corda' ('Lift up your hearts'). He congratulated the people of Shilton on having their bells put in order in their time, an opportunity that did not come in every generation.

Two new trebles have been added, and the old four bells recast, making a handy little ring of 6, with the tenor about 7 cwt. The work of rehanging and recasting was entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the way the work has been carried out reflects great credit on the firm, the tone and 'go' of the bells being excellent.

Upwards of 60 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, and included Mr. S. H. Roper, the firm's representative, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. Others were present from Allesley, Birmingham, Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Croft, Exhall, Monks Kirby, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke, Southam, Wolvey and other places.

Before the service commenced the bells were raised in peal by the following members of the Guild: T. W. Chapman (Ringing Master, Nuneaton) 1. E. H. Johnson (a native of Shilton, Coventry) 2. Miss G. M. Dodds (Chilvers Coton) 3. J. B. Fenton (district secretary, Rugby) 4. A. Wilkerson (hon. general secretary) 5. A. Roberts (ex-Ringing Master, Stoke) 6. Some well struck Grandsire Doubles were rung by the same band immediately after the dedication. They also rang the first touch of Minor at the conclusion of the service. Thereafter the bells were kept going in various methods until about 8 p.m.

A sumptuous tea was provided for the ringers, who, owing to the large number present, had to be accommodated in relays. Nevertheless, each and all passed a very pleasant time. The methods successfully brought round included Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.

At the conclusion of the tower bell ringing, handbells were in evidence. The Rugby Quartette gave a wonderful exhibition of tune ringing, under the able conductorship of Mr. A. J. Hessian, who, everyone was pleased to see, had come out of his retirement again. The Webb family, too, from Croft, delighted the company as usual with their tune ringing. Train time brought a happy and successful gathering to a close.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1344 changes) in 54 minutes: J. W. Bell 1. W. J. Prescott 2. T. Grant 3. H. D. Taylor 4. J. Hallett 5. C. W. Bell 6. H. E. Mills 7. A. Prince (conductor) 8. Also for confirmation service in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) (taken from J. F. Pennings' one part) in 41 minutes: J. Taylor 1. J. Hallett 2. J. W. Bell 3. T. Grant 4. H. D. Taylor 5. C. W. Bell 6. A. Prince (conductor) 7. H. E. Mills 8. At the conclusion of the service a touch of Grandsire Triples (420 changes) was rung, after which the Bishop congratulated the ringers upon the excellent ringing both before and after the service.

## COLERNE CHURCH AND ITS BELLS.

### AN ISOLATED TOWER IN AN ISOLATED PARISH.

Colerne, in the north-west corner of Wiltshire, a village of considerable antiquity and of past glories, lies on high tableland midway between Bath and Chippenham. It overlooks the Box valley, and the traveller by the Great Western Railway, before entering or emerging from the Box tunnel may, if he is on the look out, catch a glimpse of the noble tower of the church, perched half-way up the sky-line, and dominating the landscape.

From this elevated position, the highest in Wiltshire, the sweet sound of the bells is wafted far and wide over the hillside, recalling to the listener Faber's hymn, 'Like bells at evening pealing.'

Until the year 1877 there were only six bells, and an old writer thus explains their excellence: 'Lawson Huddleston, of Shaftesbury, with many and extraordinary accomplishments, had a kind of passion for bells. To oblige any clerical friend who had six bells in his church, he would pass days and weeks in the belfry, chipping and modulating the sound of every bell till they answered exactly the



COLERNE CHURCH, WILTS.

intervals of the monochord. I had often heard of the music of Colerne bells. No one could tell why their sounds were so pleasing. There is a note that the bells were new tuned when Aubrey visited the place in 1659.

A close relationship, centuries old, has existed between Colerne and New College, Oxford. In 1388, Elizabeth, wife of Edward the Dispenser, sold the manor for 700 marks to William of Wykeham, who conveyed it to New College.

In 1447, King Henry VI. granted the warden and scholars of New College a market at Colerne every Friday, and a yearly fair for three days, on the vigil, day and morrow of the decollation of St. John-the-Baptist, 28th, 29th and 30th August.

In 1660, George Rivers, D.D., warden of New College in Oxford, gave a 'goodlie oak that grew upon their manor of Colerne, which yielded well neere 5 tunne of timber besides the tops and arms,' to the present Abbey at Bath for its rebuilding.

Just outside the south porch, which was built by William of Malmesbury, circa 1280, was the plinth of an ancient cross, fragments of which are preserved in the church, and from which Mr. Harold Brakespear, of Corsham, was enabled to produce, as nearly as possible, a replica of the original. Bishop Browne holds that it was one of the several crosses erected to mark the stages of the journey, when the body of St. Aldhelm was borne from Glastonbury to Malmesbury for burial.

Colerne has had its share in our Island story. It is rich in historical associations. On its western border is Bannerdown, or the 'holy hill,' where traditionally St. Augustine met the British Bishops, and on the side of the main road on this border stands an ancient cromlech called the 'Shire Stones,' the bases standing in the different counties of Wilts, Gloucester, and Somerset. On its eastern side is Slaughterford, where King Alfred defeated the Danes.

In the year 1877, the church was restored at a cost of £4,000, chiefly through the instrumentality of Richard Walmesley, of Ludenham, Colerne, and W. H. Poynter, of Hortham Lodge, Corsham.

At the same time, two trebles were added to the peal of bells, and the whole rebung in an oak frame by Messrs. Warner and Sons, London, and a board in the tower records the first course of Grand-

sire Triples (November, 1879) on the bells, and by the local ringers. The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

1st and 2nd.—John Warner and Sons, London, 1877.

John Joseph Strutt Bird, Vicar.

Richard Walmesley and Joseph Pinchin, Ch. Wds.

3rd.—Peace and Good Neighbourhood. A.R., 1737.

4th.—Peter Drewet and John Browning, Ch. Wds.

5th.—What Melody is wanting then when thou hast.

Peace with God and Men. R.P., 1652.

Thomas Shewring; John Head.

6th.—No inscription.

7th.—Peter Drewet and John Browning, Ch. Wds.

William Bilbie, Chewstoke, Somerset. Feet, 1783.

8th.—Thomas Drewet and Edward Ranger, Ch. Wds, A.R., 1737.

Many ringing bands from the neighbouring districts often made a visit to Colerne a 'day's outing,' and Mr. Joseph T. Dyke recalls a visit at a time when the bells were going badly, and when in an attempt to keep the tenor 'going' he bruised his knuckles through striking the floor.

During the process of renovations last year, many pieces of metal were taken out of the brasses. From one side of the 5th three pennies were removed, and Mr. Charles W. Bell, tower master of St. Saviour's, Bath, informs me he witnessed the late Mr. James Hinton, of Bristol, putting them in more than 25 years ago.

The following can be seen on the belfry wall,

Anno Domini 1881:

This is a Belfry that is free

For all those that civil be,

And if you please to come and ring

It is a very pleasant thing.

There is no music, played or sung.

Like unto bells, when they're well rung.

Then ring your bells well, if you can,

Silence is best for every man.

But if you here do swear or curse,

Three pence you pay, pull out your purse,

Come pay the clerk, it is his fee,

For all who swear shall not go free.

A. P.

## RESTORATION OF WETHERSFIELD TOWER & BELLS.

### AN ESSEX RING OF SIX.

The bells of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Wethersfield, Essex, were rededicated by the Bishop of Chelmsford on Thursday afternoon last. Notwithstanding the cold and inclement weather, there was a large congregation present to witness the ceremony.

Some ten years ago the church spire was struck by lightning and damaged. The oak frame carrying the bells, the oldest of which, cast in 1683, is by Miles Gray, was also damaged, so that it was not possible to ring the bells with safety. The Saxon tower has been completely restored, and the bells rehung in a new teak frame, with ball bearings, and buffers attached to the clappers. They have also been retuned, and make a very musical ring in F, with a tenor 11½ cwt. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' and tone of the bells reflect great credit on the firm.

During the service a few rounds were rung, and afterwards an excellent 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung by C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, W. H. Dyson 3, G. Wiffen 4, H. E. Hammond 5, H. J. Collins 6. The ringers were then invited to tea at Wethersfield Manor by Lady Flannery, who expressed her appreciation of the ringers and the bells.

The ringers returned to the tower, and rung 720 Bob Minor: B. Redgwell 1, W. H. Dyson 2, Miss E. Pettitt 3, G. Wiffen 4, H. E. Hammond (conductor) 5, H. J. Collins 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. H. Dyson 1, L. Wiseman 2, G. Wiffen 3, B. Pettitt 4, N. Hawkins 5, C. H. Howard (conductor) 6. Short touches were afterwards brought round, in which W. Gould and J. Bloomfield (local ringers) took part.

The parishioners were delighted to see a lady ringer taking part in the opening, and several lady onlookers expressed a wish to the Vicar to be allowed to join the new band which is being formed, and of which the Rev. J. C. Rossiter, M.A. (the Vicar), is a member.

During the afternoon and evening the Vicar and his wardens watched the ringing with interest. The Vicar thanked the visiting ringers for so kindly volunteering their services, and expressed the appreciation of the parishioners at once again hearing their own church bells peal forth their message from the ancient church tower.

The total cost of the restoration amounts to £1,500, the whole of which has been raised by voluntary effort, except two legacies of £100 each.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Gabriel, on Sunday, March 29th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Lawrence 1, A. Hartland 2, J. Rowlett 3, J. Lawrence 4, A. Short 5, C. Camm (conductor) 6.



**ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES, LINCOLN.****AN APPEAL.**

The bells of St. Peter-at-Arches Church, Lincoln, were founded by Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester, in the year 1728. They were last rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. in the year 1890, at which time Mr. Taylor reported that the frame might be patched up so as to last some years. This was done.

Recently it was found desirable to consult Messrs. Taylor again as to the condition of the bell frame. They now report 'the time

The congregation is not a wealthy one, so we have to appeal to others to help us.

St. Peter-at-Arches bells are well known, and the belfry has for long past been a nursery for change ringers. Many a well-known ringer has had some part of his early training in change ringing at St. Peter's.

We appeal to all friends of the Exercise to help us to get this work going again, and let these fine old bells ring out once more to the greater glory of God.

This appeal has the support of the Bishop of the Diocese.



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has now arrived when nothing further can be done in this direction (i.e., of patching up), and in our opinion it would be an absolute waste of money to do anything in the way of repairing the present timber framework.'

It is proposed to rehang the bells in a cast-iron frame, supported by steel girders, with the best modern appliances.

The Church Council has decided to undertake this work when the necessary funds (about £600) have been raised.

Signed on behalf of the committee,

REGINALD BOND, Rector,

JAMES M. SKERRITT,

HERBERT E. GAMMON,

Churchwardens,

Countersigned,

H. LAW JAMES,

Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.****DERBY DISTRICT.**

The monthly meeting of the Derby District was held at Spondon on Saturday, March 28th, when members were present from Alvaston, Breaston, Derby, Elvaston and West Hallam; also Sir H. Fowler and Mr. G. Thompson, of the local band. The methods practised were Kent, Oxford and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles (Sir Henry taking part in the last named).

Tea and business meeting was held in a nearby cafe (presided over by Mr. G. Freebrey), when it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Ashbourne on May 30th, the April meeting being postponed on account of the annual meeting of the association on Easter Monday.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Thompson for making arrangements, was carried, and this terminated the meeting. The bells were then again requisitioned.

**ACTON.**—On March 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, E. Lankester 2, C. Brown 3, R. H. Boddington 4, R. Holloway (conductor) 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, H. Wincote 7, W. Elliott 8. On March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Easton 1, R. Fardon (conductor) 2, M. England (first inside) 3, C. Brown 4, Miss Hawksworth 5, H. Wincote 6, R. Holloway 7, W. Elliott 8. Also on March 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Fardon (conductor) 1, H. G. Frampton 2, Miss Hawksworth 3, R. G. Owen 4, H. Wincote 5, C. Brown 6, E. W. Coulson 7, Miss M. Chamberlen (first quarter-peal) 8.

**ANCIENT BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Jerram's letter, L'Estrange gives in his 'Norfolk Bells' names of pre-Reformation founders on bells, as follows:—

Bexwell bell: Magister Johannes Riston me fecit 1299.

Ketteringham 4th: Ricus Baxter Brasyer de Norwyco. Fecit me, 1420.

Norwich St. Laurence 3rd: Wilelmys Revel me fecit.

Norwich St. Peter, Permouthergate 3rd: Ricus Baxter. Fecit me, 1420.

Roudham St. Andrew bell: Wilelmys Revel me fecit.

Sail 6th: Edmonds de Lenne me fecit, 1353 or 1417.

Long Stratton 4th: IEGV Enlehon De Toi Sire Ion Styrmin Fit Fere moi. Thomas Made Me, 1327. (Inscription in Norman French).

Babingley bell and Tuddenham bell: Thomas me fecit, 1333 or 1440.

Somerton West bell: Johannes De Lenne me fecit, 1340.

Wendling 3rd: Jhovannes de Gvddinc. Fecit me, 1320.

Trunch 3rd: Thomas delenne me fecit, 1333 or 1440.

Yours truly,

FRED R. BORRETT.

**LOUGHTON, ESSEX.**—On Tuesday, March 24th, for practice, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. A. Waugh (first in the method, age 13) 1, G. Perry 2, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 3, H. W. Hayes 4, G. Carter 5, S. Carter 6, W. Clark 7, J. Rann, jun. 8. Great credit is due to the treble ringer for the way he rang his bell.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 46 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, W. Beard 2, F. C. Russell 3, R. Fenn 4, E. H. King 5, A. C. Hardy 6, E. G. Cottis 7, R. Mutton 8. Composed by J. Carter.

**MOULTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: H. England 1, T. H. Wise 2, W. T. Wilson 3, H. Marlow 4, F. Wilford 5, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 6.

**BATH.**—On Sunday, April 5th, at St. Saviour's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: J. W. Bell 1, J. Taylor 2, Miss Norah G. Williams (conductor) 3, A. Prince 4, J. Hallett 5, T. Grant 6, C. W. Bell 7, H. E. Mills 8.

**HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, April 5th, for morning service, at St. Faith's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: J. D. Harris (conductor) 1, F. W. Rogers 2, T. R. Taylor 3, J. Topp 4, R. Hasted, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, W. Tate 7, M. Marshall 8.

**BATTERSEA.**—At the Church of St. Mary, for men's service, on April 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Clark 1, H. Mance 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, H. W. Mance 4, W. Essery 5, F. A. Finch (thrs. in method) 6, H. H. Mance (first as conductor) 7, L. Bayliss 8.

**EALING.**—At Christ Church, for morning service, on Sunday, April 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer 1, A. Brookland 2, G. Harbour 3, A. Harding 4, C. Edwards 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, J. H. Trollope 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

**FULHAM.**—At St. Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. Sheppard 3, H. G. Owen 4, A. Cutmore 5, \*D. Stevens 6, A. Harding 7, H. A. Folkard 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, \*H. Stevens 10. \* First quarter-peal. Rung on the 21st birthday of D. Stevens.

**MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.**—On Sunday, March 29th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 504 Oxford Treble Bob and 72 Double Court: F. Otter 1, W. A. Day 2, H. M. Day 3, C. T. H. Bradley (of Folkingham) 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

**LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.**—On Sunday, March 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 minutes: W. Messum 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, A. C. Otway 3, D. Wright 4, A. H. Winch (conductor) 5, G. Marriner 6, G. Cook 7, A. Harman 8, A. Dean 9, F. Miles (first quarter-peal) 10.

**WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.**—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Greedy 1, J. Parkman 2, A. E. Barrington (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, W. Baker 4, W. Hartnell 5, J. Hartnell 6, H. Rawle 7, A. Stone 8.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—At Swithin Church, on Sunday morning, March 29th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 minutes: G. Lambert 1, G. Hewett 2, T. Potter 3, W. Mills 4, N. E. Hope 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wrin (conductor) 7, S. Cherron 8.

**GUILDFORD.**—For confirmation service, at Holy Trinity Church, on April 1st, a quarter-peal (1,248 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: W. E. Jelley 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, H. Hutton 4, W. R. Melville 5, G. W. Steere 6, H. Burdock 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Sunday, March 21st, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples was rung for divine service in the evening by G. Kenward 1, E. H. Spice 2, S. Taylor 3, E. Dobbie 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, W. J. Walker 6, W. Spice, senr. (conductor), 7, Larry Hales 8.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Mar. 22nd, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples: T. Coulthurst 1, T. Watson (conductor) 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, G. Jackson 4, A. Brown 5, W. H. Dennison 6, T. Metcalfe 7, J. Burrows 8.—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: T. Watson 1, T. Coulthurst 2, W. S. Forshaw 3, A. Brown 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, T. R. Jackson 8.

**HORNSEY, N.**—On Sunday, March 22nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Blee 1, E. Hibble 2, J. G. Nash 3, A. Howell 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 29th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. Blee 1, J. G. Nash 2, E. Hibble 3, A. Howell 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: H. Flowers 1, F. Fraser 2, J. Hurrell 3, F. Gorrings 4, R. Thompson 5, Cyril Brett Smith 6, R. Brett Smith 7, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C. (first quarter as conductor), 8.

## NOTICES.

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**NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.**—General meeting will be held at Aylsham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of ten bells, and also, by permission of the Rector, the ring of eight bells at Marsham, will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the Black Boys' Hotel, Market Place, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 13th at Leicester. The following towers will be open for ringing from 10.30 a.m.:—St. Margaret's (12), St. Martin's (10), St. John's (8), St. Saviour's (8), and St. Peter's, Belgrave (8). The Committee will meet at 12 o'clock noon. Hot luncheon has been arranged (for ticket holders only) at 12.45 prompt.

The general meeting of members will be held immediately after luncheon, and there will be a service in St. John the Divine's Church at 3.15 p.m. A smoking concert has been arranged for 7.30 p.m. The meetings, luncheon, and concert will all be at the Victoria Hotel, London Road, near L.M.S. Station.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Folkestone, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Service in Parish Church at 12 noon. Address by the Rev. G. A. Lewis (Rector of Cheriton). Collection for the Benevolent Fund. Dinner in Woodword Hall 1 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing: Folkestone (8), Cheriton (8), Hythe (8), Newington (6), Lyminge (8).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—REVISED NOTICE.—The annual meeting will be held at Day's Restaurant, Cornhill, Ipswich, at 2 p.m. on Easter Monday. Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry at 12.15 p.m. Service at St. Mary-le-Tower at 1 p.m. Luncheon 2s. 6d., at 1.30 p.m. Bells available all day at St. Mary-le-Tower, St. Margaret's, St. Clement's.—Herbert Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting of the Central Division will be held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday, April 13th. Tower open 2. Service 4. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th. By kind permission of the respective clergy the fine new peal of ten at the Parish Church will be available from 12 noon onward, and the peal of eight at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, between the hours of 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m., and from 3 p.m. onward. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

**STAINDROP, COUNTY DURHAM** (2 miles from Winston, L.N.E.R. Station).—By the courtesy of the Vicar (Rev. H. S. C. Spurrier, M.A.), the new peal of eight (tenor 15½ cwt.) will be available on Easter Monday, April 13th, to all ringers. A bus will meet the 10.11 and 10.29 trains from the north at Bank Top Station, Darlington, and another will leave the Turk's Head, Bondgate, Darlington, at 10.30 a.m. Fare: 1s. single, 2s. return. The buses will return at any time after 6 p.m. to suit ringers. Cheap fares are usually available to Darlington on Mondays. The 'United' bus leaves Bishop Auckland for Staindrop (Route 18) at 10.35 and 2.35 p.m., and returns at 4.52 p.m.—Mr. H. Shipp, 6, Duke Street, Staindrop, near Darlington.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Blyth on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells ready early morning, Tickhill (8) bells will also be open from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., and Harworth (6) at intervals in morning and afternoon. Visitors welcome, and special parties requiring use of Tickhill and Harworth bells write Hon. Sec. early next week. Meat tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m. at Sheffield House, Blyth.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Workshop.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the General meeting of the Yorkshire Association at Rotherham on Easter Monday, April 13th. The re-cast peal of 10 at the Parish Church will be available from 12 noon onwards, and St. Stephen's, Eastwood, from 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. onwards. Committee meeting in the Parish Hall at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will follow the one held by the Yorkshire Association.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Richmond on Easter Monday, April 13th. Dinner will be provided at Mr. Brewill's Cafe: members 2/6, non-members 3/-. Service will be held in the Church at 4 p.m. Address will be given by Canon Leigh, Rector of Richmond.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at Cambridge, Monday, April 13th. Towers available: Great St. Mary (12), St. Andrew's (8), Church of our Lady (8), Chesterton (6). Service at 12 at Great St. Mary's, with address by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Price. Luncheon and business meeting at the Dorothy Café at 1 p.m.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Annual meeting, April 13th, at Nantwich. Service 11.45. Cold dinner 12.45 a.m. Meeting 2 p.m.—Edwards Elwell, Sec., Capenhurst, Cheshire.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Annual Meeting.—Please note unavoidable alterations. Management committee meeting 12 noon, and general business meeting 2.30 p.m., in Tolsey Hall. Service 6 p.m., in the Abbey. Dinner 2s. Tea 1s. 6d., in the Plough Hotel or Willow Cafe. Only those who have notified me may expect meals. Reports will be given to all who have intimated their intention to be present. Charabanc from Bristol leaves St. Stephen's Church (City) at 7.45 a.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Annual meeting at St. Albans Easter Monday. Towers open for ringing 2 p.m. (six bell towers by arrangement with conductors). Service in the Cathedral 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, M.A. Tea and business meeting 6 p.m. in Abbey Institute. Let me know if you can come—it will help the caterer.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at South Weald on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Raunmore Common on Easter Monday, April 13th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 with meeting after.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.**—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Branscombe, Devon, on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock., Mason's Arms Hotel. Members free. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 13th. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9 a.m., St. Peter's (6) from 12 noon throughout the day. Luncheon will be at the Silver Grill Restaurant (near St. Paul's) at 1 p.m., to be followed by the meeting for the election of officers, etc. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street N., Dunstable.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 16th and 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill (for service) on the 19th, at 6 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A special meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Special business meeting, with smoking concert to follow. A good attendance is requested.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highclere on Saturday, 18th 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 11th April.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Southgate on Saturday, April 18th. Service 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, Rector of Finchley. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.45, 1s. each, to those who advise Mr. W. Pickworth, 2, Balaam's Lane, High Street, N.14, by April 15th. Send in your names to avoid disappointment. Ringing at Southgate (10) from 2.30 to 5 and after the meeting; also at Wood Green (6) from 3 to 4.30.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Will those requiring tea let me know before the 15th? Ringers and friends will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 18th, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. All ringers intending to be present are asked to notify me before Tuesday, 14th April, as no accommodation will be provided for tea after that date.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head to those who notify Mr. William Sharples, Thorpe Green, Brindle, near Chorley, not later than Tuesday, April 14th. A good attendance is requested, as Mr. Wm. Taylor is expected to read a paper at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Tilston on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s.) 4.15. Names for tea not later than the 14th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Alford, Chester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 3. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leake on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting immediately afterwards. Will those who intend being present kindly let me know by Wednesday, the 15th, to facilitate making arrangements for tea? Buses leave Boston Post Office at 2.30 and 4.30, returning at 8 and 10 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, April 18th. Tea in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 14th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Sharnbrook. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Leintwardine on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on April 18th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (6 bells).—R. Darvill, Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.**—North-Eastern Branch.—The meeting will be held at Bickleigh, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each. Cadeleigh tower will also be open. Those requiring tea must send their names to me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 14th.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, April 18th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must advise me by Tuesday, the 14th. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 18th, next. The bells of St. Andrew will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4 p.m. (important business). The Guild's special service will be taken in Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Vicar of Monks Kirby (Rev. R. L. B. Oliver). Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. J. B. Fenton, 9, Penfold Street, New Bilton, Rugby, not later than Wednesday, the 15th inst.?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Llanfagan on Saturday, the 18th April. Tower of St. Margaret's (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., by invitation of Rev. T. Aneurin Davies. Please notify me by Monday, 13th April latest, numbers expected to tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Struet, Brecon.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6), from 2.30 to 3.30 and from 7.30 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 21st. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3. Association service in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A. Tea will be provided in the Johnston Institute for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 22nd (free). Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting to members. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Please notify me by April 20th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 4.45.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th. All Saints' (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea at the Bull Hotel (1s. per head). Will those intending to attend tea notify me not later than April 22nd (Wednesday)? Business meeting follows.—S. H. Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge for those who advise me not later than the 21st inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is at Penistone on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 1/- each to those who apply before the 15th to Mr. G. Hill, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. (This rule re tea is definite.) A hearty welcome is offered by the local company.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

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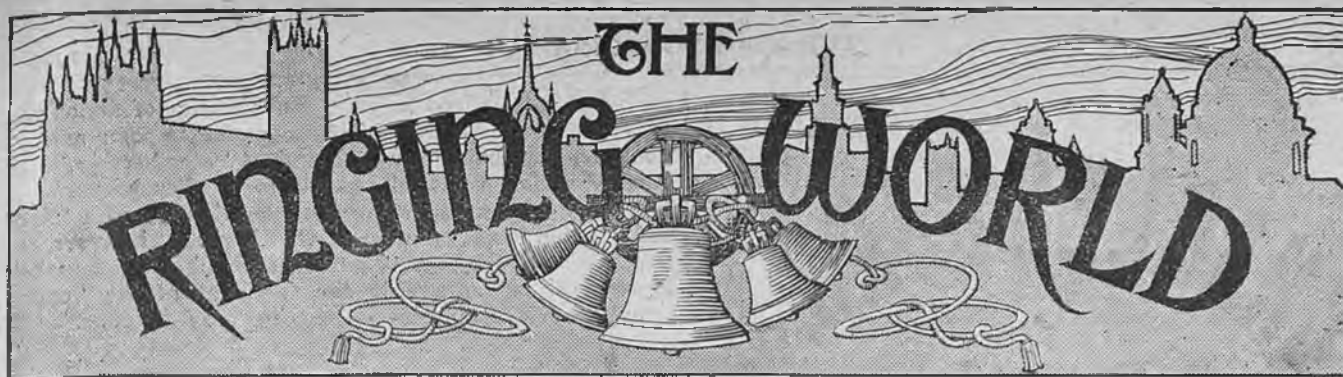
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### PAYING UP.

Although the question forces itself very strongly upon association officials, we doubt whether the average ringer gives more than a passing thought, if that, to the financial affairs of his society. Certain it is that many ringers do not realise the importance of promptly paying their annual contributions. Several associations have recently drawn attention to the arrears of subscriptions due from members, and it ought to be appreciated that association work cannot be efficiently carried on unless members realise their financial responsibilities and discharge them—not, as appears to be the habit of some, a year or more after the due date, but when the time arrives for the liability to be met. The committee of the Chester Guild has had to bring this matter with some emphasis before its members in its annual report, and not for the first time, but its experience is by no means uncommon. A balance sheet of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Guild indicates that there is the same kind of failing in this area, and other societies find themselves similarly placed.

What is the remedy? Probably none, except to appeal to the instincts of fair play among those who seem to make an unfortunate habit of getting into arrears. The Secretary of the Hertford County Association, which is another society where dilatory contributors make the official work difficult, suggests that the members' contributions should be deducted when the belfry funds are distributed. This would be quite a good arrangement in towers where there is anything due to ringers in the nature of a share out; indeed it should be a first charge upon the funds; but in many cases there is no such distribution. Leaving the collection of the subscriptions to the local secretaries is not always an effective method, although the man on the spot ought to be able to do better than the secretary who lives at a distance.

The Chester Guild, we notice, has taken the step of indicating in the report those who have not paid their subscriptions for the past year, and this means of drawing attention to the 'oversight' ought not to be without effect. We think, however, that associations might deal a little more firmly with those in arrears. Their finances could not suffer—because they are already without the contributions—but it might save expense if the peals in which these ringers take part were excluded from the reports, for it is the printing of the peal records which runs up the cost. Then, too, if ringers realised they were to be excluded from the 'benefits' which are extended to paid-up members, it might also be an inducement.

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ment not to get into arrears. But this line of action possibly might not be altogether acceptable to some associations, as it would affect the nominal 'membership,' and, maybe, reduce the peal records to smaller proportions; but, after all, statistics are not everything, and a 'live' roll is a far more valuable asset. Perhaps, however, the importance of the prompt payment of subscriptions might figure with advantage in the forefront of the 'educational' work of our various ringing organisations.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble | *WILLIAM WEST... .. 6         |
| JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 2    | *WILLIAM KEEVILL ... .. 7     |
| *RONALD BECK ... .. 3      | *REGINALD BECK... .. 8        |
| JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 4     | †THOMAS M. GRIFFIN... .. 9    |
| CHARLES ANDREWS ... .. 5   | *WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters away from the tenor. Wm. Keevill was elected a member before starting.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours & Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| KEITH HART... .. Treble   | ARTHUR T. VERRELLS ... .. 6 |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 2  | ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7     |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3 | JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 8      |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 4 | WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 9    |
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5   | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5029 CHANGES;**

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. Treble | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 2    | *ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 7   |
| JOHN WILKINSON... .. 3       | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 8      |
| SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 4   | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 9    |
| CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 5    | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.

THE PLYMOUTH GUILD  
(St. Andrew's Society.)

On Wednesday, March 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STONEHOUSE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *SIDNEY O'SHAUGHNESSY ... Treble | *ALF. WILLIAM MYERS ... .. 5   |
| JOHN GLEYAS ... .. 2             | THOMAS G. MYERS ... .. 6       |
| ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... .. 3      | G. HARRY MYERS ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM HAMLYN ... .. 4          | GEORGE PARR, SEN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

\* First peal.



BACUP, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(ROSSENALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEO. BROWN ... .. Treble | *WILLIE HOLT ... .. 5    |
| T. COLLINGE ... .. 2     | *FRED KENDALL ... .. 6   |
| JOHN HILL ... .. 3       | S. PICKUP ... .. 7       |
| T. ROLLERSON ... .. 4    | J. H. BANKS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 6th and 7th belong to St. Saviour's, Bacup; 2nd and 4th Rawtenstall; tenor Helmshore; and 5th to the local band.

PENKERTIDGE, STAFFS.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JOHN WALFORD ... .. Treble | FRED BIRKS ... .. 5           |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2     | JOHN J. TAYLOR ... .. 6       |
| JOHN PERRY ... .. 3         | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 7 |
| EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 4 | EDMUND WESTWOOD ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by EDWARD V. RODENHURST.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFS.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *BERT H. POUNTNEY ... .. Treble | RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... .. 5 |
| PERCY BILL ... .. 2             | GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 6     |
| ARTHUR H. TAYLOR ... .. 3       | RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 7   |
| JOHN W. PERRY ... .. 4          | SYDNEY ELTON ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by RICHARD C. INGRAM.

The above ringers are all under 21 years of age, and the peal was rung with no previous practice together. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Fallon, the local Ringing Master. \* First peal in the method.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 11, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. Treble | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5      |
| ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 2        | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6        |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3          | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7       |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 4      | GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

This exceedingly musical production is now rung for the first time.

CHATHAM, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, April 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PISTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 5         |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2      | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 6 |
| *FRANK BELSEY ... .. 3         | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7    |
| CHARLES WINNER ... .. 4        | *HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* 50th peal. † 75th peal. C.S.M. J. Bennett provided the usual 'sumptuous repast' in the mess, R.M. Barracks, after the peal.

ROMSEY, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFREDA,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *VICTOR SMEATHAM ... .. Treble | WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2      | D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 3       | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 7 |
| FREDERICK PASKINS ... .. 4     | OWEN H. GILES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by D. C. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

**THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HARRY FRANKS ... .. Treble | ROBERT W. GREEN ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM J. NORTON ... .. 2 | ALFRED C. DARNELL ... .. 6     |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 3 | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7    |
| CHARLES G. CHOET ... .. 4  | JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

MELLS, SOMERSET.

**THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 26 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *WILLIAM KEEVILL ... .. Treble | THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. 5  |
| JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2         | WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 6   |
| RONALD BECK ... .. 3           | CHARLES ANDREWS ... .. 7    |
| *REGINALD BECK ... .. 4        | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by C. ANDREWS.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major inside.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

**THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                            |                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| WALTER SMITH ... .. Treble | FREDERICK G. COLLUM, JUN. ... .. 5 |
| GEORGE DURLING ... .. 2    | ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 6        |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3      | PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 7            |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4    | ISAAC EMERY ... .. Tenor           |

Composed by I. G. SHADE.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

**THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES T. WARD ... .. Treble | DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. 5        |
| WALTER PERKINS ... .. 2     | JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 6          |
| ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. 3     | *JAMES B. HUDSON ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4     | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method.

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WEEK

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

CHURCHILL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.  
At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist.**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Called ten different ways.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *E. SHALLISH ... .. Treble | G. GILLING... .. 4        |
| *E. AVERY ... .. 2         | W. WEBB ... .. 5          |
| *H. GILLING... .. 3        | *T. BROWNING ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. SHALLISH.

\* First peal.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

In the Memorial Tower of SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor covering.

|                           |                     |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| B. GRIMWOOD ... .. Treble | B. CHESTER ... .. 4 |
| B. ROPER ... .. 2         | J. PAUL ... .. 5    |
| W. G. PAUL ... .. 3       | J. BROWN ... .. 6   |
| C. TURNER ... .. Tenor    |                     |

Conducted by J. PAUL.

B. Chester was proposed a member of the Guild before starting the peal.

THURLEIGH, BEDS.  
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 4, 1925, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *CHARLES LOVELL ... .. Treble | HARRY SMITH ... .. 4     |
| *THOMAS ASQUE ... .. 2        | †ERNEST ASQUE ... .. 5   |
| *WILLIAM DARLOW ... .. 3      | JOHN BARKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST ASQUE.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 4 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

|  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| *ERNEST DEAKEN ... .. Treble               | FRED WM. KNOWLES, JUN. 4   |
| ERNEST MALLENDER... .. 2                   | WILLIAM SWAIN ... .. 5     |
| †FRANK SWAIN AND CHARLES THOMPSON ... .. 3 | *GEORGE FROST ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WM. SWAIN.

\* First peal. † Each ringer rang a half peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of A. Wheeler, one of the local ringers.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, 22 different callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED HUGHES... .. Treble | WILLIAM EVANS... .. 4       |
| JAMES P. HYETT... .. 2     | DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM BEAVER ... .. 3    | ALBERT E. JONES... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung on and in honour of Easter Day.

**PENNIES AS PACKING.**

HOW COLERNE BELLS WERE MADE PEALABLE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In the history of Colerne Church and its bells, in last week's 'Ringing World,' mention is made of packing the 5th gudgeon with pennies. On Sunday, June 10th, 1888, I was one of the band with the late Mr. J. W. Hinton, who rang the first peal on Colerne bells—a peal of Grandsire Triples in 3 hours 6 minutes. Mr. Hinton and myself went up and put five pennies down at the end of the gudgeon to keep it from knocking on the frame. Some months after we went again for another peal, and thought we should have to do some more packing, but instead of finding pennies at the gudgeon end we found them gone, and a piece of iron plate inserted. We did not score on that trip. The first packing thus took place 37 years ago next June. I was living in Bath from 1886 to 1890.—Yours, etc.,  
J. HOLMAN.

**TWO KINDS OF PEAL RINGERS.**

NORWICH RECTOR'S VIEWS.

Recently we commented on an article which appeared in the public Press from Canon Meyrick, Rector of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, with regard to the bells. It is, therefore, a pleasure, especially in view of the reopening of the famous ring of bells at Mancroft Church on Sunday, to quote the following from the 'St. Peter Mancroft Parish Magazine' for April: 'The Church,' Canon Meyrick says, 'is immensely indebted to her faithful sons and daughters, who, while happy to ring peals, primarily love the belfry for the service they are able to offer to God and His people on Sundays. Church ringers, like other church workers, must be clear about their motives. The choirman does not join a church choir because he wishes to sing in a concert. From time to time he and his comrades delight us with a concert, but the main motive is to lead God's worship in the church. So with the ringer—if his one aim is to ring innumerable peals of London Surprise, Cambridge Maximus, Superlative Surprise, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus, Double Norwich Court Bob Roynl, and the rest, he will be of little use to his church. He will be merely getting his chief amusement in life very cheaply. But should he join the Ringers' Guild, in the same spirit that a singer joins the choir or a Sunday School teacher joins the teachers' association, then he (or she) can be of untold value to his church and to the life of ringing. Because I am very anxious to see the art of bell ringing, which has been well nigh killed in Norwich, revive, I would see bell ringing treated as a definite piece of Church work. I want to see all ringers take an honoured place among the voluntary workers of the parishes, whose beautiful belfries are now silent. There are peal ringers who have made ringing live. There are other peal ringers who have strangled the great art; men who cold-shoulder young aspirants while they are as yet useless for peal ringing; men who care nothing for their church and who have no desire to worship with those whom they have summoned; men who use some of our belfries simply to gratify a lust for peal ringing. We at St. Peter Mancroft are very fortunate. We have as our master Mr. G. Burton, as his assistant Mr. C. Borrett, as our secretary, Mr. J. F. Duffield, and as our treasurer Mr. D. O. Holme—all enthusiastic ringers, but who are Churchmen first and ringers afterwards. We have women, too, faithful communicants and fine ringers. We have a very good friend, Mr. Mayers, who is at present engaged in teaching recruits the rudiments of change ringing on handbells. Our verger, Mr. Potter, is ever ready to teach recruits to handle a bell. We have a band of voluntary ringers very worthy of our beautiful rehung bells, and we have the right officers. We look to them to maintain our high standard.'

**HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.**

BATLEY WIN THE COMPETITION.

The Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and six-bell contest at Ripponden Church on Saturday, April 4th. It had previously been decided to ring 720 changes any method; but, owing to the large entry, it was resolved at the committee meeting to curtail it. The committee decided that 360 changes be rung, any method, with the usual allowance of three leads or one plain course for practice. The draw for order of ringing took place as follows:—No. 1, Stainland (Kent Treble Bob); 2, Shelley (Violet); 3, Liversedge (Bob Minor); 4, Batley (Oxford); 5, Halifax Parish (Kent Treble Bob); 6, Huddersfield (Oxford); 7, Meltham (Oxford); 8, Holmfirth (Oxford); 9, Lindley (Kent Treble Bob); 10, Lightcliffe (Kent Treble Bob).

A tea was provided in the schoolroom, which close on 100 enjoyed. Ringing ceased about eight o'clock, and the meeting was then held. Mr. J. Hardcastle (president) occupying the chair. The Chairman proposed hearty thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, also all the Ripponden friends who had helped to make the contest such a great success. The Vicar replied, saying that they would be glad to welcome the association at some future date. The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), and Mr. F. Schofield (Lindley), then gave their decision as follows:—No. 1, 175 faults; 2, 10 penalty, 181 faults—total 191 faults; 3, 127 faults; 4, 74 faults; 5, rung out; 6, 90 faults; 7, rung out; 8, 135 faults; 9, 20 penalty, 103 faults—total 123 faults; 10, rung out.

No. 4 Company, Batley, were then presented with the cup by the Vicar. Mr. Gibson, on receiving the cup, said it was a pleasing feature to see so many young ringers, and he hoped they would stick together, for that, in his opinion, was the only way to get good striking.—A vote of thanks to the judges closed a successful contest.

**BELL-ROPE TRAGEDY.**

A tragedy occurred in the Parish Church, Gaywood, near King's Lynn, last week. Mr. Alfred Littleproud, aged 63, who, in consequence of ill-health had been unable to follow his employment, was found by the sexton hanging by the treble bell rope from the ladder leading to the belfry. 'Suicide whilst temporarily insane' was the verdict at the inquest.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE.

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The morning was fine, but about noon rain fell, and there were heavy storms during the afternoon, which marred the pleasure of the members.

The usual service was held in Great St. Mary's Church at noon, when Bishop Price, the Archdeacon of Ely, who takes great interest in the association, gave a stirring address, based on 1 Cor. xv., 58.

Luncheon followed at the Dorothy Cafe, when 40 members and friends, and some visitors from London, sat down. Bishop Price was in the chair, supported by the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey and H. B. Woolley.

The business meeting was held at the close, when the auditor made a statement as to the accounts, which showed a balance in hand.

The officers were reappointed: Hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. R. Copeman; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis; district secretaries, Mr. H. W. Giddings (March) for Wisbech Archdeaconry; the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Long Stanton) for Hunts; Mr. A. E. Austin (Great Shelford) for Ely Archdeaconry; and Mr. W. G. Cross (King's Lynn) for Marshland.

The Secretary reported that 29 peals had been rung during 1924 in various methods, all but one on tower bells.

The Rev. H. B. Woolley gave notice of a district meeting at St. Neots on May 2nd.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for his address; to the Vicar of Great St. Mary's for allowing the service to be held there; and to the incumbents who had granted the use of their bells.—This was carried with acclamation, and the members dispersed, and the bells of Great St. Mary's were most in favour. The showers and breaking ropes proving a hindrance to ringing at more distant towers.

## RESTORATION OF CHARLWOOD BELLS.

The bells of Charlwood, Surrey, have just been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The treble, second and fourth have been recast, the other three tuned, and the frame strengthened. The bells now hang on the latest type of bearings, and the 'go' is excellent. The work has cost £375, towards which £230 has been subscribed.

The dedication took place on Saturday, April 4th, and was performed by the Bishop of Woolwich, who gave an address on the subject of 'Worship and Work,' to which, he urged, the ringing of church bells was a clear and pressing call.

The hymns sung during the service were 'All people that on earth do dwell' and selected verses from 'When morning gilds the sky,' the one hundredth Psalm being also included.

At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by a representative company of ringers from the village and surrounding district, and before leaving the Bishop ascended the belfry and pronounced the Blessing.

Ringers were present from Capel, Crawley, Horley, Newdigate, Reigate, and the local band, and the touches included Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Canterbury Pleasure, Woodbine, College Exercise and Stedman Doubles.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Leicester branch was held on Saturday, April 4th, at Beilgrave. The bells were set going from three o'clock to touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London (?), the last named of the 'syncopated' style of jazz ringing, owing, as the secretary blandly put it, to some not knowing the method, and those who did, not trying.

Tea was served in the Church Rooms, and later a well-attended meeting took place in the Talbot. It was good to see some of the 'old boys' turn up to encourage the youngsters, and to have them joining in handbell touches of Stedman Cinques and Caters, Kent Royal, and last, but not least, 'Scolding Witch,' the latter drawing the remark from a non-ringer, 'that out to sound good.'

Business consisted chiefly in airing the members' views on the proposed new rules, and altogether this meeting can be put down as a further success for the new local secretary, although one would like to see a bit more enthusiasm from some of the famous 1920-3 'first eleven,' otherwise Leicester will be losing her position. (See Association 1924 Report just out.)

E. M.

STAMFORD HILL, N.—On March 18th, at St. Ann's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. C. Ringrose 1, Miss M. E. Ringrose (first quarter-peal inside) 2, A. Howell 3, F. E. Ringrose 4, J. G. Nash 5, A. Putland (conductor) 6.

DUBLIN.—On Wednesday, March 18th, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: G. R. Heatley (Bray) 1, G. G. Lindoff 2, G. Lindoff (conductor) 3-4, W. E. Lynch 5, J. B. Lough (Bray) 6. 1st 720 by 1st, 2nd and 6th.

## OLD LEAKE BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of St. Mary's Church, Old Leake, which have been rehung with entirely new fittings in the old frame, which has been strengthened, were dedicated on Palm Sunday. The dedicatory prayers were said by the Rev. W. S. Brindley, and the sermon was preached by the Vice-Principal of Burgh College.

During the day, touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles were rung, those taking part being J. W. Lakin, senr., J. W. Lakin, junr., P. Lakin, H. Lakin, Miss Elsie Lakin, W. Small, G. W. Houghton, G. Baker, F. M. S. Hodgson. The 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired, and the greatest praise is due to Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, for the way he has carried out the work.

## TERMINOLOGY.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—May I thank Mr. George Baker for his kind words, and say I am glad I am no longer in his black books; and I hope he will now destroy them.

As to whether 'shift' or 'move' be used instead of 'shunt' does not seem to greatly matter. A 'shift-course' seems to be so near the meaning required, that the use of the word in both connotations would hardly cause confusion. It is for those who write these words to choose them. We who only read them, have merely a veto.

I am heartily in agreement with the revision of the Glossary, which 'Criticus' advocates so tellingly. Will any other member of the Council who would support this, please write to me or to you?

April 13th, 1925.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## STEDMAN TRIPLES DATE TOUCH.

### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. Jacques for his remarks re the above, and, in reply, beg to state that my date touch is perfectly authentic, and comes into rounds at the correct number of changes, it having been carefully checked before it was sent to you for publication. In the last course the bob at 9 is made by the seventh; another bob being made in the six immediately following (which I called 12). I have evidently misled Mr. Jacques by putting the last call as S 14, whereas it should have been put as S 2. The seventh makes sixth's place at this single, which produces the further course-end 1342657, rounds occurring at the third row in the next six. I added a footnote explaining this to the copy which I sent you, but presumably you were unable to insert same, otherwise the query might have been averted. With reference to the alterations which Mr. Jacques suggests, the single at 3 produces a repetition with the second course, and the bob at 14 brings rounds at 1957, not 1955. In conclusion, I would like to mention that when we rang the date touch here on March 24th we discovered that it contains 'Queens' and 'Tittums' in the 20th and 21st courses respectively.—Yours faithfully,

THOMAS BUTLER.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Wath-on-Dearne, on Tuesday, April 7th, a date touch (1,925 changes) of Treble Bob Minor, in 1 hour and 8 minutes, in the following methods: 485 Woodcock's Delight, 720 Snowdrop, 720 Nelson's Delight by G. Lord 1, H. Chamberlain 2, J. Champion 3, R. Ricketts 4, A. Gill 5, Chas. Walsh (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Harry Maughan, an old member of the local band, who was interred at Wath the same day.

At St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, London, on Sunday, April 5th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 minutes: E. Brett 1, C. Chooet 2, C. F. Winney 3, H. Franks 4, R. Green 5, R. F. Deal 6, James Bullock (conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Russell, mother of Mr. E. C. Russell, secretary of the St. Andrew's Guild.

At Witham, Essex, on Thursday, April 2nd, at St. Nicholas' Church, with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Butler, widow of the late Mr. J. Butler, for many years a ringer at this church, and mother of Mr. W. Butler, one of the present band. 720 Double Court and 720 Oxford Treble Bob by the following: W. S. Butler 1, A. Chalk 2, V. Glass 3, W. Mellin 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.

## COALBROOKDALE BELLS.

The fund for the restoration and augmentation of Coalbrookdale bells has now reached £300. A further £300 is required to complete the scheme of adding two new trebles to make a peal of ten. Will all friends, who would like to subscribe, kindly send to the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, R.D., The Vicarage, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, or Mr. William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire?

# HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FESTIVAL AT ST. ALBANS.

The annual festival of the Hertford County Association took place at St. Albans on Monday. Members assembled from a large number of towers, and during the day touches in various methods were rung at the Abbey and St. Peter's Church.

A special service was held at the Abbey in the afternoon, when a short address was given by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, of Thundridge. In his address, he remarked that the less ringers were paid the better was their work. The man who rang only for what he could get was never so good a ringer as the man who rang because his heart was in the work. Ringing was the most perfect team work of any recreation in the world.

Following the service, tea and the annual meeting were held at the Abbey Institute, the retiring president (Mr. H. E. C. Goodenough) presiding. About 60 members were present.

Canon Mayhew, of St. Albans, speaking at the meeting, said the clergy and bell ringers were fellow workers; the bell ringers summoned the people to church for the clergy to lead them in worship. In a very special way the clergy should be grateful to ringers. Bell ringing was thoroughly Christian, and one of the good things we owed to Christianity. To listen to the bells was a most delightful thing. He considered that if bell ringing died out in England it would be an irretrievable loss, and he appealed to young men to take up bell ringing.

## OFFICIALS' LONG SERVICE.

In his annual report the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) said: This is our fortieth report, and we are, to borrow the phrase of a well-known advertisement—'still going strong.' The first report was issued in 1885, the secretary and treasurer being the Rev. Canon Wigram. The association then consisted of seven bands, three of which belonged to St. Albans, and we still have with us several original members whose ringing activities are still keen. It is somewhat unique that the association has only had two treasurers and three secretaries. Mr. E. P. Debenham has been treasurer for 37 years, and I trust he will be spared many years to fulfil those duties. Mr. W. H. Lawrence has been district secretary for the Eastern Division for 24 years. He has given us his best in painstaking service, and we appreciate his services more than words can express. For the Western Division Mr. Eden gave us his services for 19 years (including war service), only resigning last year, and one regrets to hear that he has left us for the adjoining county of Essex. We shall always gratefully remember his efforts.

For 21 years your choice has fallen upon me as your secretary. An epitome of 40 years' history would be interesting, but that will be more appropriate for our jubilee, so I refrain from comment. As an association we have never looked back, the officers ever keeping to the forefront the true position of a ringer as a church worker. In our aspirations we have not been disappointed. Many changes have occurred in our membership, but it has been a unique experience of what happy fellowship really is when expressed in terms of Christian action, and that is the atmosphere I am assured you wish to continue. A true fellowship begun and enjoyed down here, and continued afterwards in unbroken communion with Him whose Resurrection we commemorated yesterday by the ringing of the church bells.

But what of the past year's efforts? The peals numbered 24, viz.: Cambridge Surprise Royal 1, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Bristol Surprise Major 1, Bob Royal 1, Double Norwich Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 3, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 2, Bob Triples 1, Treble Bob Minor 1, Minor 7.

There have been 16 conductors for the 24 peals, and 16 members have rung their first peal. Quite a new departure was the ringing of a Freemason's peal at Bushey by our members, conducted by the Worshipful Master, W. H. L. Buckingham. It was the first peal rung by a band of Freemasons in the province or county of Herts. It is mooted that a Freemasons Lodge for England, comprised of bell-ringers, is to be formed.

The removal of Dean Blenkin, by death, from our midst, is an irreparable loss. Coming to us in 1915, he has never missed an annual meeting, like his predecessor, Dean Lawrence. His presence was an inspiration to us all, his godly counsel, reverently blended with quaint inimitable humour, always sent us away happier and better. We all loved the Dean, and the Dean loved the ringers, and it needed no element of persuasion from your secretary to induce him to be present. He very often came to us tired in his work, but never tired of it. A motto for ringers. He loved also the bells, and the Cathedral Society, when attempting a peal, always knew that they had one intent and appreciative listener, for when success came their way he would, candle in hand, find his way into the belfry to congratulate the members upon their success. His first sermon to us was preached from the words, 'That I might finish my course with joy.' God heard and answered that prayer, for his life was a joyous life, and we shall ever remember it with deep thankfulness. He has rung his course, his bell is set, and he now rejoices in the presence of the Master whom, having not seen, he loved. May God give us

all grace so to run 'that we also may obtain.'

The committee met at St. Albans on February 21st, and discussed the general welfare of the association. The financial position came up for discussion, and it was felt that during the year the committee should give special attention to this matter. The Washbrook appeal was also considered, and the committee recommended that the sum of one guinea be subscribed.

I commend to your hearty support our weekly paper, 'The Ringing World.' The editor deserves all the support we can give him, for he provides us with a capital paper, full of interesting reading. His weekly article covers a wide field, and does much to advance not only the cause of changering, but the education of ringers themselves in matters pertaining to their craft.

## WORK IN THE DISTRICTS.

In the districts Mr. T. R. Bacon has been very busy, having arranged seven meetings during the year, viz., at Knebworth, Great Wymondley, Hitchin, Royston, Baldock, Stevenage and King's Walden, with good results. One gratifying feature is that in every case he had been able to get a service in the churches. Five new ringing members and three honorary members were another result. King's Walden was also visited for the first time, the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Proctor, giving the members a very hearty welcome, and, with his consent, is being nominated for election as an honorary member to-day. The Royston band have lost through ill-health one of its best workers in the person of Mr. W. L. Darlow, who has been advised to migrate to South Africa, where we sincerely hope the change of climate will benefit his health. Although peal ringing has not been very successful in the district, Sunday service ringing has been well maintained, and several quarter-peals brought round. We congratulate Mr. J. J. Cawdell, of Baldock, on ringing his first peal of Stedman Triples at his Parish Church, after much patient perseverance. Several young members of his band have also rung their first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. Barley and Great Wymondley still maintain their reputation for six-bell ringing, and each year conquer fresh methods. The Hitchin band has made wonderful progress, and are now tackling Bristol perseveringly. I understand that illness near the church has hampered their success in peal ringing, but their service ringing has been well maintained. Congratulations also to Mr. J. R. Foster, now somewhat of a veteran, upon being elected as captain of the Hitchin band.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence has arranged in his district seven meetings, at three of which an address was given. He reports progress in many bands. Braughing have scored their first peal, Bob Triples, with seven firsts, all local men. The Widdford band, whom we welcomed into affiliation last year, have also rung their first peal, the first upon the bells by a local band. Little Munden, a band capable of ringing 15 methods, have got back to their previous status, having scored a peal, the first for five years. Sawbridgeworth, once a stronghold of change ringing, has grown weak, but I trust that the advent of the Rev. A. and Mrs. Rust may cause a revival. Our secretary hopes to arrange a meeting at an early date.

Mr. W. Ayre, for the Western District, has arranged meetings at Northchurch, Apsley, Tring, King's Langley, Hemel Hempstead and Great Gaddesden. All meetings have been fairly well attended, and good work has been done. I am glad to notice a meeting has been held at Great Gaddesden. Also that the 7th and tenor have been rebung at Berkhamsted; but why the cracked sixth should have been left untouched I cannot understand.

Mr. C. H. Horton, our new Watford secretary, has arranged nine meetings, the aggregate attendance being 158. One result has been the election of eight members, and interest aroused in the district. Various touches that are reported from time to time in 'The Ringing World' shows that the Watford and Rickmansworth towers are keeping well to the fore. The Stanmore company have made good progress, and it was most unfortunate that the peal arranged for their captain's 50th birthday should have failed within 35 changes from home, owing, I understand, to the ringing of an alarm bell. I trust Mr. Edwards will soon have the pleasure of piloting the band through their first peal.

Mr. W. Nash, for the St. Albans Division, has provided meetings at North Myms, Flamstead and Redbourn, Harpenden, St. Albans and Watford, with an average attendance of 15. Although the attendances have not been great, chiefly owing in some instances to the towers being off railway routes, useful work has been done. The Kimpton band has made excellent progress under the tuition of Mr. Gillings, and have rung their first 720 of Bob Minor, probably the first ever rung upon the bells by a local band. Now they are tackling Oxford Bob and Stedman Doubles. I am sure Mr. Nash will endeavour to arrange a meeting at Kimpton this summer, and thus encourage the band to further achievements. The Luton band still keep up their reputation, and before the year is over I fully expect to hear they have rung their first of Bristol. St. Albans is normal, one gratifying feature, however, being the regular Sunday service ringing. It is no uncommon thing to hear the four peals ringing for



service at the same time, interspersed with the tang-tang from other churches.

#### RELATED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

I must again refer to the delay which exists with some bands in the payment of their subscriptions, and would ask members to assist their officers by paying more promptly. Some pay at the eleventh hour, others promise, with the best intentions, but generally manage to send just too late for the current year's account. The consequence is the treasurer is unable to draw out a balance sheet to represent the actual finances of the year: besides, the secretarial work is considerably hampered. I would suggest that each year, when the belfry fund is distributed, members should agree to the deduction of their subscription. It would be a great help if this plan was adopted.

I would ask the district secretaries to accept not only the thanks of the members, but my personal appreciation of all that they have done during the past year. The arrangement of meetings in their respective districts entails time and patience, and they deserve all the success that has come their way. May these meetings ever conduce to brotherly fellowship and the advancement of our ringing ideals.

One sometimes hears, even in our association of friction amongst ringers, and one optimistic secretary generally informs me that matters will come all right in due course. But they very often don't until much harm has been done in the weakening of the band and the loss to the ringing Exercise of good ringers. There may be faults on both sides, but even if it is not the case, I do appeal to members to come together at the earliest opportunity and discuss in a brotherly way their difficulties, instead of absenting themselves from ringing, with the consequence that the local band and the association lose prestige. The vocation of a ringer is that of a church worker, and as such he should recognise that his work is for the glory of God, and that each Sabbath day he praises God with the loud symbols by the ringing of the bells. If we look at our work as service for Him we shall brush aside things that may not be pleasant, and willingly endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. Let us always put into our ringing the virtues of practical Christianity, and the result may never be feared.

I must now bring my report to a close, once again appealing to you to loyally support your clergy by the ringing of the bells regularly for the services of the church, and endeavouring at the same time to make yourselves proficient in your art. It behoves us also to make as much as possible of our annual meeting by making it a common rallying ground for securing the personal touch with

your officers, and also for utilising it as a thanksgiving day for God's mercies during the year that has passed. Our meeting is held at the time of the Church's greatest festival, the keynote of which is victory. The same message is expressed in our fields and woodlands. Let us lay hold of the inspiration that Easter affords, and go back to our towers with the determination that we will preserve at all costs the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

It was agreed to contribute the £1 ls. to the James W. Washbrook Memorial at Oxford.

The statement of accounts, which was adopted, showed a balance in hand of £8 ls. 3d., as compared with £9 17s. 11d. at the beginning of the year.

Mr. F. R. Bacon, of Hitchin, was unanimously elected president; Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary; and the other officers were re-elected.

Other elections were: Hon. members, the Rev. F. H. Proctor (Vicar of King's Walden), the Rev. H. Edwards (Vicar of Watford), Messrs. L. Hambling (South Mimms), and H. J. Shadbolt (North Myms). Ringing members: Messrs. W. T. Lucas, C. Jeffs, A. Eaton, A. B. Halsey and L. A. Turner, all of St. Albans; A. J. Smith (Luton), G. A. Hughes, junr., A. Hughes, H. Maxton, G. Cheshire, H. Schofield and J. Spencer, all of Stanmore; T. Cannon, J. Chalkley and J. Aldridge, all of Bennington; F. Hopper (Northampton) and W. Rogers (Northampton).

#### EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT BRAUGHING.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Braughing, and a very helpful and enjoyable time was spent. The bells, a very musical ring (tenor 19 cwt.) were open for ringing, and twenty-five members attended from Ware, Royston, Barkway, Sawston, Cambs; Great and Little Munden, besides the members of the Braughing band, who are making good progress, and show great promise of equalling their predecessors of the 18th century. A short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. J. Baker), who delivered an appropriate address upon workers. He extended a warm and brotherly welcome to all those present, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to have the privilege of addressing what was the first ringers' service in Braughing Church. He had great sympathy with ringers, having in his earlier life been a ringer.

Miss Baker presided at the organ, and the 150th Psalm and two hymns, 'We love the place,' and 'O God, our help,' were sung.

Tea and business were held afterwards, Mr. S. Roberts presiding. Ringing was kept up till 9 o'clock, and all expressed pleasure both at the service, and ringing.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The equipment of a belfry is not complete without a clock. Messrs. C. and F. Cope and Co., church and turret clockmakers, Radford, Nottingham, have on the market a handsome timepiece very suitable for the ringing room, and ringers should see to it that their belfries are supplied with one of these reliable clocks.

An announcement in our notice columns that will be read with interest is that the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, are to be reopened on Sunday. Their restoration has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

A photograph of Mr. J. E. Sykes, enjoying himself in a jinrickshaw in Hong Kong, has reached us. He looks happy, and hoped to reach his destination at Port Arthur on March 19th.

Referring to a view of Hong Kong Cathedral, he says a peal here would only be possible by heroes, or men used to ringing in a baker's oven. But we warrant Joe would make one for the job if there were half a chance.

Charlwood, Surrey, where the bells have recently been restored, was, years ago, a centre of six-bell ringing, in which the Jordan family played a conspicuous part. A quarter of a century, or more, ago, their name was well known in peal records.

'Williams' desirous of ringing a peal with their namesakes, should communicate with Mr. William H. Lambert, of Manor House, Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent.

Fourteen years ago to-day the record length of Maximus was achieved. At Ashton-under-Lyne, 12,240 Kent Treble Twelve was rung in 8 hrs. 39 mins., composed and conducted by that master, Samuel Woods.

On April 18th, 1737, a peal of 12,006 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick in 7 hrs. 55 mins.

The Cumberland Youths set up a record for the Double Norwich method on April 18th, 1894, when 13,440 was rung at Romford, Essex, in 8 hrs. 16 mins., a previous attempt at Brentwood on March 26th having been lost after ringing 13,072, through a rope breaking.

The anniversary of two record peals occurs to-morrow. On April 22nd, 1889, 15,227 Grandsire Caters was rung at Cheltenham, and, in 1922, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton, still the longest peal on record by one set of men.

Thirty years ago on Wednesday the first 'family' handbell peal was rung, seven 720's of Minor being rung 'in hand' at Olley, Suffolk, by Miss Constance Meadows (aged 14), and her two brothers Frederick E. W. and Sidney M. W. Meadows, aged 15 and 16 respectively, Frederick being the conductor.

On April 23rd, 1778, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts, in 6 hrs. 34 mins., and on St. George's Day, 1828, 8,000 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Redenhall in 5 hrs. 9 mins.

## NOISY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Most people will, I am sure, advise Mr. Upton to keep galvanised iron, or indeed metal sheets of any kind, as far away as possible from the belfry. They would certainly make noisy bells much worse, rather than better. Nothing less than 2-inch wood is of any use, and then only for small bells and windows. For large bells and large windows I have found a wall, a single brick thick, built against the inner side of the louvres, has an excellent result.

But whatever is done, care must be taken that all openings are covered evenly up to a foot or so above the highest point any bell reaches in its swing, and that all the openings are covered up to the same height. What makes the sound of bells trying is when some bells sound louder than others, being nearer the openings, and so spoil the proper blending of the music.

April 13th, 1925.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Dear Sir, — Replying to Mr. Upton's inquiry and his proposed remedy, he will find that iron sheeting, though cheap, will not help him very much. The material also in such positions soon rusts away. It is a pity he is restricted as to cost, but in that case probably the cheapest sound deadener would be a double thickness of sized and oiled canvas, say, 1-inch apart, stretched across the openings. I would, however, suggest filling them up to the arch-spring, with 3-inch matchboarding lined inside with one or two thicknesses of felt.

I take the opportunity of calling attention to the useful article on this subject in the Council's booklet, 'Care and Preservation of Bells, etc.' This and the 'Glossary' are worth very much more than the few pence charged for them, and should be on every ringer's bookshelf. Mr. Upton will there find slag wool given as being the best sound deadener. This conclusion is, I believe, also borne out by tests at a recent Government inquiry.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEXR. YOUNG.

# Gloucester & Bristol Diocesan Association.

## LARGE GATHERING AT TEWKESBURY.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, and was attended by 95 members. By the kind arrangements of the Rev. E. F. Smith, Mr. Dyson, and others, the bells were available from 10.30 p.m., and were soon ringing out in touches in various methods. As the morning passed, the number of ringers increased, and just before noon the visitors were joined by the Bristol members, who arrived in two charabancs chartered for the day by the Bristol United Ringing Guilds, under the stewardship of Mr. W. A. Cave. Members of the management committee then proceeded to the Tolsey Hall, where they held their meeting, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. F. J. Lewis), who was supported by the Rev. E. S. Saleby, of Leonard Stanley, and Mr. Chas. Spurrier, of Bristol.

E. Guise for his untiring efforts in carrying out the office of hon. secretary.

The hon. treasurer presented the statement of accounts (duly audited), which was received with general satisfaction.

Mr. Yeend proposed that an alteration be made to Rule 3, appointing a Ringing Master as well as a Master.—This was eventually agreed to.

Another proposition to alter Rule 5 was agreed to.

The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. Charles Spurrier, of Bristol, was elected to take the place of the late Mr. H. Workman.

Mr. A. Wright was elected Master, and all the other officials were re-elected.—Mr. J. Austin was appointed to the new office of Ringing Master.



TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

This was the centre of attraction for ringers attending the annual day. The noble tower contains a fine peal of ten bells.

meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association on Monday. [Photo by F. E. Dawe.]

The business was quickly carried through, and an adjournment was made to the Plough Hotel, where a hearty meal was disposed of.

At 2 p.m. all roads led to the Tolsey Hall, and the general business meeting commenced. Here many ringers met one another for the first time.

Apologies for absence were read from vice-presidents, the Rev. T. C. Fowler, the Rev. M. E. Thorold, Mr. F. K. Howell, who was too unwell to attend (this was the first annual meeting for a number of years that Mr. Howell had missed), and Mr. Albert Burcombe, of Stinchcombe, who also was ill.

The Master gave his report, in which he said a very successful year's work had been accomplished. Sixty-five peals had been rung, and shared by 24 conductors. It was, he said, a pleasure to notice a large number ringing their first peal. He was pleased to see ladies had taken part in a good number of the peals. He regretted to announce the death of Mr. H. Workman, an old friend of the association, and a vice-president. In conclusion, he paid a tribute to Mr.

It was decided that a third member should be appointed to the Central Council, Mr. E. Guise being unanimously elected. The other representatives are Messrs. W. A. Cave and E. Bishop.

It was decided that the peal books should be placed in St. Thomas' Church, Bristol, it being clearly understood that through the kind offices of Mr. Spurrier they would be available for view almost at any time.

In this connection it was a great pleasure to all members to have these six volumes at their meeting that day, because, until quite recently, this part of the association's work had been sadly neglected, and only 133 peals had been entered. Now every peal has been written up by Mr. J. Beams, of Epsom, Surrey, the total being over 1,300.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. E. F. Smith and Mr. Dyson for their kindness in assisting with the arrangements.

This concluded the meeting, and tea was held at the Plough Hotel.

Afterwards, the members proceeded to the beautiful Abbey, where a service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. Smith, the association form being used.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Painswick on Easter Monday, 1926.

### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. IMPROVED FINANCIAL POSITION.

The annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Nantwich on Monday.

In their report for the year 1924 the committee stated: A year ago the Guild was in an unenviable financial position. The high cost of printing, and, indeed, of everything else, had made it impossible for it to pay its way, and in order to make ends meet expenditure had to be ruthlessly reduced. For this reason only a skeleton report was published for 1922, but last year we were able to include both the peals rung in 1922 and in 1923. In the hopes of raising fresh funds an appeal was made to parochial church councils of the parishes in which there are bells, asking them to give the Guild half a guinea each. The appeal was only moderately successful, but those who helped have made it possible to turn a nasty corner. The Guild thanks them. The decision, also, to include advertisements on its covers has considerably lightened the cost of the report. In consequence, during the year under review, we have managed to pay our way and to carry forward a credit balance of over £8, which may be regarded as satisfactory. Meanwhile, the outlook for the future seems to be improved.

The decline in membership which has been so noticeable during the preceding three years appears now to have slowed up. As the figures given show, our numbers have practically remained constant during the last year. The list of non-resident members has not been revised since the war, and it is now in rather an unreliable state. The Rev. A. T. Beeson has undertaken to revise it during the present year, and any non-resident members who read this can greatly help him by sending him a postcard with their name and present address on it. This class of member now numbers about 150; but, for purposes of more accurate comparison, it is omitted from the subjoined figures:—Honorary life members: 1923 5, 1924 3; honorary members: 1923 58, 1924 67; ringing and probationary members: 1923 587, 1924 577; total: 1923 650, 1924 647. Towers in union: 72. Out of union: 29.

One point of which mention must again be made is the number of subscriptions which are in arrear, showing, as they do at 115, an increase of 37. It is to be hoped that during 1925 a special effort may be made to reduce these outstanding items.

The Guild has again broken its record for the number of peals rung. The high total of 86 peals was reached, in which 166 members took part: the highest number of members who have ever performed in peal ringing in any year. This in itself is a most encouraging sign, and indicates a higher general standard of ringing throughout the diocese. Amongst these there are 21 first pealers, again an increase, and five have for the first time acted as conductor. Mr. Sperring heads the list with 42 peals rung, of which he has conducted 39; if he beats his own record next year he will be a clever man.

There has been little work of restoration during the year. The recasting of Norbury bells is to take place shortly, and the Guild is asked to make the usual grant in aid. The four bells at Tilston, near Malpas, have been unringable for many years, but they are now being recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Next year the Central Council, for the first time in its annals, is to meet at Chester. Thus it is our duty to act as their hosts and to do our best to welcome them among us. The committee has voted a special grant of £10 towards their entertainment, and detailed arrangements will be circulated to towers in union later.

The Master has again been present at many meetings during the past year, and the secretary has visited all the branches.

The thanks of the Guild are due to the branch secretaries, who have again worked unsparingly (though in one or two branches we would like to see a little more activity among the ordinary members), and also to Messrs. J. P. Fidler and J. Cooke for compiling the peal records.

**DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Saturday, March 21st, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major, for Confirmation service: A. Hoyle 1, J. Cooper 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, R. Holmes 5, L. Rawnsley 6, M. Harrison 7, V. Bairstow (conductor) 8.—For evening service, on March 22nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Evans), who is leaving the parish to take up duties at Conesley-with-Bradley, near Skipton: A. Hoyle 1, A. Bairstow 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, W. Foster 5, B. Holmes 6, M. Harrison 7, V. Bairstow (conductor) 8.

**BOXLEY, KENT.**—On Tuesday evening, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: D. Gower 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, R. Luckhurst 3, V. Smith 4, H. Fuller 5, G. Voules 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 4th.

### BURTON LATIMER RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph Pettit, of Burton Latimer, Northants, which sad event occurred with tragic suddenness on Saturday, April 4th. The deceased had just got to his work, when he collapsed and died in a few seconds.

He was a member of the Burton Latimer band for over twenty years, and was always regular in ringing for the Sunday services, but he had only rung about four peals. For two years he resided at Islip, where he had been assisting the local ringers.

He was buried at Burton Latimer Cemetery on Tuesday, April 7th, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. L. Lethbridge). Fellow ringers acted as hearers, and Mr. W. T. Wilson and Mr. J. Saddington were among the mourners to represent the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.

In the evening the bells were rung half-muffled to touches of Grandsire Triples by J. Lines, M. Hobbs, H. Meadows, H. Saddington, M. Norton, J. Saddington, G. Lines (conductor) and R. Twelftree. The bells at Islip were also rung half-muffled the same evening.

### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Thursday, April 2nd, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: A. Reeve (Wansload) 1, G. W. Faulkner 2, P. C. Russell 3, G. L. Joyce 4, E. Smith (Leytonstone) 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6, R. Fenn 7, R. Milton (Leytonstone) 8.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Thursday, April 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, G. Williams 4, H. T. Hughes 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, R. Edwards 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and H. T. Hughes.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—On Thursday, March 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. A. Bines (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Fraser 2, W. F. Richardson 3, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C., 4, R. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. A. Martin 7, Capt. F. A. Yorke 8. First quarter in the method on the bells.

**ELLESMERE, SALOP.**—On Sunday morning, March 22nd, in Trimpey Hall, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,296 changes), in 56 mins.: A. Haynes 1—2, W. S. Higginson 3, G. H. Edwards 4, J. F. Sharp 5, R. Biggs 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7—8, T. Butler, senr., 9, W. Higginson, senr., 10.

**LONDON, W.C.**—On Wednesday, March 18th, at St. Clement Dances, Strand, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, Miss P. Upsher 2, Miss E. E. Harcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, F. Richardson 5, Miss F. E. Orr 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, Capt. F. A. Yorke, R.E., 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. John-at-Hatckney, on March 19th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Arthur Coles 1, H. C. Alford 2, H. J. King 3, W. J. Kemp 4, Albert Coles 5, H. J. Canior 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, J. Lloyd 8.

**LITTLE MUNDEEN.**—For morning service, on April 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, A. Woolston 6.

**ELVEDEN.**—On Sunday, April 5th, for the evening service, at the Memorial Tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew, 896 Bob Major, in 40 mins.: W. G. Paul 1, B. Chester 2, B. Roper 3, W. Paul 4, C. Paul 5, W. Bowers 6, J. Paul (conductor) 7, J. Brown 8.

**LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, 720 Doubles, being 240 Canterbury Pleasure, 240 St. Simon and 240 the Dream: J. Mitchell 1, R. Langridge 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hinde 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6. Rung on the 39th anniversary of the conductor's first 720 Plain Bob Minor.

**HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.**—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, in honour of the first anniversary of the induction of the Rev. J. Hewelson to the above parish, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: L. Wilkinson (conductor) 1, F. Broadhead 2, W. Marsden 3, W. E. Robinson 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes 6. Longest length by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. All belong to the local band.

**DOVER.**—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Eagles 1, S. Jones 2, J. Eagles 3, C. R. Walker 4, W. Farley 5, C. R. Millway 6, R. H. Stevens (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8.—Also 504 Stedman Triples: C. Turner (conductor) 1, J. Eagles 2, C. R. Millway 3, F. W. Elliott 4, R. H. Stevens 5, W. Farley 6, C. R. Walker 7, H. J. Saunders 8. Mr. W. Farley, who was on a visit to Dover, was formerly a member of the Wells Cathedral company, but now resides at Folkestone.



## WILLIAM ROCK SMALL.

## A CELEBRATED STAFFORDSHIRE RINGER.

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs, died on Saturday, the 4th April, at his residence, at the ripe age of 85 years. Mr. Small had been ailing for some time, and for a considerable period had been unable to take any part in ringing, although his keen interest in it was manifested right up to the end. A blunt, but genial character, Mr. Small was well known throughout the Midlands, and had a host of ringing friends. Nothing gave him greater delight than to mix with members of the Exercise, and one of the greatest pleasures of his declining days, when he could no longer mount the belfry steps, was to receive a visit from some ringing friend or other.

Born at Wednesbury, Staffs, on Nov. 12th, 1839, Mr. Small received a little schooling at the Parish Church Schools, but he started work at the early age of nine years, and led an active and industrious life up to a few years ago, when Nature, at length, insisted upon a halt being called. Mr. Small's working life, we believe, extended to something like 70 years, and for more than 60 years he was a church bell ringer. In the year 1855 he went to work in the iron tube trade at Wednesbury, and, after being turner, fitter, machinist and tool maker, rose to the position of foreman of the works. He remained for 17 years with this firm, and, after spending five years with another, went to the Victoria Tube Works, Great Bridge, where he remained for the rest of his working years, and gained the respect of his fellow employees, and the esteem of his employers.

Mr. Small celebrated his golden wedding on Feb. 8th, 1913, but his wife did not long survive this event.

In his young days, Mr. Small was in Wednesbury Church choir, and while there became interested in the bells, then a peal of eight. They were recast and made into a peal of ten in 1855, and Mr. Small used sometimes to chime the bells for service, and occasionally pull some of them up. In the year 1863 he joined the band, and on April 28th, 1866, rang his first peal, one of Kent Treble Bob, the company being all natives of Wednesbury. Mr. Small was the last survivor of that company, but of the many peals he rang afterwards there was none of which he was prouder. His first peal of Bob Major was also rung at Wednesbury, in 1867, and his first of Stedman Caters in the same tower in 1870. Curiously, it was not until 1880 that he rang a peal of Stedman Triples, which he scored at Willenhall, and in the same year rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham. At this tower also he rang his first of Grandsire Cinques, in 1885, and his first of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 1890.

Some of the 330 peals which Mr. Small rang were noteworthy for their length. He took part in 9,020 Grandsire Cinques, in 6 hrs. 17 mins., at St. Martin's, on March 23rd, 1887, on the occasion of Queen Victoria's visit to that city; 8,684 Grandsire Caters, in 4 hrs. 59 mins., on December 29th, 1888, to commemorate the centenary of the 12,600 Bob Major rung at that church in 1788; 6,354 Grandsire Caters, in 4 hrs. 4 mins., at West Bromwich on December 21st, 1889; and 8,009 Grandsire Caters, in 5 hrs. 11 mins., at Wolverhampton on April 3rd, 1893. In connection with this last-named peal there were sad circumstances. The occasion had been fixed for a record length of 17,045, but the man who was to have rung the tenor died, and was buried on the day arranged for the peal. The reduced length was, therefore, rung muffled instead. Mr. Small has also been concerned in other long peal attempts, including 13,104 Grandsire Caters at Aston on January 29th, 1884, which was lost after 11,000 changes, in 7 hrs. 7 mins., through a 'change course'; 17,000 Grandsire Caters, on March 26th, 1894, when, after ringing 7,362 changes, in 4 hrs. 38 mins., the tenor clapper broke. To finish off the day on this occasion the band rang a peal of Stedman Triples at Wombourn. In 1914 Mr. Small took part in a veterans' peal, the average age of the band being 65 years 4 months, the oldest member of the party being the late Mr. S. Spittle, who had turned 77 years, and the youngest, Mr. James George, who had just passed his 60th birthday. His last peal was a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Nov. 1st, 1920, in honour of the veteran's 80th birthday. It was also his 20th peal of Stedman Triples.

Mr. Small, besides taking part in more than three hundred peals, did a great amount of spade work in the Black Country. He began his ringing at a time when the art was not held in high repute, and there were many places in that part of the country where change ringing was never practised. Mr. Small took his part with others in remedying this state of affairs, and his active and painstaking instruction was the means of making many change ringers, and in elevating the tone of the belfry. He was, indeed, one of the pioneers to whom the Exercise of to-day owes a great deal.

Mr. Small was a member of several ringing societies. He joined St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, in 1880; the Ancient Society of College Youths, 1883; the Midland Counties Association, 1891; the Dudley and District Guild, 1899; the Worcestershire Association, 1887; the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, of which he was one

of the founders, 1883; the Hereford Guild, 1893; the Yorkshire Association, 1888; and the Warwickshire Guild, 1917. He was a vice-president of the Worcestershire Association, and for many years treasurer of the Dudley Guild.

His peals, which include one of Stedman Triples rung in the Isle of Man, were made up as follows:—

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|---------------------------|-----|
| Stedman Cinques           | 14  |
| Stedman Caters            | 20  |
| Stedman Triples           | 80  |
| Grandsire Cinques         | 5   |
| Grandsire Royal           | 2   |
| Grandsire Caters          | 41  |
| Grandsire Major           | 6   |
| Grandsire Triples         | 78  |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus   | 1   |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal     | 10  |
| Kent Treble Bob Major     | 15  |
| Bob Royal                 | 5   |
| Bob Caters                | 1   |
| Bob Major                 | 34  |
| Bob Triples               | 1   |
| Darlaston Bob Triples     | 4   |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major | 1   |
| Double Norwich Major      | 5   |
| Forward Royal             | 2   |
| Forward Major             | 4   |
| Double Oxford Bob Major   | 1   |
| Total                     | 330 |

## THE FUNERAL.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week, amid many manifestations of the respect and esteem in which the deceased gentleman was held. The first part of the service was at Tipton Church, where the coffin (heavily laden with flowers) was received by the Vicar (the Rev. Geo. Mortimore) and the curate (the Rev. C. James), with Mr. Dunn (churchwarden) and Mr. E. Harris, acting for Mr. Jinks (Vicar's warden). The bearers were Messrs. A. Rowley, J. Evans, A. Clarke and G. Hughes (Tipton), A. Greenfield (Netherton) and Hall (Great Bridge). As the coffin, which was placed on a bier in front of the chancel, was carried in, Mr. G. A. Banner (organist) played Spohr's 'Blest are the Departed' and the well-known hymn tune, 'Ring the bells of Heaven.' The service was taken by the Vicar, and the lesson was read by the curate. The hymn, 'Rock of Ages,' was sung, and the congregation reverently stood while the Dead March from 'Saul' was being played. As the coffin was taken out of the church, the organist played 'O rest in the Lord.' In the course of a brief address, the Vicar touched on Mr. Small's long acquaintance with the Parish Church, his devotion to its service, and his great fondness for church bell ringing, from which he removed many of the objectionable belfry practices common among ringers half a century ago. He also touched upon the loving family life of the deceased, and said his long life was an inspiration to all who knew him and to those he had left behind.

Following the service at St. Martin's Church, Tipton, the remains were taken to the Parish Churchyard at Wednesbury, where they were laid to rest in a family vault, the Rev. C. E. Mortimore pronouncing the committal sentences. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells were rung over the grave after the coffin had been placed in its last resting-place by Albert Walker (Birmingham) 1-2, John Jagger (Oldbury) 3-4, Alfred Rowley (Tipton) 5-6, A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham) 7-8.

The family mourners were: Messrs. William Small, John Small, Thomas Small, Charles Small and James Small (sons), Walter Henry Small and Ernest Price (grandsons), James Small, Wednesbury (brother), and Isaiah Round (brother-in-law).

Ringing Societies were represented by Messrs. Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and A. Paddon Smith (secretary), St. Martin's Guild; Ben Gough, Archdeaconry of Staffs Society; A. Rowley, Worcestershire Association; James George, Warwickshire Guild; A. Greenfield, Dudley Guild; J. Jagger, Oldbury; Reuben Hall, West Bromwich; G. Hughes, St. Bartholomew's, Wednesbury.

Among the many floral tributes were wreaths from St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; St. Martin's Ringers, Tipton; St. Peter's Society, Wolverhampton; St. Andrew's Company, Netherton; and one, which was lowered with the coffin to its last resting-place, from one of Mr. Small's oldest ringing friends, Alderman J. S. Pritchett.

It had been intended to attempt a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Good Friday, but a service rendered this impossible. A touch of seven courses was therefore rung instead by J. E. Groves 1, J. Neal 2, T. H. Reeves (conductor) 3, A. T. Scrivens 4, E. Allaway 5, J. H. Shepherd 6, A. Walker 7, M. J. Morris 8, E. Mansell 9, T. Miller 10, A. P. Smith 11, W. T. Froggatt 12.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Reakes 1, Elizabeth E. Emn 2, W. Osment (conductor) 3, H. Sanger 4, W. Tucker 5, R. Whitehead 6, P. Hill 7, A. Haines 8.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Easter Sunday morning, at 5.45 a.m., touches of Minor and Grandsire Triples; and for evening service, 896 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Dennison 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, G. Jackson 4, A. Brown 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe 7, T. R. Jackson 8.

**LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.**—On Easter Day, for 8 a.m. Communion, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Woolston 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For service at 11 a.m., a quarter-peal in 42 mins., 720 Woodbine, 360 Kent, 180 Plain Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, A. Woolston (conductor) 6.

**SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, and also as a farewell compliment to the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay on his transfer from the living at Saltburn to that at Stokesley, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: S. Tunnell 1, J. Appleton 2, G. A. Peck 3, F. Barber 4, G. Kemball 5, G. Duncan 6, J. C. Pollard (conductor) 7, R. Loughton 8.

**LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. Wadey 1, J. Mitchell 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hindes 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, at the Church of All Saints', 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Ridout 1, H. Forbes 2, J. W. Jones 3, F. Whitfield 4, H. Morgan 5, G. Day 6, A. J. Morgan (conductor) 7, W. Ridout 8.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Fraser (conductor) 1, J. Crowder 2, J. Hurrell 3, Capt. W. Tnder-son 4, H. James 5, R. Thompson 6, P. Spice 7, F. J. Hurrell 8.

**BATH, SOMERSET.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by the late A. E. Seers, in 46 mins.: H. Brown 1, Miss N. Williams 2, F. C. Rich 3, T. F. King 4, G. Harting 5, W. Crocker 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

**UTTOXETER.**—For evening service, on Easter Day, 1,264 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: E. Green 1, G. Burrows 2, G. Elliott 3, F. Richardson 4, E. Roberts 5, F. Oliver 6, C. Smith 7, R. G. Lewis (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method on the bells by a local band.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: Miss B. Holloway (first quarter) 1, Fred Middleton 2, R. Franklin 3, W. Welling 4, R. Wood 5, A. Cross (conductor) 6, E. Gosling 7, S. Boore 8.

**RAYNE, ESSEX.**—At All Saints' Church, on Easter Day, for early morning service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Clayden 1, A. Redgwell 2, H. Richardson 3, Basil Redgwell 4, J. Redgwell 5, H. Redgwell (first 720 as conductor) 6. This was the first 720 by the local band.

**NEWBURY, BERKS.**—On Easter Day, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., with 468 covering: C. Poole 1, W. Adkins (Thatcham) 2, E. Smith (conductor) 3, C. Crawford 4, E. Crocker 5, A. Barber 6, H. W. Curtis 7, E. Challis 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. First quarter-peal for ringer of No. 6.

**HORNSEY, N.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Blee 1, J. G. Nash 2, E. G. Hibble 3, A. Howell 4, H. Blee 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Also for evensong, 540 Bob Minor: W. Blee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, A. Howell 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

**FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.**—On Easter Day, for 7 a.m. Communion service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Musson 1, W. Wilson 2, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 3, A. King 4, C. Wilkinson 5, G. Rouse 6. First quarter-peal by all. First as conductor.

**BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday March 29th, at St. Thomas-the-Martyr, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes: F. G. Ringe 1, A. Rainbird 2, E. Furbank 3, R. Ong 4, H. Turner 5, G. Miles 6, W. Leggett (conductor) 7, P. S. Carroll 8. First quarter-peal as conductor. On Sunday, March 15th, for ordination service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 minutes: F. G. Ringe 1, H. Turner 2, E. Furbank 3, R. Heazel (first quarter-peal) 4, R. Ong 5, A. Rainbird 6, G. Miles (conductor) 7, P. S. Carroll 8.

**WEST CLANDON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, March 29th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Plain Bob: N. Harding (first 720) 1, G. Worsfold 2, F. Bennett 3, G. Grover 4, W. Savage 5, J. Goacher (conductor) 6.

**CHALFONT ST. GILES.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, at St. Giles' Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,310 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Bolton 1, W. Elcombe 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, G. Ayres 5, H. W. Edwards (conductor) 6. The first quarter-peal by the local band.

## NOTICES.

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**ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.**—The ring of twelve bells, rehung and entirely refitted by Messrs. Taylor, will be reopened by members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild at a special service on Sunday next, the 19th, at 11 a.m. The bells will also be available for ringing from 3.30 to 6 p.m. on the afternoon of that day, when members of the Norfolk Guild and other ringing visitors will be welcomed.—J. F. Duffield, Hon. Sec., 31, Oxford Street, Norwich.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—A special meeting of this district will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Special business meeting, with smoking concert to follow. A good attendance is requested.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Highclere on Saturday, 18th 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.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will take place at Southgate on Saturday, April 18th. Service 5 p.m. Preacher, Rev. S. F. L. Bernays, Rector of Finchley. Tea in the schoolroom at 5.45. Ringing at Southgate (10) from 2.30 to 5 and after the meeting; also at Wood Green (6) from 3 to 4.30.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Ringers and friends will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Wivenhoe on Saturday, April 18th, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30 and tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 1s. 6d. a head. A good attendance is requested, as Mr. Wm. Taylor is expected to read a paper at this meeting.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Leake on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting immediately afterwards. Buses leave Boston Post Office at 2.30 and 4.30, returning at 8 and 10 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be at Tilston on Saturday, April 18th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (price 1s.) 4.15.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Alford, Chester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Rainhill on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready at 3. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Milborne Port on Saturday, April 18th. Tea in the Church Room at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Leintwardine on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

**DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.**—North-Eastern Branch.—The meeting will be held at Bickleigh, on Saturday, April 18th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each. Cadeleigh tower will also be open.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton, Devon.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yateley on Saturday, April 18th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Lowick (6) on Saturday, April 18th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Rugby on Saturday, April 18th, next. The bells of St. Andrew will be open for ringing at 3 p.m. Committee meeting in the Vestry at 4 p.m. (important business). The Guild's special service will be taken in Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Vicar of Monks Kirby (Rev. R. L. B. Oliver). Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc., for the ensuing year.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Llanfagan on Saturday, the 18th April. Tower of St. Margaret's (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30 p.m., by invitation of Rev. T. Aneurin Davies.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Struet, Brecon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, April 18th, at Sharnbrook. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting is at Penistone on Saturday, April 18th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Tea 1/- each to those who apply before the 15th to Mr. G. Hill, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. (This rule re tea is definite.) A hearty welcome is offered by the local company.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 30th; St. Michael's, Cornhill (for service) on the 19th, at 6 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Ringwood on Saturday, April 24th, from 3 p.m.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6), from 2.30 to 3.30 and from 7.30 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 21st. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trevechin, Pontypool, on Saturday, April 25th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farmborough on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly inform me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 21st?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at Ashton Parish Church on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting to be held at 7 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec., 103, Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at All Saints, Marlow. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m. Please send names of those requiring tea, not later than Monday, April 20th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.



**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at Leeds Parish Church (St. Peter's). This will be the general meeting, and all towers are requested to attend.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Stebbing, Essex.—The annual ringing festival of the Stebbing ringers will be held on Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a service in the Church at 4.30, and tea will be provided at 5 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed. Will all those intending to be present please notify Mr. F. Harrington, Warehouse Road, Stebbing, not later than Wednesday, April 22nd?—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on April 25th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea at 5.15, 1s. per head. Business meeting after. All members and friends welcome. Essex friends, please come.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, April 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.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea let me know by first post, Wednesday, April 22nd? Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls, Bolton, on Saturday, 25th April. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Godalming, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's (6), Swindon, on April 25th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Christ Church (10) will be available in the evening.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Secretary, 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Secretary, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3. Association service in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W.

Mennie, M.A. Tea will be provided in the Johnston Institute for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 22nd (free). Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting to members. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Please notify me by April 20th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 4.45.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th. All Saints' (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea at the Bull Hotel (1s. per head). Will those intending to attend tea notify me not later than April 22nd (Wednesday)? Business meeting follows.—S. H. Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge for those who advise me not later than the 21st inst. of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at St. Neots, on May 2nd. Bells available—St. Neots (8), Eynesbury (6), Eaton Socon (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. All wishing for tea please give notice by May 28 to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Mr. Washbrook's memorial and arrangements for annual branch meeting and social.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Festival will be held at Dorchester, on Tuesday, May 12th. Service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Dinner and annual meeting after service.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Secretary, Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

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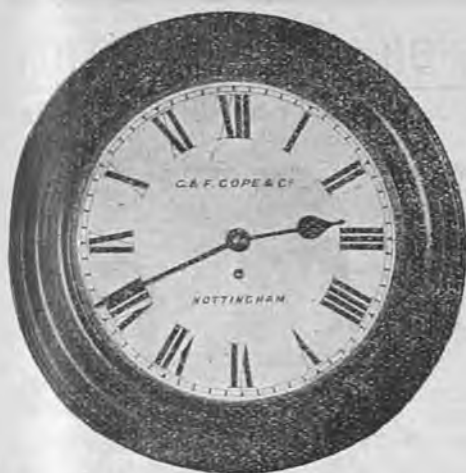
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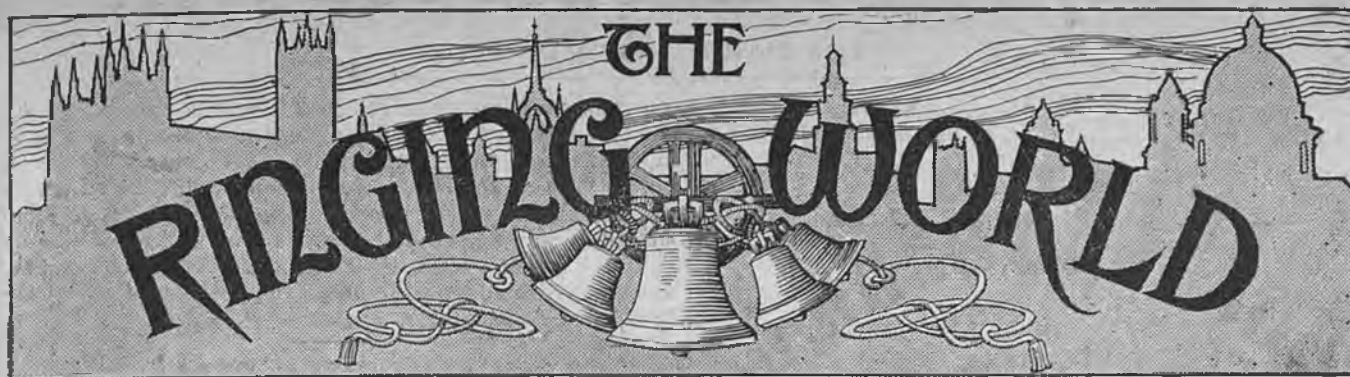
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### RINGERS AND PRACTICES.

A question of interest and importance to ringers is raised in the annual report of the Middlesex County Association, laid before the members on Saturday. It is that of securing to ringers at every church a regular practice night. It is pointed out that at some towers a regular practice night is almost out of the question, or if there is a practice night, it has frequently to be given up on account of other parochial events. The suggestion is not that the ringers are not considered, but that they are for the time being forgotten. That, we think, puts very fairly the conditions which exist at many towers, not only in Middlesex, but in nearly every other county. In almost every instance it is the ringers who must put off their ringing when anything else is in the wind. Even an organ practice or a special choir practice have been made sufficient reason to interrupt operations in the belfry, and it has been because the ringers' practice or peal has not been rightly valued.

On the other hand, ringers themselves are sometimes prone to think that their practices are of small moment, otherwise fewer of them would be among the absentees on practice nights, and there would be less anxiety to abandon practice during the summer months. This is a thoroughly bad habit. Except abandoning practice altogether, there is nothing calculated to throw a band back than this closing of the tower for all except Sunday ringing through the summer. Indeed, it often affects the regularity of the Sunday ringing. One realises that in the country there are times when the claims of, say, harvest, may keep men away from the belfry on a week-evening; but even harvest does not last from April to October. Gardening, cricket and other outdoor occupations are often advanced as an argument against summer evening ringing, but the ringer who cannot so arrange his work or play to spare once a week an hour after eight o'clock at night to maintain his efficiency in the belfry is but a lukewarm individual so far as ringing is concerned.

What ringers need to produce the best results in ringing is a regular weekly practice night throughout the year. When it rests entirely with themselves it ought never to be in question; when the church authorities place obstacles in the way, through forgetfulness or otherwise, it ought to be possible to put the matter tactfully before them, with a polite insistence that at least an hour a week should be set aside and left clear for them to practise their art. There are some places where the ringers' practice night is so well established as to become almost a tradition. At Birmingham, for instance, it is recognised not only by the church authorities but by the public, and

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### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

At CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

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|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|----------|
| RICHARD T. HIBBERT... | ...Treble | EDWIN BARNETT ...       | ... 7    |
| EDWIN BARNETT ...     | ... 2     | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...   | ... 8    |
| ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... | ... 3     | SYDNEY F. PALMER ...    | ... 9    |
| ALBERT WALKER...      | ... 4     | REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN | ... 10   |
| JAMES E. GROVES ...   | ... 5     | JOHN NEAL ...           | ... 11   |
| ALFRED B. PECK...     | ... 6     | GEORGE JENKIN ...       | ...Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rus-  
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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

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| JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... | ... 2     | CHARLES V. HARE ...   | ... 8    |
| FRANK SMITH ...      | ... 3     | HENRY T. WILSON ...   | ... 9    |
| ARTHUR J. NEALE ...  | ... 4     | JOHN W. CORNFORD ...  | ... 10   |
| THOMAS NEWMAN ...    | ... 5     | WILLIAM BOTTRILL ...  | ... 11   |
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| GEORGE LARGE ... .. 5           | †ALBERT THOMAS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* 100th peal. † First peal.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

GREAT TEW, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Day, April 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MADRICE SMITH ... .. Treble  | JACK JUDGE ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2 | WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM STONE ... .. 3       | WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7  |
| CYRIL BENNETT ... .. 4       | THOMAS IMPEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

First peal on the bells since their rehanging by Messrs. Meare and Stainbank.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. TYDFIL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Ten different callings, 4, 6, 8 covering. Tenor 20 cwt. 15 lb.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *LAWRENCE STIRK ... .. Treble | †P. C. JOHN COLES ... .. 5 |
| EDWARD THOMAS ... .. 2        | *SAMUEL PANNEL ... .. 6    |
| *FRED SHARPE ... .. 3         | HENRY J. TAYLOR ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 4       | *FRANK STIRK ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

\* First peal. † First with a bob bell. Rung after meeting two short for Triples.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the (R.C.) CHURCH OF ST. MARIE, NORFOLK ROW,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION.

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

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *CHARLES H. LAKE ... .. Treble | TOM O'HARA ... .. 5          |
| HARRY BOWER ... .. 2           | JOHN THORPE ... .. 6         |
| THOS. G. SAREL ... .. 3        | †COLIN HARRISON ... .. 7     |
| †JAMES EVINSON ... .. 4        | ROBERT HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

\* First peal of Stedman. † 50th peal. ‡ First peal of Stedman as conductor. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 3rd, who, although 72 years of age, rang admirably throughout the peal.

KINGHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours & Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *CYRIL BENNETT ... .. Treble | JACK JUDGE ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM JUDGE ... .. 2       | HARRY MILES ... .. 6       |
| JAMES BUTLER ... .. 3        | WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7   |
| MAURICE SMITH ... .. 4       | WILLIAM STONE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. \* First peal of Major.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES SCHOLLES ... .. Treble | JOSEPH MILNER ... .. 5     |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2    | *SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3     | ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7      |
| JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 4      | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Major.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES SCHOLLES ... .. Treble | ERNEST BRETT ... .. 5          |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2    | SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 6      |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3     | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7          |
| JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 4      | WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble | WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 5       |
| JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 2      | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6      |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3   | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7       |
| CYRIL PEASE ... .. 4       | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes

At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. Treble | †WILLIAM E. CHEATOR ... 5    |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2     | WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6       |
| CYRIL PEASE ... .. 3        | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 7     |
| JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 4       | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* Elected a life member of the association before starting. Rung on the eve of the marriage of Mr. W. E. Cheator, of Ringwood, Hants. and Miss E. Mond, of Rosewell, Essex.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, April 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ERNEST E. PICKERING ... Treble | †THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 2          | BERT RIDGWAY ... .. 6         |
| CHARLES H. BELTON ... 3         | FRED COTTON ... .. 7          |
| WILLIAM COPE ... .. 4           | *PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... Tenor |

Conducted by F. COTTON.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5    |
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 2         | JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 6      |
| GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. 3       | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4         | ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, April 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5        |
| *MRS R. J. WILKINS ... .. 2    | HENRY PRING ... .. 6           |
| GEORGE TREW ... .. 3           | JOHN A. BIRFORD ... .. 7       |
| CHARLES H. GORDON ... .. 4     | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen and a Half Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | *SAMUEL HOLY ... .. 5           |
| FRED ABBOTT ... .. 2           | PETER CROOK ... .. 6            |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 3     | JOHN POTTER ... .. 7            |
| GEORGE PINCOIT ... .. 4        | TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. POTTER.

\* First peal in the method, and hails from Middleton; the rest are local.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S SIX-PART NO. 3. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES PAGEY ... .. Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5      |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2 | JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6         |
| JAMES F. CLARK ... .. 3   | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7        |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 4 | GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb. in A flat.

|                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... .. Treble | F. GLEAVES ... .. 5     |
| F. WARRINGTON ... .. 2           | G. E. CRISP ... .. 6    |
| W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. 3         | C. W. WOOLLEY ... .. 7  |
| H. J. HAZELL ... .. 4            | C. W. COOK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Dr. J. N. D. Smith, M.B., Ch.B., and Miss Gwendoline Chave, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., which was solemnised at All Saints' Church earlier in the day.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5      |
| JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 2      | WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6       |
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3     | GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 7      |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 4   | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders, in honour of their silver wedding.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDMUND C. CHASTY ... .. Treble | CHARLES GEARY ... .. 5      |
| ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2        | ALFRED B. MOSS ... .. 6     |
| J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 3     | FRED S. PRICE ... .. 7      |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4         | PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge, the treble man taking a rope at a minute's notice. The peal was in honour of the silver wedding of the indefatigable local secretary, Mr. Fred Blood.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM HARPER ... .. 2           | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6    |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3           | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 7         |
| *JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4            | C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Cambridge with a working bell.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. Treble | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5    |
| *WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 2         | †WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 6     |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3               | CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7 |
| *HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 4       | JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal in a Surprise method. † First Surprise Major peal away from the treble.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                             |                                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| LESLIE FRANKS ... .. Treble | ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... .. 5       |
| WILFRED BOOTH ... .. 2      | ALBERT HOBDEN ... .. 6           |
| PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3 | FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 4   | GEORGE PONT ... .. Tenor         |

Composed by the REV. C. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

L. Franks hails from Battle; Booth, Heathfield; Hobden (2) and Thompson, Waldron; Lambert, Burwash; Pont, Brightling; Edwards, Robertsbridge.

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WORLD

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TAKING  
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EVERY  
WEEK

## BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| BERT CHALLEN ... .. Treble | JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 5       |
| JOHN JAY ... .. 2          | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6       |
| GEORGE H. SHUKER ... .. 3  | WILLIAM C. HART ... .. 7     |
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. 4  | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

## ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Treble | *EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 5   |
| *CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 2    | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 6   |
| ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 3  | E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 7 |
| SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 4     | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for Mr. E. G. Hibbins, of Cambridge, who was elected a member before starting.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Seven Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MRS. A. CLARK ... .. Treble     | GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 5   |
| HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 2       | JOHN HAYLE ... .. 6        |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3        | AMOS CLARK ... .. 7        |
| CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 4 | ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN

## DRAYTON, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. Treble | GORDON CADEWELL ... .. 5    |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 2  | *JACK JUDGE ... .. 6        |
| JACK HONEY ... .. 3           | ALBERT E. LOCK ... .. 7     |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 4       | *FRANK BARRETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

\* First peal in the method.

## EGHAM, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... .. Treble | HARRY DYAS ... .. 5          |
| ARTHUR CUTMORE ... .. 2          | WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 6     |
| FRANK V. H. SINKINS ... .. 3     | HENRY R. NEWTON ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 4      | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

## NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5312 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Treble  | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 2       | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6      |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 3    | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7     |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. 4 | CECIL RADDOON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 60). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, by the association, and by all the band except ringers of 5th and tenor.

## PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... .. Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 2          | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... .. 6 |
| RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 3        | ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 7       |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 4       | HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. Thomas Russam and Mrs. Russam, who were married at this church on Easter Monday, 1875.

## DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... .. Treble | CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 5     |
| HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 2         | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 6       |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 3        | GEORGE W. HELEY ... .. 7       |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4       | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

First peal in the method by all the band, and for the association. It was rung at the first attempt.

## BIRMINGHAM.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2      | JOHN PERRY ... .. 6           |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3        | WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 7       |
| *CHARLES BEECH ... .. 4        | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. William Rock Small, one of the founders of the society, and Mr. John Bradney.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BUCKLAND, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In four different methods, viz., College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| E. HOLMAN ... .. Treble | W. R. HUMPHREY ... .. 4   |
| J. WALLIS ... .. 2      | F. J. SANDERS ... .. 5    |
| A. HOLMAN ... .. 3      | H. R. THORPE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. H. Beaumont, of Buckland Court, aged 91.

## LONG COMPTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ARTHUR LARGE ... .. Treble | GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 4    |
| LADRIE HAWCUTT ... .. 2    | HORACE TERRY ... .. 5       |
| WALTER LARGE ... .. 3      | CECIL E. LOCKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. LARGE.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been recast and rehung by Messrs. T. Bond and Son, Burford. Three generations took part in ringing the peal, the ringers of 1st and 4th being son and grandson, respectively, of the conductor.

## TACKLEY, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|------------------------|---------------------------|
| W. EVETTS... .. Treble | *W. CLEAVER ... .. 4      |
| *E. F. HONOUR ... .. 2 | W. JUDGE ... .. 5         |
| *G. BULLOCK ... .. 3   | *A. WHITLOCK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. JUDGE.

\* First peal. All are members of the local band.

## WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours & Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and two  
720's each of Canterbury and Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| JAMES NUNN... .. Treble       | THOMAS CRANE ... .. 4     |
| FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2 | WALTER KERRISON ... .. 5  |
| ERNEST HALL ... .. 3          | ALBERT BOAST ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a compliment to W. Kemp, on his completion of 25 years' service as clerk and sexton of this church.

## CADOXTON, NEATH.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours & Forty-Three Minutes,  
At CADOXTON CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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| *HAROLD MATTHEWS... .. Treble | †WILLIE THOMAS ... .. 4   |
| *GWYN LEWIS ... .. 2          | D. J. LEWIS ... .. 5      |
| *CYRIL LAKE ... .. 3          | *REG. BENDLE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by D. J. LEWIS.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. All are ringers of the local band.

## WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At the PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| BERT HUCKLE ... .. Treble  | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... .. 4 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 2 | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5       |
| CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 3   | ALFRED G. RIVERS ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells, and by treble and 2nd ringers.

## ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday, April 13, 1925, in Two Hours & Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At the PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM C. SLOCOMBE ... Treble | PERCY H. SPARKES ... .. 4  |
| S. A. WYATT ... .. 2           | WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 5  |
| FREDERICK G. SPARKES ... 3     | *HARRY SEALEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. COLES.

\* First peal.

## STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES JENNINGS ... .. Treble | HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 4      |
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2      | EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5       |
| WILFRED C. IBBETT ... .. 3     | WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... Tenor |

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by WILFRED H. J. HOOTON.

## NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN &amp; STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
At the CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury,  
Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES FERNLEY, JUN... .. Treble | WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 4     |
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN... .. 2      | *LIONEL CLOUGH ... .. 5      |
| JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 3         | JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN W. HARTLEY.

\* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the new curate, the Rev. E. D. Reeman, B.A.

## SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| WILSON ALLIN ... .. Treble | *THOMAS W. HOPSON... .. 4    |
| *ROWLAND HUSKISSON ... 2   | HERBERT FRETWELL... .. 5     |
| *CECIL BECKLY ... .. 3     | GEORGE E. ALLIN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. ALLIN.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## OVER, CAMBS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours,  
At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHARLES ROBINSON ... .. Treble | FRED C. GINN ... .. 4         |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... .. 2    | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 5  |
| *ALBERT HUCKELL ... .. 3       | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal 'inside' in Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

## BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
At the CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| †BERNARD GILLATT ... .. Treble | *JAMES C. COLES... .. 4 |
| †ERNEST F. GODFREY ... .. 2    | GEORGE HOBBS ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM LEANING ... .. 3       | †JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal of Minor the bells by a local band. \* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a thanksgiving for the recovery from a serious illness of Mr. A. Thornton, one of the local ringers.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
At 3, ST. PAUL'S ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in A sharp.

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

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## PROPOSED ARTILLERYMEN'S PEAL.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We are trying to fix up a peal by ringers who served during the war in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, whether R.H.A., R.F.A. or R.G.A., is immaterial. There are four or five in this neighbourhood willing to take part, so if any members of the Exercise would like to stand in, and would let me know. I will try and fix it up.—Yours faithfully,  
R. G. RICE.  
Harwell, Stevenage, Berks.



**TOWER & BELL RESTORATION AT WEST HANNEY.**

It has been decided to thoroughly restore the tower and bells at West Hanney, Berks. This is an ancient church, and its tower is in so sad a state of dilapidation that it has been found it will be necessary to spend a sum of over two thousand pounds on it and the bells.

The latter will have to be rehung, and it is quite impossible for them to be rung at present owing to the state of the tower. They are a fine ring of six, with a tenor of about 16 cwt., and are considered one of the best in Berkshire.

The parish has, since the war, raised considerable money for two war memorials, including a fine west window.

Something over £300 has been raised in the parish for the present restoration, so seeing that the village is only a small one, the greater part of the remainder will have to be obtained from other sources. Anyone interested should communicate with the Rector, the Rev. W. Noon, West Hanney Rectory, Wantage, Berks.

**'GRANDSIRE.'**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Having read the proceedings of the Central Council in your number of the 10th inst., it was with very great surprise I noticed that in a certain motion brought forward, re 'Nomenclature of Methods,' it was stated that 'Grandsire' as a title was 'objectionable.'

Why, may I ask? Surely 'Grandsire,' handed down from pre-Stedman days, and mentioned, by the way, by this Master and his 'Campanologia,' has been good enough as an expression for this particular method for a period of more than 250 years; therefore, why not let it stand? To my mind, on account of its hoary age, the name carries with it a quaintly dignified and thoroughly English atmosphere. Like our ecclesiastical English, it is 'understood of the people.' Why, even the 'man in the street' knows that 'Grandsire' has something to do with bell ringing.

I think it is sometimes forgotten that all these queer old terms had their origin in some reason, lost, no doubt, in the mists of antiquity: is there any reason, therefore, why we should not keep them?

Would my regiment allow the term 'bombardier' to be abolished because that engine known as 'The Bombard' went out of fashion after the Duke of Bedford's sieges against 'The Maid'? I think

not, although it is nowadays an 'absurd' term. No, if there is esprit de corps in other walks of life, why not in the Exercise?

If, therefore, the Council has caught the itch of modernity, then let it restrain science from crushing all sentiment. It will, indeed, have a herculean task in eradicating 'Grandsire' as a name from our minds.

So up, ye Youths, Associations and Ringers generally, and save 'old gran'fer down along' from an ignominious death, seeing to it that this noble old patriarch is once more seated in his village inn with a clean smock and two stout sticks for the assistance of his gait, and as weapons of offence against his detractors!—Yours truly,

F. A. YORKE, Capt., R.A.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The Southern District of the London County Association held a successful meeting on Saturday, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. The tower was opened at 3.30 p.m., and during the afternoon touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge were brought round. Tea was held at the Old Brew House, and was followed by the business meeting.

Afterwards, the company made for the church again, and the methods rung, in addition to those already mentioned, were Grandsire and Superlative. A stop had to be called at 7.30 p.m., owing to a service, but there was some good ringing whilst the bells were going.

The customary vote of thanks was given to the Rector (the Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes) for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Hardy for making arrangements for the tea and having the bells ready.

**LONG STANTON.**—On Sunday, April 19th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. W. Wasley 1, Rev. H. B. Woolley 2, G. E. Crisp 3, H. J. Hazell 4, E. Wakeling 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

**DUSTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on April 19th, 1,200 Grandsire Doubles: P. Amos 1, T. Wise 2, J. Bennett 3, G. Parker 4, F. Wilford 5. Rung after meeting short for quarter-peal of Bob Minor.

**SALEHURST, SUSSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, after evensong, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins. (1,344 changes): Jas. Goodsell 1, W. Hoad (conductor) 2, T. Booth 3, F. Morgan 4, C. Creasey 5, G. Mills 6, E. Mills 7, G. King 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, who made a serious 'gesture' as to resigning on account of advancing years, has held office, we believe, longer than any other ringing association secretary. For over thirty years he has guided the affairs of the Kent Association.

Some of the ringers who attended the annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association on Easter Monday were disappointed by being unable to ring at St. Andrew-the-Great. It was the result of a misunderstanding. Permission had been given for ringing at this church, but by an oversight the verger had not been informed, and the belfry was not opened. Had the general secretary been told at the meeting, some ringing would have been possible. The Vicar of St. Andrew's, and the secretary, much regret the disappointment that was caused.

The peal of Stedman Cinques at Canterbury Cathedral, on Easter Monday, by members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, shows that the Guild can rely upon its non-resident members as well as those who practise regularly at St. Martin's, and that they are equally keen in upholding the reputation of the Guild.

Some of the Birmingham contingent had what might be termed a hectic time. Leaving the Midland city at 8.15 a.m., a late arrival in London caused them to miss the train to Canterbury. They did not reach the Cathedral, therefore, until 4.20, the start having been arranged for 4 o'clock. The bells ran round at the end of an excellent peal at 8.3 p.m., and then there was another rush to catch the 8.22 train to London, and Birmingham was reached at 3.30 on Tuesday morning. Some day!

Will the ringer whose home is in Dover, and who has recently been visiting Watford and Chorleywood, communicate with Box M. C., 'The Ringing World' Office, Woking, enclosing testimonials, when he may hear of a situation?

Among the wreaths sent for the funeral of Mr. Rock Small was one from the members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. This was described last week as being from St. Peter's Society.

The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Trowbridge on Easter Monday was composed by G. Holifield.

Members of the Midland Counties Association, who propose to attend the meeting of the Nottingham District at Bingham should pay special attention to the request that they should give notice of their intention to be present. The reason for this ought to be obvious, and this paragraph should emphasise the matter.

To-day is the anniversary of a peal of 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major at Shipley, in 1896.

On April 26th, 1894, 11,300 Bob Major was rung in 5 hours, on handbells, at Norwich. The same day is also the anniversary of another 'long' handbell peal, 8,896 Kent Treble Bob Major having been rung 'in hand' by College Youths at Barking.

A similar length in the same method was rung by the Cumberland Youths on tower bells at Highgate on April 27th, 1876. In connection with this peal it is interesting to recall that the composition was the famous one by William Harrison, the longest length obtained with the tenors together.

It was composed in March, 1876, and at the instance of Mr. Jasper Snowden it was first published in an appendix to a new edition of Hubbard's work. The books were sent out on April 25th, one was received by the secretary to the Cumberlands on the 26th, the ringers were chosen the same evening, and the peal rung the next day. The peal was called by George Newson, and the band included Henry Dains, John Cox and E. Gibbs.

The College Youths set up a Treble Bob Major record on April 27th, 1868, when they rang 15,840 in 9 hours 12 minutes at Belfhal Green. Mr. Ted Horrex, now the 'father' of the society, is the sole survivor of that band.

Another anniversary on April 27th is that of the 8,580 Stedman Cinques, at Cornhill in 1861. It was rung in 6 hours 41 minutes, and at that time was the longest length in the method on twelve bells.

Three interesting anniversaries fall on April 28th. In 1800, the Cumberland Youths rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmon-ton; in 1890, the Cambridge University Guild rang their first peal; in 1923, the Midland Counties Association rang 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major, at Stoney Stanton.

The 210th anniversary of the first recorded peal falls on May 2nd—a peal of Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. As this happens to be a Saturday, it will be a convenient day to commemorate the event.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****THE HON. SECRETARY AND DILATORY BANDS.**

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held on Easter Monday, at Folkestone. Members attended from all parts of the county, though not by any means to the number that might have been expected as a favourite seaside resort, and on a glorious morning, which, however, unhappily turned to rain in the afternoon. Twenty years ago, from a hundred and fifty to two hundred attended the annual gathering; now, though the membership has considerably increased, less than one hundred attend.

The committee met at 11.15 a.m., and after the business, usual on these occasions, made grants from the Belfry Repairs Fund of £5 to St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, and £2 2s. to Eythorne.

The service was at noon, in the beautiful old Church of SS. Mary and Wanswyth. The association's form was used, the hon. secretary intoning the prayers, Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., being at the organ. The opening hymn was the Easter hymn; before the address, the ringers' special hymn, 'Unchanging God,' and 'O praise our God to-day' (A. and M. 380) for the collection, which was for the benevolent fund, and amounted to £1 4s. 7d. The address was given by the Rev. G. A. Lewis, Rector of Cheriton, from the text, Ps. cxix. 45, 'I will walk at liberty: for I seek Thy commandments.' This, he said, was an apparent contradiction to ignorant and ill-balanced minds, obedience to commandments, suggesting a curtailment of liberty. But properly understood, liberty was only to be secured by reasonable discipline and ordered obedience. This was a lesson much needed at the present time, and the preacher gave a happy illustration of this truth, by pointing out how, after the initial difficulties of learning to ring, the change ringer was free to enjoy his skill only in obeying, with others, the rules of the particular method they chose to ring. In like manner, it would be found that, as we confessed in our daily morning prayer, God's service was perfect freedom.

Luncheon followed in the Woodward Hall, an institution erected to commemorate the life and work of Matthew Woodward, for forty years Vicar of Folkestone. Canon Tindall presided, being supported by the Revs. G. A. Lewis, S. K. Lockyear, Rector of Brabourne, members of committee, and the hon. secretary. The Ladies' Guild was represented by Mrs. Gatehouse (Biddenden), Miss R. Thomas (Mershham), and Miss E. K. Parker.

After the usual loyal toast, given by the Vicar, Mr. W. Stead (Tonbridge) proposed the health of the Archbishop and clergy, with special thanks to the preacher, to which Mr. Lewis briefly responded.

**UNPAID SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

The Hon. Secretary then thanked the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, and the incumbents of the other churches open for ringing: Hythe (8), Cheriton (8), Newington (6) and Lyminge (8). He then said he wished to remove a misunderstanding existing in some quarters, that district meetings were open only to members residing in the district. Members were at liberty to attend any meetings they liked, the only disqualification being that they had no vote in any district other than their own. He wished also to remind any who desired to elect members previous to a peal that the subscriptions of such members must be paid at the time. Through neglect of this rule he had been obliged to strike off from last year's list a peal in which three persons, the two clerics, and the conductor, had failed to pay up at the end of the year, even after being reminded of their default.

In the course of the report, which he then proceeded to read, the Hon. Secretary inveighed against the dilatoriness shown by many local hands in sending up their names and subscriptions, which made it impossible to give accurate details of membership and of towers in union. He referred also to the complaint of the Midland Counties Association treasurer that they had too much money. 'We have,' he said, 'twice as much as the Midland Counties Association. But we do not complain. Our Belfry Repairs and Benevolent Funds can stand any amount of increment, or with an augmented balance in our general account we could make liberal contributions to any worthy object advertised in the "Ringing World." As it is, we have already more than once acted in this way, as, for instance, just recently the sum of £4 4s. has been paid to the Washbrook Memorial.'

The report and balance sheets were duly passed, and the officers of the association, vice-presidents, committee, hon. secretary and treasurer, and auditor, re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary, in thanking the members for their continued confidence, seriously warned them that they must really look out for someone to take on his work. At his age he could not hope to do much more for the association, and it would be far more convenient if he could himself put things into another's hands than to allow the office to become vacant through senile decay or death. Mr. Stafford Green (Tonbridge Wells) had kindly consented to prepare the figures of peals for next year's report.

The company then dispersed, and in spite of the rain, all the outlying towers were visited, the little ring at Cheriton (two trebles recently added, with tenor 7 ext.) coming in for special attention.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT NANTWICH.****SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF RULES TO ADMIT NONCONFORMIST TOWER.**

The Chester Diocesan Guild held its thirty-eighth annual festival at Nantwich on Easter Monday, when many members of the Guild were present, sixty-four members signing the attendance book. At 11.45 a.m., the Guild service was said in the Parish Church, the Vicar of Nantwich (the Rev. C. S. Bromley) officiating. The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. A. Clements, Vicar of Grappenhall, near Warrington.

A cold lunch was served to members at 12.45, but this meal turned into a forcible reminder that it was Bank Holiday. However, despite difficulties, those present managed to keep cheerful, and eventually everyone obtained something to eat and drink.

The business meeting was a long one, and commenced at 2 p.m. After slight alteration the minutes of last year's meeting were confirmed, and the annual report was passed, with a vote of thanks to the secretary for compiling it.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The Master (Mr. H. Fairclough) signified his wish to retire from office, and proposed the Rev. C. A. Clements to take his place.—This was seconded by the Rev. W. R. Ingham, and Mr. R. T. Holding also spoke to the motion, which was carried. It is much to be regretted that Mr. Fairclough felt he should give up the work. During his three years of office he has constantly visited the branches, and has worked wholeheartedly for the Guild. He still, however, remains on the committee.—The Rev. C. A. Clements acknowledged his election, and promised to do his utmost to help the Guild.

On the proposition of the new Master, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Mr. E. W. Elwell was re-elected hon. secretary.—Mr. Elwell thanked the meeting for the renewal of their confidence, and drew attention to the number of subscriptions which are outstanding. He begged that every effort should be made to collect these arrears during the present year.

Mr. Elwell, seconded by the Rev. C. A. Clements, then proposed the re-election of the Rev. A. T. Beeston as treasurer.—This was enthusiastically carried.—Mr. Beeston spoke of the finance of the Guild during the past year, showing that it was very satisfactory, and that it seemed to have met its difficulties in a manly way. He also drew attention to the dark spot—outstanding subscriptions.

Messrs. H. and J. Jackson were re-elected auditors, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston trustee for investments. With the exception of the addition of the Rev. H. W. Haworth and Mr. T. Mottershead, in the place of Mr. A. Burgess, the committee remains unchanged by the meeting.

A report was given to the meeting by Mr. H. W. Wilde of the progress made in arrangements by the Central Council Entertainment Sub-Committee, which has been appointed to look after the meeting at Chester next June.

Several members spoke keenly on the next resolution: 'That it is the opinion of this Guild that the existing names of Minor methods already rung should stand.' The result was that it was carried unanimously, and the representatives of the Guild on the Central Council were asked to bring it to their notice.

The action of the committee in recommending a grant towards the rehanging of Norbury bells was confirmed, and the sum of £5 to go to the ringers' bell voted accordingly.

**PORT SUNLIGHT TOWER.**

A proposal to refer the question of admission of the Nonconformist tower of Port Sunlight to the Diocesan Conference was then discussed. Mr. S. F. Barnes urged that the tower be admitted at once, without any further delay, and showed the anomalous position the Guild was in over the whole matter.—Mr. S. Jones seconded the proposal, but a doubt arose as to whether it could be done without transgressing the Guild rules. The whole motion was then withdrawn, and notice was given to revise the rules. For this purpose a small sub-committee was appointed to consider the question, draw up a revision, and report.

On the proposition of Mr. H. Brocklebank, seconded by Mr. T. Mottershead, it was decided that a collection should take place in all towers for the Washbrook Memorial.

It was decided that the next annual meeting should take place at Chester.

The following resolution was then proposed by Mr. Fidler, and seconded by Mr. T. Wilde: 'That considering the future possibilities of radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of "bell chiming" occasionally broadcast, as such performances are likely to create a wrong impression of the true nature of bell ringing; and, further, to draw the attention of the British Broadcasting Company to all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.'

Several members contrasted the indifferent performance recently

given from a London Church with that of Birmingham Cathedral, and the motion was carried.

The secretary was asked to send it to the secretary of the Central Council and to the British Broadcasting Company. It was also suggested that it would be advantageous if notice of intended broadcasting could in future be given in 'The Ringing World,' so that ringers could have warning, and listen in on such occasions.

This terminated the proceedings, and ringing afterwards took place at Nantwich, Crewe, and other neighbouring towers.

### LINCOLN CATHEDRAL BELLS.

#### APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE PEAL OF TWELVE.

The following appeal from the Dean of Lincoln (president of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild), the Rev. H. Law James (Master) and Mr. F. W. Stokes (secretary) has been issued for the balance of the funds necessary to increase the ring at Lincoln Cathedral to a peal of twelve.

'We make an appeal to all members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers to complete the fund for hanging four additional bells in the Cathedral South-West Tower, as soon as it is repaired.

'These bells, you will remember, are to serve as a memorial of our fellow-members who fell in the Great War.

'Once the Cathedral repairs are completed a Service of Thanksgiving will be held; and it would seem highly appropriate that the full peal should that day be rung.

'It will take time to cast and hang the bells, and, therefore, we are very anxious to complete the fund as soon as possible, or it may be too late. The amount still required is £112, which, added to the £137 lls. 10d., will make up £250.'

### WEDDING BELLS AT EDINBURGH.

On Saturday, April 11th, at St. Cuthbert's Parish Church, Edinburgh, in honour of the wedding of Miss E. L. Hall (a former ringing member of the society) to Mr. James Ross, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 minutes: Miss A. I. Whitson 1, \*Miss M. S. Taylor 2, W. C. S. Heathcote 3, C. Cleveland Ellis (cond.) 4, \*Miss F. E. Hogg 5, Henry Mann 6, \*J. F. Lothian 7, David Stocks 8. \* Longest touch with an inside bell.

At 14, Comiston Drive, Edinburgh, on April 10th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss A. I. Whitson 1-2, W. C. S. Heathcote 3-4, C. Cleveland Ellis (conductor) 5-6, Miss M. S. Taylor 7-8. Longest touch on handbells by the lady ringers, and longest touch of Triples, with inside bells, by the conductor.

### INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT WHALLEY, LANCs.

Although the new bells at Whalley were only installed in August last, the ringers have made very good progress in the art of change ringing. Under the instruction of Mr. John Watson, secretary of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, most of the ringers have now got a good idea of the Plain Bob method.

On Tuesday, April 7th, after practice, the ringers adjourned to the Co-operative Cafe, where supper was provided. They were joined by the Vicar of Whalley (the Rev. J. E. Wallis, M.A.), Sidesmen J. W. Dewhurst and A. E. Troop, and Mr. R. Townshend, a member of the Church Council. A letter of apology for absence was read from Mr. Churchwarden R. Green.

During the evening, the Vicar, on behalf of the ringers, presented to Mr. J. Watson a smoker's cabinet, in recognition of the services he had rendered to them.

In thanking the ringers, Mr. Watson, who was taken entirely by surprise, remarked on the pleasure it gave him to know that what he had done, which was entirely a labour of love, had been so much appreciated.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar was proposed by Mr. Troop, and seconded by Mr. O. Exton, which brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

### MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, April 4th, 588 Stedman Triples was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of sympathy with Mr. H. Hutchinson and family on the death of Mrs. Hutchinson: Miss N. Cawthorne 1, Miss E. Hopkin 2, W. Godden 3, H. Taylor 4, J. Garth 5, H. Wilson 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, F. Cardwell 8. Also, on Wednesday, April 8th, 588 Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled, by the same band, in 37 minutes, for the funeral of Mr. Henson, of Damall, Sheffield.

On Thursday, April 9th, at the Parish Church, Nuneaton, two courses of London Surprise, three courses of Cambridge Surprise, and three courses of Stedman Triples. These touches were rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to Mr. John Warren, who was interred at Chilvers Coton during the afternoon. 'Old Jack,' as he was familiarly known locally, had been a ringer over 50 years, and passed away at the advanced age of 84 years.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

#### DISCUSSION ADJOURNED ON RULE ALTERATIONS.

The annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held on Easter Monday at Leicester. The day opened dismally and wet, but that did not damp the enthusiasm of the large crowd of ringers who assembled at the five churches open for ringing, from 10.30 a.m., when from that time onwards throughout the day, all the range of methods from lowest to highest on all numbers from 8 to 12 inclusive were rung. Every endeavour was made to give everyone a chance, and many had their first sight of and pull on 12 bells at St. Margaret's, as well as doing a round of the other churches.

The committee had the usual meeting at 12 noon, and in addition to the routine business, special grants were suggested from the Bell Repairs Fund to Burbage, where a new 8 are being installed, and to St. Peter's, Derby, where repairs to the ringing chamber are being carried out. An appeal from Creswell, Notts, was put forward, but postponed until further particulars are available from a meeting to be held at Bolsover. The next quarterly and annual meetings suggested were Bolsover, Melton Mowbray, Eastwood and Burton-on-Trent. Further discussion took place on the proposed new rules, and reports received from a special meeting held at Derby for that purpose. The hon. treasurer gave his report on the finances of the association, which was in a most satisfactory condition, full details of which were given in these columns on April 10th.

Then followed luncheon, at which 114 members and friends from Derby, Nottingham, Burton, Loughborough, Hinckley, Ashby, Duffield, Northants, Bedford and other places sat down.

Then followed the general meeting of the association, presided over by the president (Alderman R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.), supported by Mrs. Chambers, the Revs. White (St. John's), Disney (Belgrave), Farrow (Stoney Stanton), Wilkinson (Mansfield), the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson), the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright), and Mr. Pryce Taylor.

The meeting ratified the committee's proposals re grants to Burbage and St. Peter's, Derby, and also the places of next meetings, as given above.

Ald. Chambers was unanimously re-elected president, and eulogies, given by the proposer and seconder, were fully supported by all members.—Mr. Chambers briefly replied in his own inimitable way.—The hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright), having given his resignation in on account of business ties, the Rev. Wilkinson had allowed his name to be put forward, but at the last moment had to withdraw on account of having been offered a living in North Notts. While deploring his inability to stand as secretary, the members will wish him godspeed in his new sphere.

Mr. Wright being pressed, consented to take the peal section, if someone else would take on the routine and general work. The name of Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, was then put forward, and he was duly elected. Mr. Wm. Willson was again elected as hon. treasurer, and duly thanked the members for their confidence.

The matter of the new rules was discussed, but as time did not allow the matter to be fully debated, Mr. W. E. White withdrew his scheme, and the matter was allowed to stand over to the next annual meeting.

After the usual votes of thanks, the meeting closed, and members adjourned to St. John's Church, where the association form of service was given chorally, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. White, M.A.), who officiated, gave a very inspiring address, which was appreciated by all present.

Ringing was again indulged in until 7.30, when a most enjoyable smoking concert was given at the Victoria Hotel. The star turn of the evening was the Paradise Mission Handbell Ringers, under the conductorship of the local secretary (Mr. Harold Poole), whose performances on about 50 bells were something to be remembered. Their rendering of 'The Ash Grove,' 'The Legend of the Bells,' 'Spanish Chant,' and other items, well merited the great applause given.

Other items included songs by Messrs. Howe, Branson, Williams, Stevens, of the Leicester Amateurs, and Ernest Morris. During the evening, a course of Stedman Caters, and, later Cinques, were rung, the latter by Flight-Sergeant Holden 1-2, W. P. Whitehead 3-4, W. Willson 5-6, P. O. Lakin (Birmingham) 7-8, H. J. Poole 9-10, E. Morris 11-12. Thus ended one of the most successful and enjoyable meetings in the annals of the M.C.A.

### THE GREAT CARILLON FOR NEW YORK.

The carillon of 53 bells (in which the bass bell weighs 9 tons), which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have cast, will be played at the Croydon Bell Foundry, Croydon, from Monday, May 4th, to Saturday, May 9th, inclusive, three times daily, at 12.30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

If any ringers or bands of ringers would like to attend a recital, they will be welcomed by the firm; and it is requested that those desirous of doing so will write as soon as possible, stating what day and time is chosen.

It would be advisable to arrive half an hour before the time of recital so as to view the bells beforehand.



## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

## EASTER MEETING AT BLYTH.

Apart from their great antiquarian interests, the village and the church at Blyth, dedicated to St. Mary and St. Martin, have many attractions for ringers. The church is a spacious, elegant Gothic structure, with an ancient tower, in which are six bells erected in 1842, very much out of tune with each other, a tenor bell reputed to be 16 cwt., but requiring the attention of a bell hanger. Despite the lack of train service and the boisterous morning that made cycling anything but a pleasure, there was a fairly good attendance at the meeting on Easter Monday. The towers of Tickhill and Harworth were also at the disposal of ringers in the morning and afternoon, and a number of ringers put in an appearance from all parts of the country, viz., Loughborough, Halifax, Leeds, Anston, Shireoaks, Tickhill, Harworth, Gainsborough, Workop and Doncaster, together with the full company of Blyth ringers, and the Rev. S. B. Bleau, Vicar of Laxton, who motored over with three of his ringers. The methods rung at all three churches were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Double Court and St. Clements.

A splendid tea at the Sheffield House, Blyth, was catered for by Mrs. Antcliffe, to which a large number sat down. The Rev. S. B. Bleau presided at the tea and business meeting, and also offered an apology for the Rev. A. L. Phillips, Vicar of Blyth, who had a very pressing engagement.

The next meeting, the annual, will be held at East Retford by arrangement of the committee, in May or early June, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World' as usual.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicars of Tickhill, Harworth and Blyth, the Rev. H. E. Booty, Rev. F. D'Arbley Burney and the Rev. A. L. Phillips for the use of the bells; and Mr. J. H. Hind, of Blyth, offered, in the absence of the Vicar, a cordial invitation to all present.—A vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. S. B. Bleau for presiding over the tea and meeting.—In reply, Mr. Bleau said it was always a pleasure to meet a band of church workers, and as this was his first appearance at an association meeting since his election as vice-president, he was very delighted to preside over so many new people, and claim them as his friends. What little time he had been in Blyth that afternoon he had listened to some beautiful ringing, and he would be pleased to welcome the association at Laxton in July of this year (applause).

Afterwards, further use was made of the Blyth and Harworth bells, and more interesting methods were rung.

During the afternoon, at Harworth, two very pretty weddings took place, and the ringers present had the pleasure of ringing, by special request, a touch of 'Orange Blossom,' in which a lady took part. A gentleman afterwards appeared on the scene, and asked if the ringers had any objection to drinking the health of the bride and bridegroom. Readers are left to guess the answer.

H. H.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Division of Essex Association was held at Wivenhoe on Saturday last. Members began to assemble shortly after 2 p.m., and ringing in most of the standard methods was indulged in until 4.30, when a service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, who preached a most impressive sermon, and at the same time gave a hearty welcome to all.

Afterwards, at the Church Hall, about 60 members sat down to a most sumptuous repast. Mr. C. E. Gooch, of Wivenhoe Park, presided, and the Vicar, the churchwardens, and various officials of the town, were present.—Mr. C. Howard (Master of the Association) and Mr. Nevard (District Master) congratulated the district upon the large attendance, and thanked the donors of the tea for their kindness in providing such a splendid repast.—The Secretary (Mr. Stanward) stated that he hoped the next meeting would be at Worningford, in June, an open invitation having been given.

Ringers attended from 19 parishes, and ringing was kept up till a late hour.

## COLERNE BELLS AND THE FIRST PEAL.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in Mr. J. Holman's letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' when he gave the day, date and time of ringing the first peal on these bells, because there is a board in the ringing chamber recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1892, and conducted by H. Wotten, and a footnote states it to be 'the first peal of Grandsire on the bells.'

I shall be pleased if Mr. Holman will give me the names of those who took part, as no doubt it was recorded at the time.

When the Central Council institute a museum or 'interesting relics' department I will forward the three pennies, used for packing the fifth. Evidently this bell has been a trouble for years.—Yours,

ARTHUR PRINCE.

## ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

The rededication of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, after extensive restoration, which has been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., took place on Sunday.

A history of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft is almost a history of ringing in miniature. It was on these bells that the first recorded peal was rung, two hundred and ten years ago. The first peal of Stedman Triples also was rung here, and afterwards, on the enlarged ring of ten and subsequently on the twelve, some of the most famous performances of past generations have been put up.

The original peal at St. Peter Mancroft, existing as early as the fifteenth century, consisted of five bells, wrote Mr. J. R. Jerram in 'The Ringing World' of September 14th, 1914. In 1602, a treble, cast by William Brend, of Norwich, was added, making a peal of six. In 1675-6, two more bells were added to make eight. These were cast by Edward Tooke.

A board in the belfry records that in 1736 the ring was made a peal of ten by an addition of two bells 'subscrib'd for by gentlemen in ye Parish.' The first peal on them was rung on March 8th, 1737, 12,600 Grandsire Caters in 8 hours 15 minutes, and was 'perfectly compleated, to the entire satisfaction, surprise, and amazement of thousands of hearers.'

Nearly 40 years later it was decided to replace the old peal by a new peal of twelve, and at a vestry held on January 31st, 1775, it was agreed to accept the tender of Messrs. Pack and Chapman. In 1814 the tenor was cracked, and was recast in the same year.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

## TRURO BRANCH REVIVAL.

The first meeting of the Truro Branch of the Truro Diocesan Guild, arranged by the new secretary, Mr. A. S. Roberts, with the help of Mr. R. Dibbs (St. Agnes), was held at St. Agnes on Saturday last, and was attended by about 50 ringers, representing the following towers: Truro Cathedral, Kenwyn, Kea, Redruth, St. Budock, St. Newlyn East, Guival, and the local band. There were also present Dr. Symons (Diocesan Ringing Master), the Rev. Canon Jennings (Diocesan secretary), and the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella, Vicar of Zennor (once curate of St. Agnes, and captain of the St. Agnes and Cathedral bands).

Ringing commenced at 2 p.m., and the service, held at 4 o'clock, was conducted by the Rev. W. H. R. Trehwella. The address was given by the Rev. C. W. Turquand, who is in charge of the parish during the absence of the Rev. Father Browne, through illness.

After tea, which was provided in the Sunday School, a short meeting was held, at which the Ringing Master congratulated the members on the good attendance.

It was decided to hold these meetings quarterly, and to hold the next one at St. Budock on June 27th.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and ringing continued until 8.30 p.m.

The majority of the bands were able to ring Grandsire Doubles.

## THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

## COCKERMOUTH WIN RAWNSLEY SHIELD.

The annual ringing contest for the 'Rawnsley' shield was held at Crosthwaite Church, Keswick, on Easter Monday. Six teams competed, as against five last year, representing Bridekirk, Egremont, Cleator Moor, Cockermouth and Keswick (2). The judge was Mr. W. Robinson, of Ambleside, and the result as follows: Bridekirk rang 720 Woodbine in 27½ minutes, with 153 faults; Egremont rang 720 Woodbine in 31½ minutes, with 99 faults; Cockermouth rang 720 Kent Minor in 28½ minutes, with 75 faults. Keswick No. 1 rang 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 34 minutes, with 119 faults, and, being the home team, were penalised another 20 faults, making 139. Cleator Moor rang Bob Minor for eight minutes, when they broke down, and Keswick No. 2 rang Bob Minor for 20½ minutes, when they had the misfortune to break a rope, but did not wish for another attempt.

A meeting was afterwards held in the belfry, presided over by the Rev. W. Elliott-Bradley, Vicar of Crosthwaite, and supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. Wm. T. Holmes (Cockermouth).

The judge read his report as above, and Mr. Bradley presented the shield to Mr. Casson, the conductor of Cockermouth team. The winners will hold the trophy for the next twelve months.

A very interesting discussion followed, and it was decided that the winners should ring Woodbine for the next contest.

St. Bee's was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on the 27th June.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Robinson for adjudicating, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding. These gentlemen having responded, further ringing brought a very successful meeting to a close.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.**—On April 19th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Hasell 1, F. Brown 2, Will Young 3, Wm. Young 4, J. Fear 5, T. Clark (conductor) 6.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, April 19th, 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. G. Cook 3, A. Parsons 4, F. J. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, F. Edwards 8.

**ASHCHURCH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, April 19th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Niblett 1, R. Harris 2, F. Harris 3, E. Cole (first 720 on a bob bell) 4, T. Harris 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, April 19th, at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, 1,141 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: W. Bottrill 1, C. H. Chapman 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, G. Shipp 4, F. C. Chapman 5, C. Hare 6, T. Walters 7, W. Glover 8, J. Carman 9, C. W. Pipe 10. W. Bottrill's first as conductor. First quarter in method by 4th and 8th.

**EALING.**—At St. Mary's, for morning service, on Sunday, April 19th, 1,280 Bob Major: A. Moore 1, J. H. Hunnisett 2, H. J. Hunnisett 3, A. H. Harding 4, W. H. Hollier 5, C. Edwards 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

**FULHAM.**—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 19th, 1,320 Treble Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: H. A. Kolkark 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. Sheppard 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, J. A. Trollope 6, F. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, A. W. Colles 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Sunday, April 19th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, V. R. Williams 3, G. J. Winter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. Acock 5, W. C. Cuss 6, J. Hope 7, E. Gardener 8.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, April 19th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. James 3, F. Culham, senr. (Erith) 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, J. Crowder 6, F. Culham, junr. (Erith), 7, J. Daffers 8.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Sunday, April 19th, before evensong, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. C. Mulford 1, E. Hudson 2, F. Prince 3, E. G. Rice 4, E. A. Gregory (conductor) 5, W. Seymour 6, H. Sims 7, E. White 8.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Sunday morning, April 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Dan Hady 1, A. Bull 2, F. Springham 3, C. Beeston 4, F. Bird 5, Wm. T. Prior 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, H. Wacey 8. Longest length by 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 8th.

**WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.**—At St. Thomas' Church, after evensong, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 minutes (ten different callings): T. Lock (first quarter) 1, S. Bevan 2, Miss Stella Disney 3, N. Scott (first quarter as conductor) 4, J. Scott 5.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Yateley on Saturday, when the ladies and their friends were made very welcome. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and various touches were rung until 5 o'clock. Unfortunately, the service had to be cancelled owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rector. Tea was served in the Parish Room, and then followed the business meeting. It is proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ashted on October 3rd. The district annual meeting is to be at Aldershot, probably June 20th.

During the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were brought home. Yateley bells were also rung for the first time by eight ladies, a course of Stedman Triples being rung as follows: Miss Stilwell 1, Mrs. Melville 2, Miss N. Denyer 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, Miss B. Mills 5, Miss V. Robinson 6, Miss H. Mills 7, Miss M. Nye 8. Visitors came from Aldershot, Bagshot, Camberley, Guildford (Holy Trinity), Godalming, Reading (St. Lawrence), Sandhurst, Wokingham.

## NOTICES.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Ashburton. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. Also Buckfastleigh bells (6) available 2 p.m. Good train and bus service. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please inform me by April 29th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntoria, Church Street, Paignton.

## NOTICES.

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## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS

(Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at: St. Magnus, on April 30th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 28th; all at 7.30.—William T. Cockerell, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Ringwood on Saturday, April 24th, from 3 p.m. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Gowts (6) and St. Botolph's (6), from 2.30 to 3.30 and from 7.30 to 9. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Stret, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. per head. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday, April 25th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farmborough on Saturday, April 25th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those who intend to be present kindly inform me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting of the above society will be held at Ashton Parish Church on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting to be held at 7 p.m.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec., 103, Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The branch annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at All Saints, Marlow. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Hall 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Stebbing, Essex.—The annual ringing festival of the Stebbing ringers will be held on Saturday, April 25th. The bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. There will be a service in the Church at 4.30, and tea will be provided at 5 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Sawbridgeworth on April 25th. The bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea at 5.15, 1s. per head. Business meeting after. All members and friends welcome. Essex friends, please come.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Tormorden.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Burton Latimer (8) on Saturday, April 25th. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at All Souls, Bolton, on Saturday, 25th April. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Godalming, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and short business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's (6), Swindon, on April 25th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Christ Church (10) will be available in the evening.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Secretary, 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Secretary, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Milton-next-Gravesend on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3. Association service in the church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A. Tea will be provided in the Johnston Institute. Half fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting to members. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lenham on Saturday, April 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shenstone on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3. Service, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy), at 4.45.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Western Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th. All Saints' (8) and St. Gregory's (8) available from 2 o'clock. Tea at the Bull Hotel (1s. per head). Business meeting follows.—S. H. Symonds, 78, Church Street, Lavenham.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM** (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting

will be held at King's Norton on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at a moderate charge.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at St. Neots, on May 2nd. Bells available—St. Neots (8), Eynesbury (6), Eaton Socon (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. All wishing for tea please give notice by April 28th to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Mr. Washbrook's memorial and arrangements for annual branch meeting and social.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at St. Mark's (6), Swindon, on April 25th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Christ Church (10) will not be available in the evening, as a peal of Stedman Caters will be attempted at 5 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A district meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, April 25th. Meet at St. Mary's Church at 2.30. Tea (1s. 3d.) each at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. E. S. Kell, 26, Ellwood Gardens, Gateshead, by Wednesday, the 22nd.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Deptford, on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea, kindly supplied by Vicar, and business meeting to follow.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Brislington on Saturday, April 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Service 6 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Quarterly business meeting, Monday, April 27th. Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 11th and 25th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Wolsey on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Tea will be provided only for those advising the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, The Rectory, Bingham, Notts, not later than May 1st.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. —The next ringing meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Hilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Curry Rivel (8 bells) available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brent Knoll on Saturday, May 2nd. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Central District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m., to be followed by the meeting. Ringing at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, after the meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will all requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 28th?—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing 5 till 8. Ringers and friends welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Belchamp St. Paul on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. There will be a service in the Church at 4.15 p.m., and tea afterwards. All ringers cordially invited, and those intending to be present at the tea must notify me not later than Thursday, April 30th, in order that provision may be made for them. — W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Poulton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by April 28th?—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those who hope to be present please notify me not later than Wednesday, April 29th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellington.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 28th?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A propaganda meeting will be held at Cheddleton (Wall Grange Station) on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6, recently rehung) available 3 p.m. Tea (1s.) 5.30 p.m. Notifications of attendance to be sent to Mr. J. E. Wheelton, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before April 28th.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Christ Church will also be available for ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting has been arranged on May 9th at Todmorden. Members intending being present, please write Mr. S. Hartley, 15, Erringden Street, by May 4th. Tea at 5.30, in Schools, at 1s. 8d. each.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Secs.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2-3 and 5-9. Service at the Sub-deanery Church at 3.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 4.30, Voke's Tea Gardens in the Hornet, 1s. each to members. Those intending to be present must notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District. — Next meeting Saturday, May 9th. Bushey bells open 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d., and meeting 5.30. Please notify me for tea by May 5th.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Festival will be held at Dorchester, on Tuesday, May 12th. Service in St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Dinner and annual meeting after service.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Secretary, Kingston Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

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### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Southover, Lewes, on Easter Monday, April 13th, a fairly representative gathering of 53 being present. Ringing commenced at 2.15, and at 4 o'clock a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, B.A.). The collection for the benevolent fund amounted to 14s. 6d. At 5 o'clock, all proceeded to the Parish Hall, where tea had most kindly been provided by the Rector.

This was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman), T. Jeffrey, Burgess Hill; Alfred Absalom, G. Gasson and G. Lewry, Bolney; and E. Hobden, Ditchling, were elected new members.

The Secretary's report and statement of accounts were favourably received, and the whole of the officers of the division were unanimously re-elected, viz.: Secretary, A. D. Stone; committee, O. Sippel, J. A. Hart and Jas. Wren; committee of advice, K. Hart, W. Palmer and C. Tyler.

The Secretary announced that the next meeting of the division would be held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, who is providing tea for those attending.

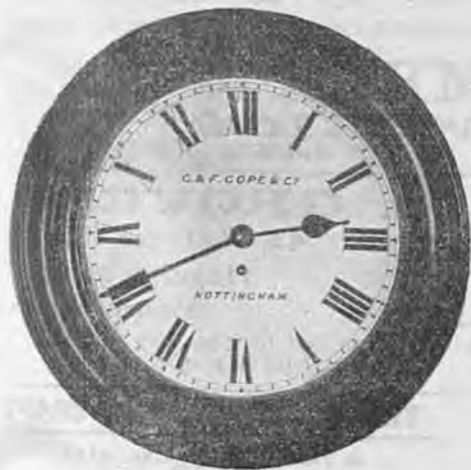
The meeting concluded by the Master proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, his very able address, and for his most generous hospitality.—The Rector, in responding, expressed the hope that the association would again visit Southover in the near future.

Afterwards, ringing continued until about 8.30, the methods rung during the day ranging from Grandsire to Surprise. The following towers were represented: Barcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burwash, Crawley, Ditchling, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Henfield, Heathfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Mayfield, Seaford, Shoreham, Southover and Waldron. Mr. J. Harris, Portsea, was also present.

### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

A pleasant quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern Branch was held at Bickleigh on Saturday: about 40 ringers being present from Exeter, Christow, Exmouth, and most of the towers belonging to the branch.

Several bands availed themselves of the Rev. W. French's kind invite, and enjoyed a ring at the neighbouring tower of Cadeleigh. Seven certificates were awarded, and one associate member elected. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at Uplowman on Saturday, June 13th.



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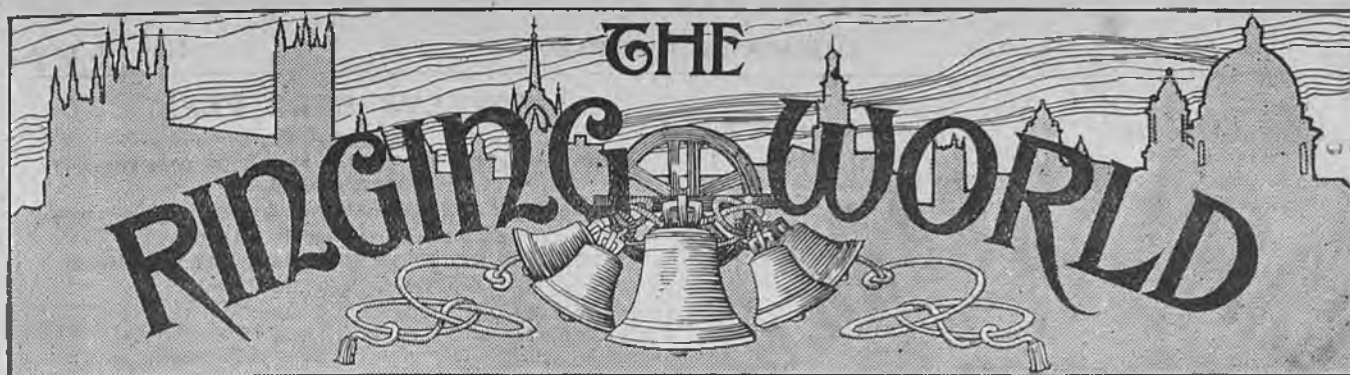
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It may be said the associations have the remedy in their own hands, and that those who fail to do as they have been asked in the matter of saying that they will be present, should be excluded from the meal. This salutary method of dealing with the neglectful ones would no doubt have its effect, but ringers being the curious folk that they are, this way of dealing with the situation is not altogether a practical remedy. Officials have to be very chary of giving offence, and when a number of visitors turn up unexpectedly at a meeting, there is, of course, a desire to do the best under the circumstances so that they cannot feel aggrieved. But if these ringers find they cannot be catered for, they only have themselves to blame, yet time after time, given a fine afternoon, secretaries find they have been hopelessly 'let down.' Short of the policy of exclusion, it would seem that the only course open is that of continually hammering at the negligent to induce them to alter their ways. If they can only be brought to realise that it is not only the secretary who is concerned in knowing how many to expect, but that others outside the association have an interest in the matter, and that they are creating a bad impression, perhaps they will in time mend their ways in this and in the other directions in which we have recently urged that there is room for improvement.

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|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| J. H. DEAN ... Treble  | MAURICE SWINFELD ... 5      |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... 2  | JOHN CURTIS ... 6           |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... 3   | JAMES GEORGE ... 7          |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 4 | E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the eve of St. George's Day. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for permission to ring.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, 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       |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 2    | GEORGE WILSON ... 6       |
| FRANK L. FISHER ... 3      | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 7   |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4     | JAMES M. BAILEY ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Bailey and F. W. and A. F. Bailey, of Nottingham and Manchester respectively.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *CLARENCE BLACKBURN ... Treble | EDGAR WHITLEY ... 5      |
| THOMAS SENIOR ... 2            | ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 6  |
| HAROLD PEARCE ... 3            | JOE GREENWOOD ... 7      |
| FRED HODGSON ... 4             | WILLIAM AMBLER ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal of Major. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. E. Whiteley for their kind hospitality after the peal; also Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenwood for their hospitality at a previous attempt.

## PADIHAM, LANC.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM HUNTER ... Treble | HARRY ENTWISTLE ... 5          |
| *FREDERICK SMITH ... 2    | *GEORGE AINSWORTH ... 6        |
| *ROBERT WHITEHEAD ... 3   | BARNARD CRABTREE ... 7         |
| EDWIN OGDEN ... 4         | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.

\* First peal. Specially rung on the 10th anniversary of landing at Cape Hellas, and as a tribute to all who fell at Gallipoli. Ringers of treble, 4th and 5th from Burnley; 3rd, Colne; 2nd and 6th, Padiham; 7th and 8th, Rishton.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| CYRIL VALENTINE ... Treble | WILLIAM E. BIBBY ... 5   |
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... 2        | EDWARD JENKINS ... 6     |
| FRANCIS BIBBY ... 3        | JAMES MORGAN ... 7       |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4        | HENRY W. WILDE ... Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of New Cambridge in the county, and by the Guild. Rung on the 12th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEORGE R. JONES ... Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... 2      | JAMES SWINDLEY ... 6       |
| JOHN HAYES ... 3           | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7   |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4     | JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor  |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble | HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5      |
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... 2       | THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6           |
| MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 3 | HARRY KILBY ... 7             |
| CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... 4    | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

This peal was rung to welcome the new Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Edward Smith) upon his induction by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Willesden.

## ALMONDSBURY.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *CECIL H. PAWSEY ... Treble | GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 5 |
| *STEPHEN H. WOOD ... 2      | THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 6   |
| JOHN TAYLOR ... 3           | GEORGE E. TREW ... 7     |
| ARTHUR PRINCE ... 4         | JESSE HALLETT ... Tenor  |

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal. The ringer of the second is a son of the Rev. Canon Wood, Vicar of Almondsbury, and Rural Dean of Stapleton.

## STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL, Co. DURHAM.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| T. H. DOBSON ... Treble | THOS. METCALFE ... 5      |
| FRED P. HOWCROFT ... 2  | J. C. POLLARD ... 6       |
| *GEO. WORTHY ... 3      | J. LOWREY ... 7           |
| THOS. LANCASTER ... 4   | REV. A. SIMPSON ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by the Rev. A. SIMPSON.

The above peal was rung as a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of the long continued service of Mr. R. W. Alton, as sidesman for four years and warden for twenty-two consecutive years of Stranton Parish Church, and as a recognition of the work of Mrs. Alton, who has so ably assisted him during this period. The conductor (the Rev. Albert Simpson) is a nephew of Mrs. Alton. \* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

## SYSTON, Near LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5956 CHANGES

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. Treble | JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 5 |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2  | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6       |
| SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 3     | E. HARRY STONELY ... 7      |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4   | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and first of Major since 1909. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kind permission, and locals for entertainment afterwards.

## TURVEY, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *CHARLES SARGENT ... .. Treble | †WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 5      |
| HARRY TYSON ... .. 2           | HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 6      |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3        | HENRY W. GAYTON ... 7        |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4        | HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. W. GAYTON.

This is Miss Evelyn Steel's 100th peal. First peal of Major as conductor. \* First peal. † First peal of Major.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in E.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 5    |
| *B. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE ... 2  | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3     | FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 7    |
| GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 4     | GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

## GODMANCHESTER, HUNTS.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble | JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 5     |
| WILFRED C. IBBETT ... .. 2    | CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 6    |
| ARTHUR J. ABRAMS ... .. 3     | FRANK WARRINGTON ... 7      |
| HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 4     | HERBERT FIELDS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.

The band wish to thank the local ringers for their hospitality after the peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## BROMYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4     |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 2         | JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 5   |
| JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 3        | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. J. E. Groves, Birmingham.

## FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten different ways.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *ALBERT CANTLE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM T. SHORE ... 4       |
| *EDWARD FLOWER ... .. 2      | REV. L. G. KETCHLEY ... 5    |
| WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 3       | *DANIEL PARFITT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. ROSEWELL.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

## BAGLAN, GLAMORGAN.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Eleven different callings.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM HOOK ... .. Treble | *ARTHUR D. THOMAS ... 4        |
| *MISS LUCY THOMAS ... 2     | ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 5         |
| †MRS. E. G. BELLINGER ... 3 | *ALBERT E. PITMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

\* First peal. † First peal on inside bell.

## DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Royston Delight, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in E.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ALFRED MARSHALL ... .. Treble | ROBERT G. RICKETTS ... 4      |
| CHARLES WALSH ... .. 2         | ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5          |
| ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3        | THOMAS W. HILTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS W. HILTON.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor. Treble and tenor ringers belong to local band, the rest hail from Wath-on-Dearne. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. Rung in honour of the twentieth anniversary of the wedding of the conductor; also the birthday of the ringer of the fifth, which both occurred on the above date.

## GREAT HAMPTON.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 26, 1925, 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, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JAMES BRADLEY ... .. Treble | HERBERT JORDAN ... 4          |
| THOMAS EDWIN ... .. 2        | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5     |
| JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3       | FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

\* First peal.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## CAMBRIDGE.

## THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, April 24, 1925, in Two Hours &amp; Seventeen and a Half Minutes

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

|                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| H. B. GARDNER (TRIN.) ... 1-2         | W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS) 5-6 |
| REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) ... 3-4 | K. G. HOARE (TRIN.) ... 7-8  |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

## CHISLEHURST, KENT.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, April 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At 35, ALBANY ROAD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES!

Tenor, size 15 in C.

\*ERNEST J. TRIMMER... 1—2 | \*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 5—6  
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3—4 | T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 7—8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE.

\* First peal 'in hand.' Birthday peal for Joan M. Groombridge, daughter of the conductor.

## WORCESTERSHIRE &amp; DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

## THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual meeting was held at Worcester on Easter Monday, as usual. Rain fell persistently until noon, after which the sun got through occasionally, somewhat tempering the chilly air. Most of the city bells were ringing fairly early, and the Cathedral bells were available from 1 to 2 p.m. The rehanging of this ring is contemplated, after which, perhaps, better ringing will be enjoyed by those whose opportunities are so few on twelve bells.

At 2.15, the Dean again welcomed a moderate attendance, and at the termination of the meeting interested those present with a brief historical review of the architecture of the Chapter House, where the meeting was held. Even to a casual listener it is obvious what a great study the Dean must have made of the history of the Cathedral, as, when expounding details, all else is oblivion.

As always, he presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. F. Hastings and Mr. J. R. Newman, clerical and lay secretaries, Mr. R. Matthews and Mr. T. J. Salter.

The report and balance sheet were readily adopted, the latter proving satisfactory in face of the reduced subscription.

Mr. Newman reminded members of the irregularity of not advising him of their intended attendance to enable him to make ample provision for tea.

Apologies were read from the Vicars of Powick and Cradley, and Mr. H. Mason.

From the Belfry Repair Fund grants were voted of £5 to Selly Oak and Hanley Castle restorations. Two guineas were also voted from the general fund to the Washbrook Memorial.

New members were elected from Droitwich, Kidderminster, Wolverley, Wordsley, Martley and Oldswinford.

Arrangements for the annual peal were left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. R. Matthews).

Mr. A. E. Parsons referred to the death of Mr. W. Rock Small, whose work and loyalty to the association from its inception had been helpful. A vote of condolence was passed in silence to the bereaved family.

Mr. W. Short referred also to the death of Mr. John Bradney, of Shifnal, an old, unattached member. Here, too, a silent vote of sympathy was passed.

President, vice-presidents (all clerical), lay vice-presidents, Master, secretaries, treasurer and auditors were all again unanimously re-elected. The Central Committee was re-elected with one exception.

Mr. J. R. Newman reminded members that he was getting older, and that day completed his 20 years' service as secretary, and hinted at retiring in favour of young blood. The Dean very aptly and properly asked him to get on to the next business, much to the liking of all present.

The usual votes of thanks were passed.

The Cathedral service followed, all members taking privileged seats in the choir.

To the intense pleasure of all, the organ, which has been silent for extensive repairs and overhauling at a cost of over £8,000, was reopened on Easter Sunday. Sir Ivor Atkins, the organist, thrilled the listeners with a short recital, and the choir gave a beautiful rendering, too, of Sir Ivor's anthem, 'Christ is Risen.' An address was given by the Rev. Canon Blake, Rector of St. Helen's, from Psalm xcvi. 10, 'Tell it out among the heathen,' etc.

A collection was taken for the organ fund.

Tea was served at the Central Cafe, High Street. Thus another opportunity was afforded many members to exchange greetings and handshakes, who rarely meet from year to year. It was also good to see young blood well represented, and one, at any rate, expressed an inward hope that their aspirations and deeds would in time exceed those of older members.

## NEW PEAL OF EIGHT IN NORFOLK.

## BELLS OF TERRINGTON ST. CLEMENT RESTORED.

The bells of Terrington St. Clement, Norfolk, have just been restored. There were, prior to the restoration, six bells which were cast at various periods by different firms, and were badly out of tune. Of the original six bells two have been recast and two new trebles have been added, making a good peal of eight bells, the tenor weighing 11½ cwt. The casting, recasting and tuning has been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, and the rehanging has been carried out by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk. The bells are hung with the latest type of self-aligning ball races in an entirely new oak frame. The bells go splendidly, and no doubt will be much sought after by bell ringers in the vicinity.

The dedication took place on Sunday, April 19th, and was performed by the Lord Bishop of Ely. The service was a most inspiring one, and was attended by a large number of people. The bells were opened by a band of ringers from St. Margaret's Church, King's Lynn, who, with some members of the home company, rang several short touches during the afternoon.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—This bell was given by Mrs. Holt Wilson, of Lovells Hall, last surviving member of the Upwood family, 1925.

2nd.—This bell was erected by public subscriptions, 1925. Arthur Edwin Penney, Vicar; James Empringham, William James Warnes, churchwardens; William George Davis, treasurer.

3rd.—Thomas Lester, of London, made me.

4th.—S. Maria, 1711; G. Osler, R. Scott, John Goldsmith. Recast 1925.

5th.—John Mudd and William Wright, churchwardens, 1816.

6th.—Nunc Clemens Ego Cano Vobis Ore lucundo, 1595. R.W.: R.N.  
7th.—John Boseley and William Willemott, churchwardens, 1731. T. Newman fecit. Recast 1925.

Tenor.—Arnold and Osborn fecit, 1778.

## PAYING UP.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After acting for two years as hon. treasurer to the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, I can most cordially endorse your leading article of April 17th, under the heading of 'Paying Up.'

It may interest you to know that I found the process of collecting subscriptions a most tedious one, and one in which considerable patience is required.

On taking over my duties, I found a formidable list of slackers, regarding subscriptions, awaiting me. I entered into my task with a fair amount of zeal, and was fortunate in being able to reduce the unpaid subscriptions by some few pounds.

It is only with great difficulty that business methods can be infused in church work of this nature in these parts. Bell ringers as a whole are drawn from all classes of society, and many need tactful persuasion, otherwise offence is taken where not intended.

The prevailing idea among ringers seems to be: 'Appoint your officials, and thereafter away with all cares and worries, and leave us to our ringing, the secretary and treasurer have broad shoulders.'

To give a case in point, an idea to improve the financial side of our association was suggested by me. A comprehensive circular, which took hours to elaborate, was drawn up, and circular letters were sent out to 50 towers asking the support of the local secretaries, and their Guilds, and an early reply.

After waiting patiently for six months, only twelve were received, consequently I did not proceed further with the scheme, and left it to my successor to carry on, when time and occasion again arise.

You ask the remedy?

(1) As a partial alleviation of the troubles of association officials I would suggest that the treasurer's duties should be entirely separate from the secretarial work, the secretary having quite sufficient to do in arranging meetings, writing up reports, and other incidentals.

(2) That each tower should establish a scheme, whereby every member will pay the small sum of 1d. a week towards the outlays for repairs to bell ropes, and their subscriptions to the association. This has been adopted by more than one tower to my own knowledge, with the happy result that their subscriptions have been promptly paid, and no arrears outstanding.

(3) Much younger men should be given the posts of secretary and treasurer, providing that they are not unwilling to face the music with a good heart, and also have the time and leisure at their disposal.—Yours faithfully,

A. W. HALL,

Late Hon. Treasurer, Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT SOUTHGATE.

Southgate having been chosen as the venue for this year's annual meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, members made their way to that place in large numbers on Saturday, April 18th, some 75 attending. The very fine peal of ten bells was made much use of, several excellent touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major and Royal, being rung; whilst at Wood Green the methods practised included Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Quite a number of the fair sex were present, and it was noticed that several of them were very keen on the higher methods rung.

Divine service was held at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rev. G. W. Stainsby. The preacher was the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays (Rector of Finchley), who gave a very inspiring address, basing his remarks on the dangers confronting all workers in the church, from the clergy down to the choir, bell ringers, and other lay workers, viz., that of forgetting the real nature of their calling. It was quite easy for them all to forget their work was that of praising God. Even the clergy, in repeating the same services week after week, found it easy to forget that, and the preacher urged his hearers to endeavour to bear in mind, during the ringing of the bells, that they were just as much praising God as were the clergy and congregation.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, served by the wives and daughters of several of the local ringers, who had prepared an excellent meal. The Rev. S. F. L. Bernays presided, and was supported by the Rev. G. W. Stainsby, of Southgate.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, president, supported by Messrs. W. Pye (Master), T. Beadle and W. Pickworth (vice-presidents), N. A. Tomlinson and R. Holloway (District Masters), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secs.), etc.

### NEED FOR REGULAR PRACTICE.

The passing of time, says the report, bids us once more to take stock of our position as a ringing organisation. We find much encouragement in doing so; our numbers are increasing; the subscriptions are being paid with regularity; and in most cases the Sunday ringing reaches a fairly high standard of excellence. But, for all this, there are towers where there is still plenty of room for improvement and where better work could be done. In some cases, possibly, this is due to lack of effort on the part of the ringers, but there are other cases in which we are sure the ringers are not altogether to blame. We hear of towers where a regular practice night is almost out of the question; or if there is a practice night, interruptions often take place owing to the proximity of a hall where a public meeting or some other function is being held. We do not suggest that the ringers are not considered, but what actually happens is that they are for the time being forgotten. Ringers must have practice; first, to keep up and improve their own standards of ringing; and, secondly, to teach young ringers how to handle a bell. Otherwise Sunday ringing will in time cease at any church where practices are continually interrupted. We would, therefore, urge our clergy to set aside a definite night which the ringers may consider their own, and to do their best to have the practices kept free from interruption. At the same time, we would urge on our members the necessity of taking full advantage of the weekly opportunity to practise, especially in those towers in which their practice has been subject to interruption, with the special intention of improving their Sunday Service ringing. For we must always bear in mind that this is the main object of our existence, the Sunday ringing that is given to God, and to it we should devote our best efforts.

Apart from the Annual Meeting, no less than 23 meetings were held during the year. In the North and East District ten took place, three of which were at six-bell towers, whilst two were held in mid-week. The excellent average attendance of 32 was reached. The ringing generally attained a high standard, and it was noticeable that a larger proportion of our younger members aspired to Surprise methods, good practice in which can usually be obtained at these meetings. The meetings held in the South and West District numbered 13, all but two of which were held on a Saturday. The attendance at these meetings averaged 35, which shows no lack of interest on the part of our members. In this district, too, the ringing usually included several Surprise methods, a sure sign of progress.

In addition to the above, a joint meeting of the North and East District and the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Waltham Abbey on August 23rd. This meeting, which was attended by upwards of 50 members of one or other of the Associations concerned, enabled many to obtain some excellent practice on ten and twelve bells, besides furnishing an opportunity for fraternal greetings between ringers who seldom meet each other. It is hoped that more meetings of the same nature may be arranged in the future.

### OVER A HUNDRED NEW MEMBERS.

The number of new members elected during the year was 101, viz., in the North and East District 1 honorary and 52 ringing members, in the South and West District 4 and 44 respectively. In the former district the band at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, has become affiliated, and help is being given to them by friends from Southgate with a considerable measure of success. Mention might here be made of the progress made by the Stanmore ringers under the able tuition of Mr. F. Edwards, of Bushey, and Mr. J. Milner, of Isleworth, to both of whom our grateful thanks are due. The total membership of the Association, after deducting losses by death, resignations, etc., is 749.

Those whom death claimed numbered four. W. J. Dickens, of Isleworth, who died in January, had been a diligent member of the All Saints' band for many years, and a member of the association since 1916.

J. H. Preston, a member of the St. Peter's, Staines, band, was taken from us on April 24th. For 15 years a member of the association, and a ringer at Staines for nearly 20 years, he has been greatly missed.

W. Tucker, of Chewton Mendip, whose death occurred in March, was an original member of the association. He was leader of the Northaw band for many years, having been a ringer at that church from 1886-1905.

Miss Paget, of Barnet, one of our first honorary members, was also taken from us, and thus we lose another of our earliest supporters.

Dr. Wace, Dean of Canterbury, a vice-president of the association, died in the early days of 1924 from the effects of a fall. An old and intimate friend of our late president, Mr. A. T. King, Dr. Wace was a great help to us, especially in our early days, and it was whilst he was Rector of St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, that the association rang its first 12-bell peal in that tower.

### THE YEAR'S PEALS.

Turning to the peals rung during 1924, we are able to record an increase of one over the previous year, the total being 77, the highest attained since the war. Four of these peals were rung on handbells, whilst the peals on church bells were rung in 39 different towers. The members taking part in these peals numbered 192, of whom eleven rang their first peals, whilst there were 117 'firsts' in new methods or on different numbers of bells. Amongst these latter were four of London Surprise, five of Bristol, one of Cambridge Royal, and three of Cambridge Maximus. Two members rang their first peals of Stedman Cinques, twelve their first peals of Grandsire Caters, and eight their first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. A series of peals in new plain methods were rung at Willesden, namely, Edmonton, Marlborough and Winchester Bob Major. At Willesden, too, the first peals of Little Bob Major and Little Albion Treble Bob Major by this association were rung. Other peals worthy of notice are the first peal of London Surprise Major rung by the Christ Church, Southgate, band, on February 9th; the first peal rung on the bells at Stanmore since their augmentation to eight, in which several of the local ringers took part, on November 1st; and a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods rung on the same day at Hendon, this being the first peal on the bells since their restoration.

Our lady members have again done well. Miss G. Baker rang her first peal, and Miss P. Moss her first peal on ten bells, at Hillingdon, on February 23rd. On April 21st, at Acton, Miss Moss especially distinguished herself by calling Holt's Original peal of Grandsire Triples, being the first lady to call this difficult composition. At the annual general meeting a few days later, the president of the association took the opportunity of congratulating Miss Moss on her brilliant achievement, which we heartily endorse, especially as it was also her first peal as conductor.

This peal was also the first rung by Miss R. Hawksworth, who followed it up by ringing peals of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples at Willesden on August 9th and November 25th respectively. Mrs. F. I. Hairs added another to her many records by being the first lady to ring a peal of Cambridge Maximus, which she accomplished at Waltham Abbey on June 7th; whilst Mrs. R. F. Deal rang her first peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral on June 14th, and her first of Cambridge Royal at St. Magnus-the-Martyr on July 5th, both very fine performances. Others of our lady members who rang peals during the year were the Misses E. K. Parker, N. Shorter, N. G. Williams and P. Upsher, all of whom we congratulate on continuing their earlier promise.

The number of members who conducted peals was 28, and of these Mr. R. A. Fardon is to be commended on calling his first peal on July 8th at Acton; the composition being Holt's Original!

The peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung at Chiswick on December 27th, was the 1,000th by the conductor, Mr. F. Bennett, whom we congratulate on achieving a four-figure total of peals.

The bands at Acton (31) and St. Mary's, Ealing (29), again head the



quarter-peal list. There is still room for more quarter-peals, especially in the North and East District. We should like to see the Sunday quarter-peal attempt a permanent institution at all those towers where time permits.

#### BELL RESTORATION.

The list of bell restoration work done during the year includes the following: Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have rehung the whole peal at St. Andrew's Church, Wells Street, W., on ball bearings, and we understand that they go excellently. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have completed the rehanging of the eight bells at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, whilst the bells themselves have been cleaned and tuned. At Hendon the same firm have recast the treble, 2nd and 4th bells, and have tuned and cleaned the other bells, rehanging the whole peal with new fittings and framework. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have also done slight repairs at Hampton and at Hornsey.

We understand that a movement is on foot to raise sufficient funds to augment the existing eight bell at Isleworth to ten. This addition will make an excellent ring of these fine bells, and we hope that a ready response will be made to the appeal, to enable the work to be carried to a speedy conclusion.

The balance sheet of the Central Fund showed receipts (including £20 13s. 1d. brought forward) amounting to £50 18s. 3d., £19 0s. 4d. coming from the N. and E. District, and £11 4s. 10d. from the S. and W. The expenditure amounted to £24 1s. 3d., leaving a balance in hand of £26 17s. The North and East District had a balance of £18 12s. 8d., and the South and West District £29 10s. 5d., the former being an increase of £2 0s. 3d., and the latter an increase of £1 13s. 4d.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

#### MR. T. BEADLE RETIRES.

All the retiring officers were re-elected, with the exception of Mr. T. Beadle, who had expressed a wish to retire. Mr. C. S. Bird, of Heston, was appointed district vice-president in his stead.

The President moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr. Beadle for his many years of generous service to the association. This was carried with hearty unanimity, and Mr. Beadle, in returning thanks, referred to the early days of the association, when people were suspicious of their motives, which suspicions he and a few others had to fight against.

Other business included the election of five new members, an alteration to Rule VIII., and the deletion of Rule XI.

An improved association certificate was handed round for inspection, and several orders obtained. Copies of this certificate may be had of either of the hon. secretaries, 6d. post free.

A discussion arose as to the place of next year's annual general meeting, and eventually Fulham was chosen.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. C. F. Peploe and the Rev. C. G. A. Midwinter for the use of the bells at Southgate and Wood Green; to the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays for his address at the service; to the Rev. G. W. Stainsby (Southgate) for conducting the service; to the several ladies who had given such invaluable help in providing tea; and to Messrs. Pickworth, Miller, Crane, Armstrong, and others, for the great assistance given.

#### LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Trevethin, Pontypool, on Saturday last, and, by the large number that put in an appearance from both dioceses, proved that Trevethin is a favoured spot. A welcome was given to the visitors by Mr. Lade, the local leader, who, by the way, has during the past year or two worked up a splendid and enthusiastic band, and no pains have been spared in the way the bells have been looked after since he became leader.

A committee meeting was held prior to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. D. E. Roberts, M.A.), who gave a very encouraging address.

Following the service, a bountiful tea, which had been generously provided by the Vicar's warden, Mr. T. B. Pearson, was enjoyed.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and the balance sheet for the past year was read and adopted. This showed a very substantial sum in hand.

Instructors' reports were accepted, which showed really good progress at Machen, under the instructorship of Mr. A. E. Slatter.

Augmentations and restorations were reported on, and a couple of very interesting items referred to.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly Monmouthshire meeting at Bedwelty, and new members were elected.

Afterwards the bells were rung in the standard methods, and this brought to a close a splendid meeting. The best thanks are accorded to the Vicar, churchwardens, local ringers, and the local ladies.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Washbrook Memorial Fund has now reached £84. The committee have a big task still before them, as the sum at present subscribed is only about half the amount required. From the list which appears in another column, it will be seen that a number of associations have not yet contributed. Collective subscriptions from these remaining societies would go a long way towards completing the fund.

Another lady to reach the one hundred peal mark is Miss Evelyn Steel, who completed the century at Turvey, last Saturday. Miss Steel is a vice-president of the Bedfordshire Association.

The peal of Bristol Surprise at Syston, near Leicester, was rung at first attempt, despite several critics' statements 'impossible,' owing to heavy 'go' of bells, especially the tenor. Now, Jack O'—how about rejoining the old 'first eleven,' and adding your strength as of old? They have not quite lost their ability.

Mr. John Armstrong, of the Southgate band, has been appointed groundsman at the Walker Cricket Ground.

A memorial is to be erected in the Parish Church, Chudleigh, Devon, to Mr. John Buttress, who was a bell ringer for over 50 years.

At Waltham Abbey, which contains one of the three peals of twelve bells in Essex, special services are to be held on Sunday on the occasion of the 865th anniversary of the consecration.

Many belfries are lacking in one important essential—a clock. Messrs. G. and F. Cope and Co., of Nottingham, have on the market a timepiece perfectly suited for belfry use, and these clocks will be found advertised in another column.

The first peal of Cinques in Yorkshire was rung on May 1st, 1842, when Samuel Smallpage composed and conducted a peal of Grandsire Cinques at Leeds. There is a peal board in the tower, and the record of the time occupied is very exact, it being given as 3 hours 43 mins. 9 secs.

On May 5th, 1817, a peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick.

It was not until the year 1887 that a peal was rung in Dorset. This was Grandsire Triples on May 5th, at Bridport.

The 10,400 Real Double Superlative at Loughborough Foundry was rung on May 6th, 1922.

The first peal of 'Grandsire Bob Maximus' was rung at Southwark on May 7th, 1792.

Will the ringer whose home is in Dover, and who has recently been visiting Watford and Chorleywood, communicate with Box M.C., The 'Ringing World' Office, Woking, enclosing testimonials, when he may hear of a situation?

## SERVICES AT RINGING MEETINGS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The practice of having a more or less elaborate service at annual and quarterly association meetings seems to be growing.

Whilst not desiring to seem irreverent, may I suggest that these services are somewhat of a superfluity, as ringers who desire to attend services can do so at any time at their own particular churches.

Ringers who attend annual or quarterly meetings will admit, if they are honest about it, that they attend, primarily for ringing and the transaction of the business of their particular association.

Take the case of the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association held recently, and, say, that a member arrived in Leicester about 11 to 11.30 a.m. By the time he had located himself, and (if he was lucky) had a pull at one church, it was lunch time. After the lunch, the annual meeting, followed by the service (much of the more important business was crowded out, because a service had been arranged). After the service, tea, and very soon after a concert, so that ringing seemed to be crowded out, too.

I suggest that association committees hesitate before they put on a service, and that they allow sufficient time for the proper discussion of important items of business, such as the Midland Counties Association shelved the other day.

I quite expect to be well 'strafed' for daring to suggest that services at meetings are a superfluity, but anyhow, that is my opinion.—  
Yours faithfully,  
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Sonning Deanery Branch held a combined ringing practice at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday evening, April 18th. Members from the following towers were present: Fulmer, Sandhurst, Binfield, Wargrave, Twyford and Waltham St. Lawrence, and a most enjoyable evening was the result. Ringing included the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Oxford, Kent, and Woodbine Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise.

## ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

### THE DEDICATION.

The restoration of St. Peter Mancroft bells is now complete, and, as briefly mentioned in our last issue, they were re-dedicated on Sunday week. For some time before the restoration was taken in hand, the condition of the frame and fittings was far from satisfactory, and when the bells were removed it was found that the beams which carried the weight were in very bad order, and some of them badly rotted. The lower beams, forming the ceiling visible from the church have not been removed, but have been repaired and made perfectly safe. The bells are now carried on steel girders quite independent of the old oak beams, which will henceforth be relieved of any duty except that of carrying themselves and the wood flooring laid on them. New fittings have been supplied to the bells throughout, and the bells have been quarter turned and re-clappered. The work has needed considerable time, but now it is done there is 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

closely connected with the church. That of Alexander Robert Chamberlin would long be remembered. When, in 1878, the Rev. Sidney Pelham came to Mancroft, he got to work with the enthusiasm of faith and youth, and he found in Mr. Chamberlin a quiet, retiring churchwarden and a friend. The two men walked together in the House of God, and they saw the marks of the neglect of centuries—four of the great windows partially bricked up, the tower, the roof, the walls all falling into ruin. From the outside six feet of accumulated soil lay against the north and south walls. At the east end of the church the conditions were indescribable. Two out of three public-houses were practically built on to the sanctuary and other houses less reputable. "I tell you these repulsive details," said the Vicar, "because we should not forget those like Alexander Chamberlin, who pledged themselves to purify this most glorious temple of God." Mr. Chamberlin continued his labours with Archdeacon Nevill from 1881 to 1884, with Canon Baggailey from 1884 to 1890, and with Archdeacon Pelham Burn from 1890 to 1901 until in his (the speaker's) own



ST. PETER MANCROFT CHURCH, NORWICH.

Where the peal of twelve bells was rededicated on Sunday, April 18th, and where the first peal on record was rung on May 2nd, 1715.

walls, which henceforward will be much less likely to be injured by the ringing of the heavy peal of twelve.

A crowded congregation attended the dedication service which was conducted by the Vicar (Canon Meyrick). The actual ceremony took place in the belfry, where the Vicar was accompanied by the donor (Mrs. F. Clark), the choristers and ringers. There Canon Meyrick said prayers, the choir sang an anthem, and afterwards the bells rang out over the city after a silence of a year, while the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' was afterwards sung by the congregation.

### A GREAT WORK OF RESTORATION.

'Many of us,' said Canon Meyrick in his sermon, 'have been looking forward for months for this great moment in the story of Mancroft. I only wish that the figure of Archdeacon Pelham could be standing in this pulpit in my place. This great and splendid gift is made in memory of one who worked for some years with Sidney Pelham.' The name of Chamberlin had been for two generations very

vicariate the great work was completed in 1908 at a total cost of some £22,000. No wonder Mr. Chamberlin loved the bells he rehung forty years ago. Their bells made their appeal to many instincts. They had praised God for many centuries. A hundred years before the church was built there almost certainly hung a peal of five bells in the Norman tower of old St. Peter's. They rang for the victory over the Spaniards. Again the steeple rocked in 1665, when, off Lowestoft, British seamanship conquered the Dutch aggressor. At the victory of Waterloo, and, but the other day, on November 11th, 1918, it was from the lips of their Mancroft bells that a great hymn of thankfulness leapt to the skies while men and women wept and tried to pray.' Proceeding, Canon Meyrick referred to the ringers, who, like those in the choir stalls, were commissioned to lead God's worship on earth. There was an honoured place among the workers for God. 'The music of our bells is like that of the Gospel. There is power—power not of this world. Hark the great two-ton tenor! There is joy and laughter, a laughter that leaps to the skies and blessed by God Him-

self, echoes back to earth to cheer the tired watcher.' There was the tender note of sorrow that ever must be while men were heartless. At times the bells told of goodwill between man and man. 'This morning,' concluded Canon Meyrick, 'as we knelt at our altar, two thoughts, it may be, came to some of us. We thought of the Norfolk men who at that very hour on that very day were marching to certain death on the battlefield of Gaza, and we thought of those who mourned for them. We remembered, too, that to-day, after long silence, our bells would ring out the note of resurrection, of life triumphing over death, and we thanked God for the bells, for our Norfolk heroes, and most of all for the assurance of Easter.'

The actual ringing during the interval in the service consisted of a few rounds and firing only, in which members of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild alone could take part, the occasion not allowing of anything else in the few minutes available.

Immediately after the service, however, and again during the afternoon, from 4 o'clock to 6.30 p.m., the bells were kept going, and various touches were rung, in which numerous visitors also joined. Among those present were the secretary of the Norfolk Guild (Mr. A. Coleman), and ringers from Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower), Cambridge, Diss, Wymondham, Fakenham, Thornham Magna (Suffolk), while representatives attended from many other local bellfries. The methods rung included Stedman and Grandsire Cinques, Treble Bob Maximus, Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Cambridge Surprise Major. The 'go' of the bells appears to be all that can be desired, and the improvement in the sound of the bells outside was much remarked upon. Needless to say, the bell hangers (Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough) have made an excellent job.

### THE FIRST PEAL. TO-MORROW'S ANNIVERSARY.

Two hundred and ten years ago to-morrow, viz., on May 2nd, 1715, the first peal on record was rung. This was a peal of Bob Triples performed by the Norwich Scholars, on the famous bells at St. Peter Mancroft. Although the composition of this peal has not been preserved, there is no reason to doubt its accuracy, for John Garthorn, the composer, was also the composer of the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung three years later, the truth of which was established by the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon.

The peal of 1715 is recorded on a very elaborate board in Mancroft tower, and the inscription is interesting:—

May the 2nd, 1715. Here was Rung by the Ringers call'd Norwich Scholars, that most Incomparable Peal call'd Grandsire Bob Triples, it being the 3d whole peal they have rung, but the first whole Peal that ever was Rung to the truth by any Ringers whatsoever. It has been studied by the most Acute Ringers in England (but to no effect) ever since Triple Changes were first Rung, but now at last it's found out to the truth by John Garthorn, one of the said Society, and Rung by him and the rest of the Society in 3 hours 18 minutes, which is about 1,550 changes in an hour, the whole Peal being 5,040 Changes, and not one Bell misplac'd or out of Course. The Names of which Ringers are underwritten against their Respective Bells as they Rung:

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| John Garthorn .....     | 1st |
| Isaac Pearce .....      | 2nd |
| John Briggs .....       | 3rd |
| James Brooke .....      | 4th |
| David. Sanneville ..... | 5th |
| Tho. Gardner .....      | 6th |
| William Dixon .....     | 7th |
| Robert Woodcock .....   | 8th |

Doubtless John Garthorn called the peal, and these men may well have been proud of their performance.

### DEATH OF A LADY RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Frances Kate Jackson, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gobey, of Ilkeston. The deceased lady rendered very valuable services as a ringer in the early part of the war, at the Parish Church, Ilkeston, and she was very highly respected by all the ringers.

The interment took place on Monday, April 6th. The first portion of the service was held at St. John's Church, at which the Rev. W. F. Rutterton (Vicar) officiated. The service was fully choral, four ringers acted as bearers, and after the committal service rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave. Mr. A. Coppock, vice-president of the M.C.A., was amongst the mourners, representing the Nottingham district of the Midland Counties Association.

As a last tribute of respect, the bells of the Parish Church rang out half-muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples during the evening, the following taking part in the ringing: C. J. Baker, J. F. George, H. Harrison (conductor), H. Beardsley, I. Hufton, F. Tarlton, L. King, E. Fletcher and Miss Mary Spencer.

### WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

#### MR. A. W. WILKERSON RETIRES FROM SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual general meeting of the Guild took place at Rugby on Saturday, April 18th. Members were present from Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Erdington, Exhall, Leicester, Monk's Kirby, Nuneaton, Rugby, Shilton, Southam, Stoke and Wolvey, and the attendance included a number of ladies. The bells of St. Andrew's Church were open for ringing at 3 p.m., the committee met at 4 p.m., and the Guild's special service was taken in church at 4.30 p.m. by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, the 'ringing Vicar,' of Monk's Kirby, who also gave the address. It was an ideal address, from the ringers' point of view, and quite out of the ordinary run of addresses usually given at these gatherings.

Tea was provided at the Campbell Cafe, at which about 40 members were present, after which the business meeting was held. In the unavoidable absence of the president (the Rev. J. L. White), through indisposition, Canon M. A. Dodds, Vicar of Chilvers Coton, was voted to the chair.

The Hon. General Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson) read a report, and presented a balance sheet for the year ending December 31st, 1924, which showed a balance in hand of £11 16s. 5d., both of which were adopted.

The Rev. J. L. White was unanimously re-elected president, as was also the Ringing Master, Mr. T. W. Chapman.

The hon. general secretary having expressed a wish to retire, Mr. J. A. Fenton (Rugby) was elected to fill the vacancy. The hon. district secretaries were re-elected en bloc, and Mr. T. Male, of Warwick, elected to fill the place of Mr. F. G. Ashbourne for the Warwick district. The three gentlemen appointed to serve on the committee under Rule 6 were Canon M. A. Dodds, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver and Mr. J. H. W. White. Mr. Oswald J. Hunt was reappointed auditor.

Bulkington, Shilton, Castle Bromwich and Fillongley were proposed for the May and June monthly meetings, Fillongley being selected for May, and Shilton for June.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver brought forward the need for instructors in several towers, and hoped something would be done towards this end. A long discussion followed, and eventually a resolution was carried, asking the committee to go into the matter with a view to something being done.

Mr. H. Argyle moved a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring secretary for his services during the past 4½ years.—Mr. O. J. Hunt seconded, and the motion was carried.—Mr. A. Wilkerson suitably replied.

Ten new members were duly elected.

A convivial gathering took place in the evening, arranged by the St. Andrew's Society, and was much enjoyed, the thanks of the members being expressed to the Rugby men for their kind hospitality.

Included in the ringing on St. Andrew's bells was a course of Bristol Surprise, this being the first in the method on the bells. A. W.

### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

The annual Easter meeting was held at Ipswich, and there was a crowded attendance, besides many who kept to the towers for ringing only. Archdeacon Farmiloe was in the chair, as well as preaching at the service at St. Mary-le-Tower, to a good congregation.

The statement of accounts, and the report of the committee, showed that the Guild is doing well, both in finances, and in spreading the art of change ringing.

The Ringing Master (Mr. Chas. Sedgeley) reported that he had started a book of compositions, to record them as rung each year. At his suggestion it was decided to give up attempting to give the figures in the Report of the peals rung by members for other associations, as such figures could not be kept correctly.

It was decided to publish a list of instructors in the report; also to fix the subscription for honorary subscribers at 2/6 a year only. Owing to the unfortunate advice given by the Advisory Committee of this Diocese, it was decided to ask them not to advise about bells or towers without first consulting an expert ringer.

Mr. Sedgeley reported that the new certificates were about to be printed, and the Chairman said he was hoping they would be a great success from what he had seen of the proofs.

A number of new members were elected, and several fresh places for future meetings decided upon.

A company of ringers from Leytonstone were present, and many methods were rung in the different towers during the day. Owing to the proximity of the two principal towers in Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Margaret), a time-table of alternate half-hours was arranged, so that they should not be ringing together. This seems to have been appreciated by listeners, especially those who were in the closely inhabited part lying near to the two towers.



**THE NORFOLK GUILD.****SUGGESTED CHANGE OF DATE FOR ANNUAL MEETING.**

The general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Aylsham on Easter Monday, when, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Charles A. Manley), the ring of ten bells at the Parish Church, and, also, by permission of the Rector of Marsham (the Rev. A. J. Crawford), the ring of eight bells at Marsham were placed at the disposal of the members.

The luncheon was served at the Black Boys Hotel, at 1.30 p.m., the president, the Dean of Norwich, presiding, supported by the Rev. C. A. Manley, and the following members of the committee: Messrs. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), A. L. Coleman (secretary) and W. L. Duffield, and representatives from Aylsham, Fakenham, Loddon and Norwich.

The toast, 'The King,' was proposed by the president, and duly honoured.

The business meeting followed.

On a motion, moved by the secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), the following members were elected: The Rev. Charles A. Manley, Vicar of Aylsham, hon. member; Messrs. John E. Brown and Hanbury F. Carter, of Northrepps, performing members. The following belfry elections, prior to peals rung, were also ratified, viz.: Messrs. Shirley Burton, of Leicester, hon. member (non-resident), and Ernest Risebrow, of Northrepps, performing member.

The Secretary moved that Mr. Cyril L. Hewitt be appointed district secretary for Thetford, in the place of Mr. Herbert Mason, who had resigned on leaving the district, and to whom a vote of thanks was passed for his past services.

The Secretary gave notice that he would move the following motion at the next general meeting of the Guild, viz.: 'That in future the annual general meeting of the Guild shall be held on Easter Monday in each year.'

A general discussion took place, and it was decided not to take any definite steps at this meeting, but leave the matter over until the Whit Monday meeting, in view of the fact that the secretary was issuing a leaflet on this particular matter, with the annual reports about to be sent out, in order to give all members the opportunity to express their opinion by sending in their signatures to the secretary, either collectively, through their Ringing Masters, or individually, or on before Whit Monday next.

The Secretary read a letter from the Ringing Master of St. Peter Mancroft Guild (Mr. G. P. Burton), saying that the St. Peter Mancroft bells were to be reopened at a special service on Sunday, April 19th, and that the bells would be available for ringing in the afternoon of the same day from 4 to 6 o'clock, when members of the Norfolk Guild and other visitors would be welcome to take part in the ringing.

Mr. C. E. Borrett moved, and Mr. A. L. Coleman seconded, that the Whit Monday meeting be held at Norwich on June 1st, when, by kind permission of Canon F. J. Meyrick, the ring of twelve bells at St. Peter Mancroft would be placed at the disposal of the members.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Aylsham and the Rector of Marsham for the use of their bells. The meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the belfry for more ringing until the evening.

**BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

A monthly meeting was held at Penistone on Saturday, April 18th, when members and visitors attended from Anston, Barnsley, Bolveston, Ecclesfield, Darfield, Hoylandswaine, Wath, Horbury, Hands-worth, Wortley, Worksop, Shelley, and members of the local company. The bells were set going at 3 p.m. Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Stedman were freely practised, and a short business meeting was held in the ringing room.

The Vicar of Penistone presided, and the ringers of Shelley made a successful claim to enter for the annual cup contest. This band of six members and two from Bolveston were duly elected, and welcomed as new members.

Cawthorne was unanimously chosen for the next meeting, on May 15th. A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and the local company for the excellent arrangements.

**BOYNE HILL RINGERS' OUTING.**

The ringers of All Saints', Boyne Hill, held their outing on Easter Monday, and visited Bradfield, Bucklebury, Beenham and Aldermastop, where touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Bob Major and Superlative were rung, the conducting being shared by Messrs. G. Martin, A. Martin and J. Eldridge. A most pleasant and successful day was spent, and the ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the respective towers, also the local one, for their kindness.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

As is usual, the annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held at Bedford on Easter Monday, and proved a very pleasant and successful gathering. Members and friends made good use of the bells of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches from an early hour, and visitors from London, Cambridge and Northants being present during the day. One of the most pleasing features was the number of the younger members of the association who were present, which was very encouraging to the officers.

The luncheon was held at the Silver Grill, and was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Canon W. W. C. Baker (president), supported by Mr. E. Ransome (who, in spite of his 83 years, still takes a keen interest in the affairs of the association, and who has been absent from very few meetings during the whole of the association's existence), Miss E. Steel and Mr. Cyril Herbert, vice-presidents, and Mr. E. P. Duffield, a former secretary.

The annual report and accounts were passed, a balance in hand of £27 4s. 11d. being shown.

The Rev. Canon Baker was re-elected president, on the proposition of Mr. E. Ransome. The vice-presidents the hon. secretary and auditor were also re-elected.

A hearty invitation from the president to hold the summer meeting at Southill was accepted, Canon Baker remarking that, although he had only six bells, he had a nice shady garden, where the members could enjoy themselves with handbells, etc.

Bedford was again selected for the annual meeting in 1926.

A vote of condolence was passed to the Rev. G. Buck, Rector of Turvey, who, owing to a family bereavement, was unable to be present, and to the relatives of Mr. Cooper, a ringing member, who had recently passed away, members showing their sympathy by silently standing.

The following new members were elected: Messrs. W. G. Church (St. Paul's, Bedford), L. Brown, J. Faulkner, A. Hatton, G. Dilley, H. Slater, H. Sherman (Southill), and C. Matthews and L. Tring, of Dunstable.

The meeting closed with hearty votes of thanks to the incumbents of St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches for the use of the bells, and to the chairman for presiding.

Members then dispersed to the towers for further ringing, which ranged from rounds up to Cambridge Surprise Royal on the ten, and from Bob Major up to London and Bristol Surprise at St. Paul's, while a number of six bell methods were practised at St. Peter's.

**CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

The Easter meeting was held at Richmond (Yorks) on Bank Holiday, when members attended from Middlesbrough, Tadcaster, Darlington, Saltburn, Ripon, Whitby, West Hartlepool, Newcastle, Ormesby, and the local company. A meet of foxhounds in the market place was a picturesque event, which took the attention of the ringers until horses and hounds moved off to the coverts. The ringers then found their way to the belfry, and took part in some very good ringing until 1 p.m., when a halt was called for dinner, served at the hotel known as Bishop's Blaze. The tables were beautifully laid out, and a company of 43 sat down to a good old Yorkshire fare. The dinner was presided over by Mr. Morton (Richmond), in the absence of the president (the Rev. A. Simpson). The toast of the King and Royal Family was honoured, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Morton for presiding, and to the Rector for his address to the ringers later in the afternoon.

Several new members were elected, and this concluded the business.

Afterwards some wended their way back to the church to take part in more ringing; others went to see the beauties of Richmond until 4 p.m., when a short service was held, at which the Rector, the Rev. Canon Leigh, gave the address.

Later, further ringing took place, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

**AN ACTON PEAL BOARD.**

Mr. J. W. Fruin has generously presented a peal board recording a peal rung at Acton on March 11th. The board is lettered in gold on a black surface. At a little gathering the other day, Mr. Robert Holloway, in thanking Mr. Fruin for his gift, on behalf of the band, said it was particularly 'sporty' of him, as it was very little ringing he obtained, owing to the new Rector creating 'a certain amount of liveliness down below.' However, any moment he had to spare Mr. Fruin was with them in the belfry. Miss Harcastle also thanked Mr. Fruin on behalf of the ladies who took part.

Afterwards a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by the band standing exactly as in the peal: Miss Hawksworth 1, Miss Orr 2, Miss Harcastle 3, Miss Chapman 4, J. W. Fruin 5, H. Win-cote 6, Robt. Holloway 7, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 8.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WYE, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), on Sunday morning, April 26th, in 50 mins.: S. Jordau 1, J. Jordan 2, G. J. Youngs 3, C. Head 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, B. Haley 6, W. Heniker 7, W. Hopkins 8. Rung with 7-6-8 behind. First quarter for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 6th and 8th.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—On Sunday evening, April 26th, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Minor, with back stroke of tenor muffled, in memory of Glenys, the little daughter of Mr. D. E. Evans, churchwarden, and a ringer at this church: H. McMillan 1, J. V. Humphreys 3, H. Roberts 4, F. J. Williams 5, P. Roberts 6, J. Owen (conductor) 7, E. Brown 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 26th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 629 Grandsire Caters, composed by G. Hollis: F. W. Bond 1, R. Hayes (Haslemere, first touch of Grandsire Caters) 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, S. R. Hicks 7, G. Dore 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Hayward 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 26th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Marylebone, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Dyas 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. F. Deal 3, E. J. King 4, C. F. Winney 5, J. T. Kentish 6, J. R. Gammon 7, R. F. Deal 8.

TOTTENHAM (All Hallows').—On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, E. A. Hull 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, C. A. Button (conductor) 7, N. Patmore 8.—On Sunday, April 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: N. Patmore 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, E. A. Hull 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, W. Dickinson 5, C. Button 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, April 26th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Eagles (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Jones 2, J. Eagles 3, C. Turner 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, C. R. Walker 6, R. H. Stevens 7, C. Hariman (first quarter-peal) 8.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,265 changes), in 51 mins.: W. Palmer 1, G. H. Shuker 2, J. Jay 3, F. I. Hairs 4, R. Stredwick 5, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 6, F. Bennett 7, W. H. Hollier 8, C. Palmer 9, P. A. Coard 10.

BATH.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 44 mins.: T. Grant 1, J. Hallett 2, J. W. Bell 3, A. Prince (conductor) 4, H. D. Taylor 5, C. W. Bell 6, H. E. Mills 7, H. Merritt 8.—For evening service, on April 19th, a quarter-peal (from J. F. Penning's One-part), in 42 mins.: J. Taylor 1, J. Hallett 2, C. W. Bell 3, T. Grant 4, J. W. Pemberton (Birmingham) 5, H. D. Taylor 6, A. Prince (conductor) 7, H. E. Mills 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's, for Easter Day service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Williamson (first in the method) 1, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 2, E. Tilley 3, A. Johnson 4, W. H. Waldron 5, F. Rowlinson 6.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Easter Day, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, H. J. Hazell 2, Chas. W. Cook (conductor) 3, C. W. Woolley 4, E. Wakeling 5, Geo. E. Crisp 6.

WOODSTON.—On Good Friday, with the bells fully muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Williamson (first 720 of Cambridge) 1, S. Hoare 2, Miss A. Dale 3, W. H. Waldron 4, H. Hoare 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

PIREBRIGHT, SURREY.—At St. Michael and All Angels' Church, on Easter Day, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. W. Martin 1, W. Harwood 2, A. H. Martin 3, Jno. Thompson 4, F. Cherryman (conductor) 5, E. Giles 6. First 720 by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th, and first 720 by the local band.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—Various touches were rung on the bells for the Easter Day services: For evening service, two 252's of Stedman Triples. At Chediston Church, for afternoon service, 720 Stedman Doubles and 300 Bob Minor. At Wissett Church, on Easter Sunday evening, two 360's of Bob Minor, 360 Grandsire, and 240 Stedman Doubles.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, March 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,444 changes), in 49 mins.: A. Mackrell, senr., 1, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 2, F. Parsons 3, Sam Smedly, junr., 4, H. Stow 5, J. Knott 6, Sam Smedly, senr., 7, W. Palmer (Birmingham) 8. Rung for the birthdays of S. Smedly, senr. and junr.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Bailey 1, F. Bailey 2, E. Hunt 3, F. Smith 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, E. Coombes 7, G. Large 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

## NOTICES.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at St. Neots, on May 2nd. Bells available—St. Neots (8), Eynesbury (6), Eaton Socon (6). Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business: Mr. Washbrook's memorial and arrangements for annual branch meeting and social.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Wolsey on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. All ringers invited.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Tower open at 2.30. Tea will be provided only for those advising the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt, The Rectory, Bingham, Notts, not later than May 1st.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, at Ashburton. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. Also Buckfastleigh bells (6) available 2 p.m. Good train and bus service. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntoria, Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Drayton (8 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow. Curry Rivel (8 bells) available.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brent Knoll on Saturday, May 2nd. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LADIES GUILD.—Central District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, May 2nd. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m., to be followed by the meeting. Ringing at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, after the meeting. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. E. L. Hairs, Hon. Sec., 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on May 2nd. Tower open for ringing 5 till 8. Ringers and friends welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Belchamp St. Paul on Saturday, May 2nd. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. There will be a service in the Church at 4.15 p.m., and tea afterwards. All ringers cordially invited.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton (6 bells) on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stockbridge on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellington Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Yardley, Hastings, on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellington.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea at the White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, May 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on May 5th, at 8 p.m.; St. Magnus on the 14th and 28th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 6 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark 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.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The Recast peal of eight bells by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will be rededicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Thursday, May 7th, at 7.30. Bells will be available to visitors for a short time after the service, all ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Watford District.—Next meeting Saturday, May 9th. Bushey bells open 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d., and meeting 5.30. Please notify me for tea by May 5th.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Christ Church will also be available for ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.**—A joint meeting has been arranged on May 9th at Todmorden. Members intending being present, please write Mr. S. Hartley, 15, Erringden Street, by May 4th. Tea at 5.30, in Schools, at 1s. 8d. each.—W. H. Shuker and P. J. Johnson, Secs.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2-3 and 5-9. Service at the Sub-deanery Church at 3.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 4.30, Voke's Tea Gardens in the Hornet, 1s. each to members. Those intending to be present must notify the general secretary not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH.**—Doncaster Deanery Choir Festival, Saturday, May 9th. Tower open from 4.30 until 6.30. All ringers welcome.—Harold Walker, 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—George Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be at Shildon on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. R. B. Robinson, 54, Albert Street, Shildon, by Wednesday, May 6th? Double Norwich, Stedman, etc.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Glington on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, May 6th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30—8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be at Warburton on Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., only for those who inform the Rev. C. D. Lewis, Warburton, Warrington, by May 5th.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Ringers requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, May 5th.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Castle Donnington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Bull Hotel, 1s. per head, after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, May 5th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Hadleigh Quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea 9d. each. Those requiring tea please send word by May 6th.—F. S. Aldridge, 2, Church Street, Hadleigh.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The Spring meeting will be held at Wootton on Saturday, May 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., preacher: Rev. W. H. L. O'Rourke, Rector of Woodstock. Tea at 4.45 in Schoolroom. Meeting follows. Several rings of bells may be used if required. All ringers heartily welcomed.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The festival will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 12th. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Preacher, the Rev. H. Pentin. Luncheon at Corn Exchange at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), Bere Regis, Fordington, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Puddletown, Upwey (6), Bradford, Peverell, Charminster, Stratton (5). Ringers requiring luncheon are asked to notify the secretary by May 4th.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kingston Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Those desiring tea please notify me by May 13th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, Holborn. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting at the King of Denmark at 6.30.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, May 16th. By the kind permission of the respective incumbents, the bells of the Cathedral and St. Marie's will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Darbyshire, M.A. Tea and business meeting will follow immediately after the service. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each to all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, May 13th. Entries for the cup must be in the hands of Mr. C. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield, before this meeting.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available after 2 p.m. Tea in the Schoolroom.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, May 16th. A service will be held in the Abbey Church at 5.30 p.m., at which the Very Rev. Bishop H. Gresford Jones, D.D., will give an

address. Tea will be provided (please note) for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The Abbey bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m., and also in the evening.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by the 13th inst. of their requiring same. Hadley bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Saturday, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 p.m. Will those desiring tea please notify me by 13th?—William Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road N.7.

**FRODSHAM BELLS** are available for peal attempt on Saturday, May 30th. Start 6 o'clock. Any member of Central Council wishing to stand in please communicate with William Bibby, London Road, Frodsham.

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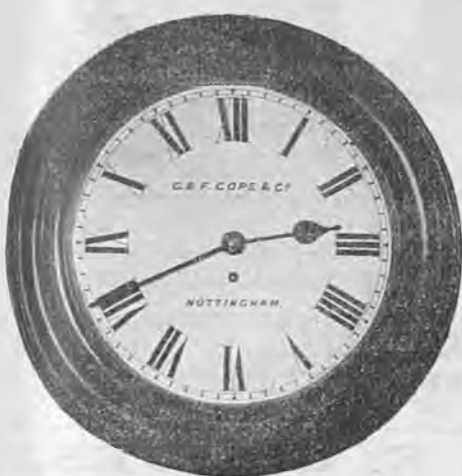
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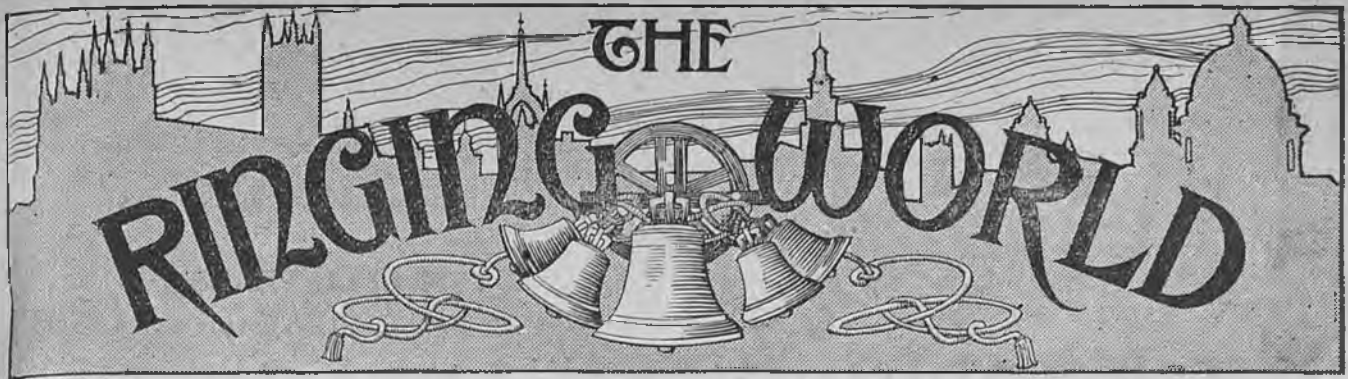
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Tenor 26 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM HEWETT ... .. 6     |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2   | *ISAAC EMERY ... .. 7       |
| GEO. R. PYE ... .. 3           | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 8     |
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 4        | ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... .. 9    |
| CYRIL C. PEASE ... .. 5        | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES.

Tenor 30 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS W. GILMOOR ... .. Treble | *GEORGE HILL ... .. 6       |
| *GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 2        | †TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7      |
| †THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 3     | JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 8     |
| SAM BOOTH ... .. 4              | CECIL RADDON ... .. 9       |
| †CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 5      | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by J. WILKINSON.

\* First peal on ten. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal inside. First peal of Royal as conductor.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                   |                                  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first peal of Little Bob Royal by all the band, and by the above association.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BISPHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. WILSON ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE BARRACLOUGH ... .. 2    | JOHN WATSON ... .. 6          |
| CHARLES SHARPLES ... .. 3      | PETER CROOK ... .. 7          |
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Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 5     |
| MISS N. M. BIBBY ... .. 2     | JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6     |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3       | GEORGE H. RANGLES ... .. 7 |
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|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. Treble | SAMUEL HOLT ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 2    | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 6   |
| JOSEPH HALL ... .. 3          | ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 7      |
| PERCY SHUKER ... .. 4         | RICHARD LONGDON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR RIDYARD.

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Tenor 23 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| C. WALTER EVERETT ... .. Treble | ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... .. 5     |
| JOHN W. GARRETT ... .. 2        | *CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM C. PITMAN ... .. 3      | HARRY PARKES ... .. 7         |
| MISS R. THOMAS ... .. 4         | CHARLES J. HEAD ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

\* First peal.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| † J. REGINALD BARTRAM ... .. Treble | WALTER JAMES ... .. 5         |
| ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ... .. 2          | RICHARD MOUNT ... .. 6        |
| JOHN R. BARTRAM ... .. 3            | R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. 7     |
| ERNEST BARTRAM ... .. 4             | *GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method.  
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On Friday, May 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN GUEST ... .. Treble | CHARLES F. STOTT ... .. 5      |
| F. E. MARKLAND ... .. 2  | ALBERT HEYWOOD ... .. 6        |
| JAMES ORMEROD ... .. 3   | WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 7    |
| ALBERT PARKER ... .. 4   | STANLEY HARGRAVES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. PENNINGTON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, in memory of Mr. Ainworth, who was buried on Monday, April 27th. First peal for the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th. The ringer of the 2nd is from All Souls', and the conductor from Bolton Parish Church.

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|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2    | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6        |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 3    | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4          | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor   |

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

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
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| JOHN J. BEVAN ... .. 3          | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7     |
| WALTER T. BENNETT ... .. 4      | ROBERT SUMMERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Triples.

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|                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
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| PETER BOARDMAN ... .. 2          | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 6    |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3          | THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. 7  |
| † ERNEST L. HUMPHRIS ... .. 4    | EDWARD CAENCE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major.

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|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE WORTHY ... .. Treble | THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 5   |
| THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 2   | ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 6       |
| GEORGE KEMBALL ... .. 3     | JOHN C. POLLARD ... .. 7     |
| FRANK BARBER ... .. 4       | THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                                |                                      |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 5        |
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. 2   | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 6            |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3       | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7             |
| EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 4  | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. RIDING

## PENTRE RHONDDA VALLEY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY PAGE ... .. Treble | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 5   |
| *GEORGE LARGE ... .. 2   | TOM PAGE ... .. 6           |
| WILLIAM B. BISS ... .. 3 | WILLIAM PAGE ... .. 7       |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4   | WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. HOLDEN.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

\* First peal of Kent Major, and first attempt.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph, Bishopsgate,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 5     |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2    | CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3       | *WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. 7  |
| HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 4     | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method away from the treble.

## BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALBERT FLEET ... .. Treble | MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 5   |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 2  | RICHARD KENDALL ... .. 6     |
| CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 3 | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7   |
| EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 4   | HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob on the bells, and by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

## THURCASTON, Near LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD .. Treble | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 5  |
| MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... 2     | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6   |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3      | *JOHN H. DREWERY ... 7    |
| ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 4        | ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Major, and first in the method. 25th peal as conductor.

## WOOBURN, BUCKS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in E.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. Treble | JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM T. BERNON, JUN... 2 | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6     |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3       | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 7    |
| CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4    | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This peal was especially arranged to allow Mr. Melville to ring a peal at his birthplace.

## OSSETT, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. 5    |
| ARTHUR WALKER... .. 2           | FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 6  |
| GEORGE HUNT ... .. 3            | FRANCIS BARKER... .. 7      |
| HERBERT ROWLEY ... .. 4         | WILLIAM E. ASH ... .. Tenor |

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Barker; also on the coming-of-age of Herbert, the only son of G. Hunt. It was intended to ring Stedman at Horbury, but owing to sickness near the church, Ossett bells were hurriedly secured.

## GILLINGHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM ... Treble | CHARLES NORRIS... .. 5     |
| JOHN HAIGH ... .. 2              | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6 |
| CHARLES WINNER ... .. 3          | WILLIAM HAIGH ... .. 7     |
| *V. A. JARRETT, Mus., R.E. 4     | FRANK BELSEY ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to V. A. Jarrett and Miss E. B. P. Walker.

## MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN HOLLOWES ... .. Treble | JAS. JACQUES... .. 5          |
| WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 2      | JAMES H. LEES ... .. 6        |
| JOSEPH HALL ... .. 3        | JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... .. 7    |
| JOHN SMITH ... .. 4         | THOMAS K. DRIVER ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

## HOUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *HENRY HELM ... .. Treble | JOHN BROWN ... .. 5         |
| JAMES HARRISON ... .. 2   | WILLIAM MARGERINSON ... 6   |
| THOMAS CALDERBANK ... 3   | †JOHN MOULDING ... .. 7     |
| MISS MAY CLAYTON ... .. 4 | WILLIAM DRAPER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN MOULDING.

\* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal as conductor. All the above are Sunday Service ringers, and this is the first peal at this tower by a local company since 1893.

## DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble | GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5   |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2    | WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 6     |
| SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 3      | JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 7 |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4     | FRED H. DEXTER... .. Tenor  |

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First 'Surprise' peal on the bells.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *JOHN BAYLISS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 5       |
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2    | CHARLES DALE ... .. 6        |
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3       | BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7    |
| *FRED PRICE ... .. 4        | CHARLES WATTHAM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This peal was specially arranged for Charles Dale, of Coleshill, it being his first peal. \* First peal of Stedman. Mr. George has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

## RYE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD CURD ... .. Treble | HARRY BAKER ... .. 5          |
| CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 2    | GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6       |
| MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3    | KENNETH PATTENDON ... 7       |
| STANLEY IRVING ... .. 4   | *ARCHIBALD FRAMPTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

\* First peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HOLYWELL, HUNTINGDONSHIRE.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 23 six-scores of Plain Bob, 11 of Grandsire, and 8 of St. Simon's. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... Treble  | CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 3 |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 2       | FRANK WARRINGTON ... 4       |
| WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... Tenor |                              |

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

First peal on the bells.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Marple, College Exercise and Woodbine, and two each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *FREDERICK TURRELL ... Treble | VICTOR GOATCHER ... 4          |
| THOMAS ADAMS ... 2            | HARRY TURRELL ... 5            |
| GEORGE WARNETT ... 3          | WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by WM. DENMAN.

\* First peal.

QUEEN CAMEL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 36 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| HARRY PROUT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4   |
| REGINALD BECK ... .. 2    | THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5  |
| RONALD BECK ... .. 3      | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

THURLESTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| *ALFRED LANGTON ... Treble | CHARLES PETTIT ... 4  |
| FRED MEARS ... 2           | *JOSEPH TAYLOR ... 5  |
| THOMAS K. DEACON ... 3     | FRED COTTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by F. COTTON.

A first peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble  | *ARTHUR PEAKE ... 4      |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON ... 2     | ARTHUR ALLMAN ... 5      |
| FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

\* First peal of Bob Minor, and first peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MISS CECIL E. HEPBURN ... Treble | FRANK LEWIN ... 4         |
| MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... 2     | GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 5   |
| HARRY BAXTER ... 3               | ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                          |                       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| *RAYMOND BALL ... Treble | CHARLES KILLICK ... 4 |
| *BERNARD WELLS ... 2     | †HERBERT WOOD ... 5   |
| JAMES BATTERS ... 3      | ALFRED WOOD ... Tenor |

Conducted by HERBERT WOOD.

\* First peal. † First peal as conductor. This is the first known peal on these bells by an entirely local band.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

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

Composed by W. ROYLE.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

ENFIELD.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT 'ADVERSANE,' WELLINGTON ROAD,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| MISS EDITH PARKER ... 1-2   | JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6     |
| *GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4 | WILBY J. HAZELL ... 7-8 |
| *WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 9-10  |                         |

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

\* First peal in the method on handbells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, May 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Umpires: MESSRS. T. RUSSAM, P. O. LAFLIN AND A. E. NORMAN.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Albert Walker and Ernest T. Allaway, and Miss Phyllis Smallwood. The thanks of the band, etc., are due to Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker for their kind hospitality after the peal.

## WEDDING BELLS.

At Prestbury, Gloucestershire, on Tuesday afternoon, April 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Grove's Variation of Parker's 12-part was rung in 43 mins., on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. L. R. Bagnall-Oakley to Miss E. B. Littledale, both parishioners: 'T. Compton 1, C. Rose 2, H. Newman 3, T. Pendry 4, W. Hale 5, C. Tovey 6, J. Causon (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

## ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

### KING'S NORTON—PAST AND PRESENT.

The spring meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held on Saturday week at King's Norton, when full use was made of the most excellent new ring of eight put in by Messrs. Taylor and Co. about 12 months ago.

For many years King's Norton has been a centre of good ringing, and it was here that the record peal of London Surprise Major (14,112 changes) was rung in 8 hrs. 40 mins. on May 11th, 1903.

On this occasion the redoubtable Harry Withers distinguished himself by remaining in the vicinity of the church throughout the peal, taking down every course end as it was rung, and recording the calls as they were made.

Here, also, the Pritchett family was much to the fore for many years, filling the positions of churchwardens, sidesmen and ringers, but, alas! the only one now actively interested in the art is Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild.

'Change and decay in all around I see,' sang H. F. Lyte in his well-known hymn, but although there have been many changes, there is certainly no sign of decay, so far as ringing is concerned at King's Norton.

Indeed, quite the contrary. The old bells were not by any means a bad peal, but the idea of recasting them and putting in a new peal which should be as near perfection as possible was seized upon with enthusiasm, and pushed to a successful conclusion without delay.

The King's Norton men have formed a local Guild, called 'The St. Nicholas Guild,' and are to be congratulated on the fact that they enjoy the sympathy and practical help of such men as Mr. Frank Yates, a company director, and keen Churchman, who is Presiding Ringing Master, and Mr. W. E. Moore, schoolmaster, who acts as secretary. Both these gentlemen are determined to master the intricacies of the art, and the former has already scored his first peal—Bob Major—this being also the first peal on the new bells. The conducting is in the capable hands of Mr. P. O. Luffin, and it may be that, in the not very distant future, two trebles will be added, making what would then be a magnificent light peal of ten.

Tea was provided in the quaint old half-timbered building known as the 'Old Grammar School,' and it is to be regretted that only twenty-seven members turned up, whereas provision had been made for forty.

Those present, however, realised their responsibilities, and as the result of a bold frontal attack the weight superimposed on the tables was quickly and more or less silently reduced.

The Vicar was present at tea, but apologised for not being able to stay to the meeting which followed, and at which the chair was taken by Mr. Alderman Pritchett.

The Chairman referred in feeling terms to the loss the Exercise as a whole had sustained by the death of Mr. Wm. Rock Small, which took place on April 4th, as already recorded in the 'Ringing World,' and all present stood for a few moments in silence as a last tribute of respect to his memory.

Mr. Pritchett then said they would all wish to be associated with congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russam on the occasion of their golden wedding, which happy event was celebrated a few days previously. Unfortunately, owing to indisposition, Mr. Russam was not able to be present, but they wished him a speedy recovery, and long life and good health to himself and Mrs. Russam for many years to come.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of his bells and the ancient room in which the meeting was held; to Mr. Yates, Mr. Moore, and the other local men for the substantial tea they had very generously provided, and to the ladies—most of them ringers' wives—who so kindly and ably waited at table.

Afterwards the tower was re-visited, and ringing in various methods indulged in until 'The shades of night were falling fast,' when some made tracks for home, and others ———— A. P. S.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### MEETING AT SAWBRIDGEWORTH.

A meeting, which proved a very enjoyable one, was held at Sawbridgeworth. The Rev. A. Rust (curate), himself a ringer, and late of the Bedfordshire Association, welcomed the company, on behalf of the Vicar, and gave a very helpful address at the service. Twenty-six sat down to tea, and members were present from various centres in East Herts, besides several welcome visitors from Essex and Cambridgeshire.

Some good practice was put in, and a helpful time was spent, not the least pleasing feature of the meeting being the re-electing of the old members of the Sawbridgeworth band and several new ones, bringing up the number to nine, including Mrs. Rust, who has also done some ringing. Although she has not taken part as yet in any ringing at Sawbridgeworth, she hopes to do so.

## A RINGER IN THE FAR EAST.

### A SUGGESTION FOR THE JOHNSON DINNER?

Mr. Joseph E. Sykes completed his long journey to Dairen, Manchuria, on March 20th, and he tells us, on the first of a series of interesting postcards which we have received from him, that he found his copy of 'The Ringing World' of February 6th awaiting him. He asks us to thank those friends of his who rang a farewell peal for him.

On the way out he visited Marseilles, Port Said, Suez, Colombo, Singapore, Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tsingtao, so that he had had a busy—and doubtless an interesting—time.

On his arrival, so another card tells us, he spent a day visiting Port Arthur, and saw the ruins of the forts wrecked in the Russo-Japanese War, and the three wonderful museums, in one of which he came across bells which were made in the reign of K'un, more than one thousand years ago.

On the night he reached Dairen, he dined with eight Japanese at the best Chinese hotel in the country of Manchuria. The menu consisted of sea slugs, birds' nest soup, shark's fins, eggs that had been buried for three years, stuffed cuttle fish, roast goat, and cold roast yak, washed down with saké. He went home in a Sedan chair, slung on poles between the shoulders of two coolies, 'and,' he adds, 'woke up living, so Yorkshire Glory must be good to train on.'

The meal was eaten with chopsticks, and 'Uncle Joe' says he would give a note to see a Johnson dinner eaten in like manner.

We imagine he did not cut too good a figure at it, either, at the first time of asking. It is probably easy to miss a bob in such an operation, and, personally, had we been at that dinner in Dairen we should have been inclined to miss several whole courses.

## DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM TANNER.

### AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL BAND.

We regret to record the death of Mr. William Tanner, a well-known College Youth, who passed away on Tuesday, March 31st, at 68, Oakfield Road, East Ham, at the age of 76 years, after a brief illness, although he had not enjoyed his usual good health for some time. Born at Romsey, Hants, he came to London as a boy, and commenced his long ringing career at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, and St. Paul's, Shadwell, being the leader of the Sunday Service ringers at the former church at the time of his death.

Joining the Ancient Society of College Youths in 1859, Mr. Tanner was elected to the chair in 1881, and took part in the first peal on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral on December 10th the same year. Mr. Edwin Horrex is now the only surviving member of the band who rang this historic peal. Mr. Tanner was elected into the original band formed to attend to the service ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral, and continued as a member for many years, but eventually resigned his position for domestic reasons.

Although he did not conduct any peals, he had a great reputation for clean and accurate striking, and took part in many fine performances in the early part of his career, his last peal being on the treble at Stepney to Stedman Caters a few years ago.

It was characteristic of Mr. Tanner that he should have remained with one firm the whole of his time, being employed by Messrs. J. Hodgson and Sons, of Upper Thames Street, E.C., envelope manufacturers, from the time he started work until a year or two ago, when he retired on a pension.

The funeral took place on April 7th, at Woodgrange Park Cemetery, and in addition to the relatives there were present a number of friends, and one of the principals of his old firm.

The Ancient Society of College Youths were represented by the following: Mr. W. T. Cockerill (secretary), Messrs. C. F. Winney, T. Benney, T. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore and E. Fenn, and a course of Stedman was rung on handbells over the open grave. The same evening the whole pull and stand was rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, by the following members: C. F. Winney, T. Benney, W. Rushon, C. W. Roberts, J. F. Small (Derby), T. Langdon, A. R. MacDonald, R. F. Deal, J. Bullock, H. Langdon.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Shenstone on April 25th, with a very fair attendance of members. Service was held in church, at which an interesting address was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Molloy). A capital tea was provided in the Parochial Hall. The thanks of the meeting were extended to the Vicar for his address and the use of the bells, to the organist and choir boys, and to the ladies who prepared and served tea.

A vote of condolence with the relatives of the late William Benton, of Cannock, John Bradney, of Wolverhampton, and William Rock Small, of Tipton, was passed, by members standing.

Provided the date is a suitable one to the local authorities, the annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on June 27th.



**WINCHESTER AND SALISBURY GUILDS COMBINE.**

A well-attended combined practice was held by members of the Winchester and Salisbury Guilds at Ringwood Parish Church, on Saturday, April 25th, when the peal of eight bells were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich, in which methods some good touches were rung. Cambridge was also attempted and lost in the last lead, this being the first attempt in the method on eight bells by three or four of the members, but further practice in this method was stopped, as the bells had to cease, first for a service, while illness close to the church prevented any resumption. At 5 o'clock, the members retired for tea, to which 25 members sat down.

It was very pleasing to have the presence of Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Winchester Guild, also of Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and Mr. F. W. Rogers, secretary of the Portsmouth branch. Other members present came from Poole, Bournemouth (St. Peter's), West Bourne (St. John's), Wimborne, Lytchett, and one enthusiast (Mr. Chute) cycled 35 miles from Buckhorn Weston. The Rev. C. Cox, of West Moors, and Mr. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Dorset, were also present, together with a few members of the local band.

A course or two of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, double-handed, brought the ringing to a close.

**ISOLATED WELSH TOWERS.**

On Easter Monday, eight members of the St. John's Guild, Portmadoc, went on a ringing tour, and touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire Triples and Stedman were rung on the bells of Dolgellay, Machynlleth, and Llanbadarn (Aberystwyth) Churches during the day. The bells at the last named church have recently been rehung on roller bearings, the 'go' being excellent. The bottom six are by Rudhall, tenor 17½ cwt.

No change ringing is being practised at these towers at the present time, but the local ringers, who were present, showed a keen interest in the ringing, and could no doubt be induced to take up change ringing if instructors were available. These towers are, however, situated an appreciable distance from towers affiliated to the North Wales Association, so that anything in the nature of regular practices or tours are impossible at the present time.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****F. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH RECOVERY.**

The annual meeting held at Marlow, on Saturday week, will remain fresh in the memory of the large number of members present from more than a score of different towers for many years. The wonderful recovery of the branch speaks well for the loyalty of those members who bent their backs to the strain, and with one strong effort have practically placed it back in its former premier position.

At the service the choir was augmented by members from Stoke Poges and Cookham, and an interesting, instructive and most appropriate address was given by Dr. Batchelor, of Cookham, on the text, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' The preacher's enjoyment of the ringing had previously led him to the belfry, where he expressed his appreciation to all present. The kindness of the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was evident in his bringing a large number of service books for use.

The arrangements for tea were left in the hands of Miss Spearing, sister of the Vicar, Mr. H. Collins, and the wives of the local ringers, the local caterers having refused to undertake the task. An excellent peal, in comfort, was the result, to which some fourscore persons did justice.

The business meeting followed, and, after clearing up some arrears of minutes, the election of 45 new members was confirmed.

The statement of accounts was accepted, the balance of £5 5s. 4½d. in hand at December 31st, 1924, being noted with approval.

The Secretary then gave a few interesting details of 16 towers visited in five months. The total number of members in the branch is now 399. He also gave the amount of subscriptions received to date.

The sum of £2 2s. was voted to the Washbrook Memorial, and it was also decided to pay for the tea at this meeting out of the funds.

The following officers were elected: President, Bishop of Buckingham; vice-president, Dr. Batchelor; chairman, Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell; secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. D. Barker; branch representatives, Mrs. A. D. Barker, Messrs. F. Boreham, T. J. Fowler, G. H. Gutteridge, G. Martin, J. L. Kirk, C. C. Mayne and J. Truss.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to those persons directly connected with the arrangements, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The death occurred at Beddington, Surrey, on Monday, of Mr. Charles W. Gordon. The deceased ringer, who was 73 years of age, had been suffering for the last six years from heart trouble and asthma. He was the sole survivor of the band that opened Beddington bells in 1869.

The footnote to the peal of New Cambridge Major, Eccleston, published last week, is withdrawn, as the first in the method in the county was rung at Pulford in 1907, conducted by the late Bertram Prewitt.

At the Ladies' Guild meeting, at Hillingdon on Saturday, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung for the first time by four husbands and wives. These were Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hairs, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Clark—a band good enough for a good peal.

On May 10th, 1777, 10,200 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch in 7 hours 40 minutes by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

Exactly two years later a peal of 12,240 Bob Major was rung at Braughing, Herts, in 7 hours 34 minutes by the Braughing Youths. There is a board recording the peal which says: 'It was long each man did stand, with zeal and ardent union performed the peal.'

Twenty-two years ago next Monday the record peal of London Surprise Major was rung at King's Norton, and a reference to this performance will be found in the report of the St. Martin's Guild meeting at this place.

Mr. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A., is on a visit to this country, and on Sunday morning rang the 11th to one touch of Stedman Cinques, and the tenor to another at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

A 'ringing week' in the North of England is suggested for June 20th to 27th (inclusive), and a welcome is offered by members of the Northern British Association. The date coincides with the annual holidays and racing week up North, when special cheap railway return tickets are available from Birmingham and London to Durham and Newcastle. London and district ringers who are at liberty that week should get into touch with Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, if they wish to take part in the tour.

Another record gone! Owing to her mother being too shy to respond to a vote of thanks for providing a tea at the recent meeting at Milton-next-Gravesend, a little girl, not yet two years old, deputised, by standing on a table, and responding with 'Ta!' She must be the youngest speaker at any ringers' meeting.

The annual meeting of the Sussex County Association is to be held on Saturday. Will there be a representative to the Central Council elected, or will the association continue to be the only large body of ringers unaffiliated to the central organisation?

An alarming accident occurred at Banstead, Surrey, on Palm Sunday, when ringing for evening service was in progress. On inspection it was found that the 5th bell had broken from the crown, and the bell was lying in the pit, the crown still being bolted to the stock.

The bells are only four years old, and are tuned on Canon Simpson's principle. In order to put things right, it is estimated it will cost the church authorities over £80.

The first peal of Minor on the bells at Queen Camel, Somerset, was rung on Saturday. The tenor is approximately 37 cwt., and the peal took more than three and a half hours. Although used to some fairly 'hefty' jobs, the conductor is in no hurry to ring the tenor to another peal of Minor.

Warwickshire ringers in particular and the Exercise in general, will deeply sympathise with Mr. Abraham Wilkerson in the death of his wife. Mr. Wilkerson has just given up the hon. secretaryship of the Warwickshire Guild, after discharging the duties with ability and enthusiasm for several years.

The ringers of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, are anxious to compile for their belfry a record of the peals rung on the bells before the year 1900, other than those rung by the Society for the Archdeacons of Stafford, the records of which are readily accessible. Will ringers who are able to supply information kindly send it to Mr. F. V. Haggis, 124, Corporation Street, Stafford?

## 'MASONIC' HOLIDAY PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Perhaps, among the readers of the 'Ringing World', even at this early period, there are some already making holiday arrangements.

If any brother Masons are contemplating a holiday in the neighbourhood of Bath during the month of August, I shall be pleased to arrange a peal for those who desire one.

In anticipation of receiving sufficient replies to make it a 'Masonic' peal, I am making application for the use of the beautiful bells of Colerne Church.

Will those who reply to this kindly give the approximate date of their visit.—Yours truly,

15, Westgate Street, Bath, Somerset.

ARTHUR PRINCE.

## A TRIUMPH OF BELL FOUNDING.

## WONDERFUL CARILLON FOR NEW YORK.

The magnificent new carillon which has been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston at their Croydon Foundry, for the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, is now complete, and is to be shipped about the end of the month. A large number of visitors have this week had the privilege of inspecting the carillon in the foundry, and of hearing something of its wonderful musical qualities.

This carillon is the largest, both in point of number and size, in the world. There are fifty-three bells covering four and a half chromatic octaves and the bass bell, which corresponds with low E, weighs approximately 9½ tons. The bells run up the scale to high A, a tiny casting of only 15 lbs. Of the lower bells, the bottom twelve range from one ton upwards, and the total metal in the carillon is about fifty tons. The diameter of the smallest bell is 7 inches, and of the largest 98 inches, the hammer used on this bell being twice the diameter of the smallest bell itself, viz., 14 inches. Some idea of the size of the other large bells may be gauged by the fact that the diameters of those next the bass are 87 inches (weighing something over six tons), 81, 76 and 72 inches respectively. Each bell bears the founders' names and date, but only the bass bell has any other inscription. Round the shoulder are groups of figures, and beneath them the text, 'O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him for ever.' On the waist is inscribed:—

In loving memory of my mother, Laura Spelman Rockefeller, 1839-1915, whose gentle and kindly spirit and steadfast devotion to Christ and His cause will ever be an abiding inspiration, this carillon is given. John D. Rockefeller, junior, Anno Domini 1925.

Of the bells themselves we cannot speak too highly. They are, of course, tuned on the five-tone principle, which is a rediscovered art. Three hundred years ago this method of tuning was known to the founders of the Netherlands, and among the best examples were the bells of Hemony. In the course of the centuries the art was lost, but Canon Simpson, after years of investigation, once more introduced the principle which all British founders have now adopted in more or less modified form. In the case of this great new carillon, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have tuned these bells strictly to the five-tone Simpson principle, and to the International Pitch. They are also tuned accurately to the tempered scale, so as to enable the carillonneur to modulate from one key to another at will, without any danger of consequent discords. As far as it is humanly possible, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have produced a perfect carillon. The greatest technical difficulties presented to the founder are to be found in the small bells, but under the hands of an experienced carillonneur the beauties of the little bells in this wonderful set are really striking. At the other end of the scale, the magnificent bourdon bells are like the deep diapason of a great organ, and the middle bells fully maintain a notable consistency in the whole carillon.

When the bells reach New York, they will be erected in the tower of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, which is about 150ft. high. The interior of the tower is only 12 feet square, and 45 of the bells are to be fixed in three tiers, while the eight largest bells are to be hung in a separate massive frame in a campanile built specially for the purpose over the existing tower. This structure is supported by the extension of the columns now supporting the roof of the church. The tower is a beautiful Gothic structure, designed by one of America's most famous architects, Mr. H. C. Pelton. Indeed, the placing of the carillon in this tower has necessitated concerted action between architects, engineers and founders, and no pains have been spared by the best brains of America in the world of architecture, engineering and music, in collaboration with the bell founders, to make the whole project the most magnificent of its kind in the world. The bells will be operated by a keyboard—there will be no mechanical appliances—and this clavier has been evolved after careful study of all the principal ones on the Continent, and has many novel features—the outcome of ideas originated by Mr. Mayer and M. Brees, in conjunction with Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. It is possible that it may be aimed at as a standard in America, thereby facilitating the work of carillonneurs visiting a strange tower to give a special recital.

The bells have been erected in their frames in the foundry, and on Monday they were played for the first time to a company representing the press of these islands and America and numerous other visitors. Everyone admired the graceful lines of the bells, and to those with a critical eye it was obvious that the frame (designed by the founders) was a very fine engineering job. The construction is of steel girders and weighs about 50 tons, so that bells and frame together weigh one hundred tons.

To demonstrate the bells M. le Chevalier Jof. Denyn, carillonneur of Malines, and Principal of the Belgian National School of Carillonneurs, came specially from Belgium to perform. Foremost among the world's carillonneurs, M. Denyn gave two programmes, to the intense delight of the many listeners. His first piece was an improvisation, in which he gave his audience the opportunity of at once appreciating the quality of the bells, a rippling, sparkling play upon the higher

notes, with a soft background provided by the middle bells, and punctuated by the majestic tones of the bass. Played by a master hand, the music was entrancing, and when he concluded with a gentle touch upon the nine-ton bottom bell, it seemed almost minutes before the last deep hum of the musical chord in this one bell died away.

Following this came 'Le Barbier de Seville Cavatine' (Rossini), a beautiful composition, entitled 'Ave Maria,' written by M. Denyn himself, and a spirited rendering of 'Rule Britannia.' Needless to say, in these pieces, the artist brought out the full glories of the carillon, and at the close was thanked by Mr. Cyril Johnston, on behalf of the company.

Through the medium of M. Denyn's courteous secretary, our representative had a few minutes' interview with the great but genial carillonneur.

Asked how this carillon compared with the greatest in his own country, M. Denyn said the best in the Netherlands were undoubtedly those by Hemony, but his work did not excel this new carillon, which he considered the finest in the world. Hemony's carillons did not include such small bells as the smallest of those that are going to New York, and that great founder had acknowledged, in letters still extant, that it was the small bells which were the most difficult to perfect.

M. Denyn has heard or played on practically all the great carillons of France and Flanders, and there is no better judge in the world. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston may, therefore, be proud of this latest and greatest product of their foundry, and New York will doubtless be equally proud of its new possession, which has been made possible by the munificent donation to the Park Avenue Baptist Church from Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, junr., in memory of his mother.

M. Anton Brees, carillonneur of Antwerp Cathedral, has been appointed carillonneur at New York.

In addition to this carillon, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have in hand, also, an exactly similar one for the new Parliament House, at Ottawa, for the Canadian Government, and they have other carillons in hand for Canada and Holland.

Recitals at the Foundry have been given each day this week by well-known Continental carillonneurs, there having been a special one on Wednesday for the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers, and another is arranged on Sunday afternoon for the Worshipful Company of Musicians.

## NORBURY, CHESHIRE, TO HAVE EIGHT BELLS.

## PART OF A GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.

The Norbury (Cheshire) Church Council, after careful thought, have decided to accept Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s tender of £784 for the restoration of the church bells. The scheme comprises recasting the present 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th, with the addition of four new bells to complete the octave, the approximate weight of the new tenor to be 13½ cwt. Those of an antiquarian turn of mind will be pleased to know that the old 3rd and 4th, which were cast in 1617 by Oldfield, are to be preserved, and will be placed in the church to form the nucleus of a bell museum.

The recast ring will be hung in a cast-iron frame, built on stout steel supporting girders.

The church authorities are carrying out a large general scheme of restoration, of which the bells form a part, and which will cost over £5,000. They deserve no small praise for their enthusiasm and determination, and set an example which might well be copied by other churches. Only something like £600 needs now to be raised, and it is hoped to have this by the time the bells are completed. The ringers are giving one bell.

The entire scheme, work on which was commenced in December, comprises new chancel, new roof, electric lighting, reseating galleries, rebuilding organ, decorations, pointing whole of fabric, including inside of tower, drainage of churchyard, the bells, and 14 new windows. A great undertaking for a working-class parish.

## ANCIENT BELLS.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—With regard to Mr. Borrett's letter in your issue of April 10th, and the list of pre-Reformation bells in Norfolk, it should be stated that in no case does the date appear on the bells he mentions; although the dates he gives are correct as regards the periods at which the founders named carried on their business.

Among many other founders of ancient bells I may mention, Michael, Richard and Walter Wymshish, London founders, dating from 1297 to 1320. Also Robert Rider (or Ridre), another London founder, 1351 to 1386.

A full list of these and many other ancient and modern founders will be found in Mr. H. B. Waller's 'Church Bells of England.'—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

May 4th, 1925.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## A YEAR OF GOOD WORK.

The annual meeting of the Salisbury Guild is to be held next Tuesday at Dorchester. In anticipation, the annual report has just been issued, and shows that during the year 1924 nine peals were rung, compared with 17 in the previous year, and 14 in 1922. In other directions, however, the Guild has made progress, and financially had a successful year, the balance in hand having been raised from £55 10s. 7½d. to £66 17s. 8½d.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, says: The great event of the year has been the formation of the North Dorset Branch out of the Wimborne Branch, which had grown to unwieldy proportions. This step had been projected for some years, and the difficulties involved had been fully stated and discussed. When at length the project was carried out, the result was such as to surprise even its most sanguine advocates. The new Branch came into being with an inaugural meeting at Sturminster early in the year, quarterly meetings at Shaftesbury and Kingston Magna were each attended by some seventy members and friends, and the first annual meeting was held at Sherborne, with an attendance of ninety. Best of all the secretary was able on that occasion to present a balance sheet with almost every subscription paid up, and before the end of December the Branch Report, with all subscriptions complete, was in the hands of the General Secretary. O si sic omnes!

Steady progress has been made in the various Branches. A good number of new towers have joined the Guild, and several young bands have received instruction in change ringing. In connection with the last annual meeting, it is recorded that the Guild, greatly to the regret of all, had to accept Major Hughes D'Aeth's resignation of the Mastership owing to his removal from the Diocese. His return from active service just at the time when the office was last vacant, proved a veritable godsend to the Guild. His keen Churchmanship and practical experience in change ringing combined with his mobility as a motor-cyclist to make him the ideal Master for reviving the activities of the Guild after the War and extending its work and influence. During his five years' tenure of office he has rendered signal service to the cause of the Guild, and his Mastership will leave its mark for a long time to come. During that period great progress has been made in the standard of ringing, two new branches have been formed, and the ancient use of the Peace Bell has been revived in a number of parishes.

At the same meeting it was resolved to respond to the invitation of the Dean and Chapter and endeavour to raise a sufficient sum to provide the oak panelling required for the Memorial Chapel in the Cathedral as a tribute to the memory of all those ringers of the diocese who sacrificed their lives in the war. The amount named in this connection was £200. So far only about 70 parishes have sent in their contributions, with a total of £40 10s. 5d. As the memorial is for the entire diocese, it is hoped that the rest of the parishes will not be content to stand aloof, but will come forward in support of the project without delay. The President, Master and Secretary of the Guild were present at the Consecration of the Memorial.

During the past year, death has removed from our list of life members the honoured name of James W. Washbrook, a veritable prince of ringers, whose fame will endure for ever in the annals of the Exercise. By the death of Lord Long of Wraxall, the Guild has lost one of its oldest supporters, whose association with it as an hon. life member extended over a period of thirty-seven years, and the nation one of the most eminent statesmen, a true patriot and the perfect type of an English gentleman. Just as we are publishing our report, we learn with regret that Sir Everard Hambro, another of our vice-presidents, has passed away in his eighty-fifth year. Many of us will cherish a delightful memory of the grand old veteran of Milton Abbey, whose genial hospitality was extended on a princely scale to a gathering of some two hundred ringers and friends at the reopening of the glorious church on his Dorset estate.

The following are points from the district secretaries' reports:—Salisbury Branch: There has been an improvement in the branch, but there is still room for a greater amount of individual interest on the part of members. St. Edmund's, Salisbury, has again joined the Guild with a strong band of ringers, and it is hoped that more towers will join in the coming year.

Devizes Branch: The attendance at the twelve branch meetings has been very good, an average of over 40 per meeting being recorded. Two towers have joined up during the year (Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, and Unarvon). There has been a steady increase in membership during the year, and the totals are now 20 hon. members and 226 ringing members.

Dorchester Branch: Much good work has been done and progress made, and the younger men are coming forward to learn the 'ancient art.'

Wimborne Branch: The year's work has proved conclusively the keenness of the branch and its abundant competence to carry on. The

branch is one of the smallest in the diocese (membership 97), but has the satisfaction as well as the responsibility of being well to the front in methods regularly practised or attempted. A feature of the year, in its last quarter, has been a scheme of combined advanced practices in various towers on their ordinary practice nights. These were only partially successful owing to weather, distance and shortness of time on an evening only. It has now been decided to hold them on the first Saturday afternoon and evening of each month, not already occupied by a quarterly meeting, and to adapt the practice to the requirements of the company present.

West Dorset Branch: Nine meetings were held (against five last year), and these have been better attended than those of last year. There is, however, still a tendency for some ringers never to leave their own tower. An experiment of holding evening meetings was tried, and proved successful, and their continuance is recommended. There is still much missionary work to accomplish.

North Dorset Branch: The branch was started on Feb. 16th, 1924. All the meetings have been well attended, and the first year is concluded with 167 ringing members, and 11 honorary members, representing 23 towers.

## SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—While agreeing with Mr. Smallwood, re shelving business at an annual meeting, I do not think he is right in blaming the service. The fact that it is their service appeals to some ringers, and probably it is the first they have attended for many moons. Instead of the elaborate service, I think the elaborate luncheon could be cut—the time spent on it, or rather waiting for what portion may come your way, is wasted. I think the majority of members would rather have a meal. As to ringing facilities, there were available forty-six bells for a period of seven hours. So putting the attendance at 150, there were, roughly, 145 minutes per member, and the parson only had fifty. The mistake is made in trying to compress a certain amount of business into any stated time. Why not have the meeting later in the day, then we can deliberate all night?—Yours truly,

T. H. VALLANCE.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday last at the ancient church of Belchamp St. Paul. This beautiful and well-cared-for building, dedicated to St. Andrew, and dating from the middle of the 15th century, with its elaborate carved benches in the chancel, upon which are the figures of a seated king and a monk (late 15th century), is situated upon an eminence about a mile from the village, and from which an extensive view can be obtained of the surrounding country, including five church towers. It is well worth a visit, and attracted a goodly number of ringers.

The bells are a musical light ring of six, which 'go' splendidly. The 4th is by Miles Grave, 1626, and the 1st and 2nd by Miles Graye, 1632. The peal was kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, from Rob Minor to Cambridge Surprise.

The ringers' service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Flynn), Mrs. Offord, the wife of the leader of the ringers, presiding at the organ. The Vicar gave a most interesting address, upon the uses of bells right down the ages, starting from the bells upon the robe of the High Priest.

After the service, an adjournment was made to the schools for tea, the arrangements for which were supervised by Mr. G. R. Offord, kindly assisted by a number of ladies, who spared no effort in looking after the wants of the visitors.

The chair was occupied by the Vicar, who was supported by his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Offord, a lady churchwarden, Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master), and Mr. W. H. Dyson (district secretary). There were 39 ringers present, representing the following parishes: Greenstead Green, Pentlow, Earls Colne, Belchamp St. Paul's, Great Yeldham, Glensford, Sible Hedingham, Cavendish, Halstead, Assington, Sudbury, Black Notley, Braintree, Foxearth and Maldon.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held, the District Master presiding, when nine new members were elected, six being from the local band.

Mr. C. H. Howard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for his instructive address, to Mrs. Offord for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Offord for making the arrangements for the tea.—This was seconded by the district secretary, and carried with acclamation. The Vicar and Mr. Offord suitably responding.

After some change ringing on handbells, the members dispersed, some for home, some to the tower for ringing, others going on to Gestingthorpe to ring there.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ROCHESTER DISTRICT AT MILTON.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held at Milton-next-Gravesend, on Saturday, April 25th, and well attended. The bells were raised soon after three o'clock, and various methods up to London Minor were rung on this fine peal of six. At 5 o'clock the association service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.), and Mr. H. Champion presided at the organ. The Rector took as his text, 'I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord.' He welcomed the association to Milton, and said he was pleased to have their district secretary as leader of his band of ringers, the position he had held for the past 15 years. He spoke of the uses of church bells, and reminded the ringers to think of the words of his text, and having called others to the service on Sundays to join them in their worship of God.

The ringers, 42 in number, were afterwards entertained to tea in the Johnston Institute by the district secretary and Mrs. Mitchell, who had the valuable assistance of the lady ringers of the Gravesend tower, Miss D. Tall and Mrs. Quont, and their friends.

The business meeting followed, and, in the absence of the Rector, Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe) was voted to the chair. One honorary member and six new practising members were elected, and on the question of the place of the next meeting, it was necessary for the chairman to give his casting vote to decide the tower, Rainham and Tunstall being equal in the voting. The bait of a 'free tea' at the latter place did not influence the chairman, and finding out that a meeting had been held previously at Tunstall, he decided on Rainham, and it was left to the secretary to fix a date in July. The secretary hopes, by the way, to arrange a day that will not clash with other district meetings, as on this occasion three were being held on the same day.

The District Secretary reported on the attendance at the annual meeting at Folkestone on Easter Monday, and said they would see by the 'Ringing World' the general secretary spoke on the apathy of several towers in not sending in their list of members. He was glad to say that the Rochester district had completed their list, but only on the day previous to the meeting. Other districts, however, were not so fortunate. It was not fair to the district secretaries, and the general secretary could not present a true report to the annual meeting.

He informed the members that a grant of £5 had been obtained from the benevolent funds of the association for Mr. George Hayes, owing to ill-health, and he offered the district's congratulation to their chairman on being re-elected people's warden at Swanscombe.—To this Mr. Harper briefly responded.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Burles, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the donors of the tea, to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, and the organist for his attendance; also to the ladies who assisted with the tea.

Mr. Mitchell said his wife, to show her gratitude for keeping him at his 'home' tower, had proposed to find them tea, and he was glad it was appreciated.

Gravesend tower was open for ringing, after the meeting, and both peals were going until 9 o'clock. At the former tower, Cambridge and Superlative were the order, with an attempt for a course of London which did not 'come off.'

**LEWISHAM DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Nicholas', Deptford, on Saturday, April 25th, when some thirty members attended.

The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening. Service was held in the church, the Vicar officiating, and giving an interesting and helpful address. Mr. Weston presided at the organ, and Mr. G. H. Daynes (who combines the offices of churchwarden and captain of the bell ringers) read the lesson.

Service was followed by a splendid tea in the Church Hall. This was generously supplied by the Vicar and Mrs. Pitman, and served by a number of lady helpers.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) taking the chair. Four new members were elected, and SS. Peter and Paul's, Shoreham, was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., gave a report of the proceedings of the annual general meeting, held at Folkestone on Easter Monday last.

Mention was again made of the clashing of meetings of the association.

Mr. F. W. Thornton moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, conducting the service and address, to the Vicar and Mrs. Pitman for their generosity in supplying the tea, to Mr. Weston for his services at the organ, to Mr. G. H. Daynes, and to the lady helpers for their part in the organisation of a splendid meeting and social function.—This was seconded by Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., and carried with applause.

The Vicar responded in a few well-chosen words. He asked for any information of other churches where a bell ringer is also churchwarden to be sent to him. — This brought the meeting to a close, and the tower was again visited till 9 p.m.

**MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Lenham, on Saturday, April 25th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar, Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presiding at the organ. After the service, the members partook of tea at the Dog and Bear Hotel.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Vicar. Mr. C. H. Sone was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. L. Head and G. Pound were re-elected district representatives.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Charing, and the half-yearly meeting at Staplehurst.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, and to Mr. Pitman for presiding at the organ, concluded the meeting.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****STOCKBRIDGE TOWER AFFILIATED.**

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Stockbridge on Saturday. The peal of six bells was kept going to Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Tea was presided over by the Vicar of Stockbridge (the Rev. G. Uppinton), who was elected an honorary member. The local band also joined as probationers, which means another tower affiliated to the Guild. One full member and two probationers were also elected members of the Guild from North Stoneham.

Mr. G. Williams (Master) gave a brief outline of the benefits derived by members of the Guild.

Mr. Pullinger (Guild secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at tea and meeting.

Members were present from Andover, Fareham, Ringwood, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, Winchester, and the local band.

**GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Godalming on Saturday, April 25th. Members were present from Ash, Reddington, Chiddingfold, Cranleigh, S. Nicolas', Guildford, Shere, Witley, Worplesdon, and also members of the local company. The bells were available during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Colson), who gave an excellent address, Mr. Parnment, junr., presiding at the organ.

Tea was held at the Church Room, about 30 being present. The Vicar presided, supported by Mrs. Colson, Mr. A. Mayers (churchwarden), Mr. W. Enticknap, Mr. J. J. Jones, and others.

A short business meeting was held after tea.—The Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) presented his report for the quarter.

Two honorary and three performing members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, to the organist, and to the members of the local company for having everything ready.

After some ringing on handbells, the members again visited the tower, and touches in various methods were brought round, the company dispersing about 9 p.m.

**5.088 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.**

BY THE LATE JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

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Composed March, 1923. First rung at the Church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, on Saturday, April 11th, 1925.

In the opinion of the band that rang this peal, the composition reaches the high-water mark of music in this method. It was the last peal composed by the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

**ELLESMERE, SALOP.**—On Monday, April 21st, one of Snowden's Odd-bob quarter-peals of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr. (conductor) 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Rung to celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. Higginson, who has done a great deal of work in connection with this society and in this district, and to whom the best wishes of the band were extended.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**GORSEINON.**—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, April 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. MacMillan (longest touch) 1, Wal. Dobbins 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, C. Willis 4, A. Sluman 5, W. Dobbins (longest length as conductor) 6, J. Williams 7, J. Hanson 8.

**HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, April 26th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins., with 7-8 covering: Mrs. W. Barrow (first 720) 1, A. Hobden 2, H. S. Hobden 3, G. Dann 4, P. S. Thompson 5, F. J. Lambert 6, R. Allen 7, G. Dash 8.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, April 26th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, for Matins, 720 Wells Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, C. Todd 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6. In the afternoon, on the occasion of a visit by Bishop Welldon, 720 London Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park (conductor) 4, F. W. Lupson 5, R. Park 6.—For evensong, 840 York Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, R. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

**BROXBORNE, HERTS.**—On Sunday, April 26th, at the Church of St. Augustine, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Radley (first in the method) 1, F. Perrin 2, G. Thurgood 3, W. Greenaway 4, G. Barker 5, F. Saban 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, C. Gouldsmith 8.

**TODDINGTON, GLOS.**—On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Hall 1, S. Cook 2, L. Harrison 3, E. Cook 4, C. Lawrence 5, G. Ashley (conductor) 6. First 720 by local band, and first by all except conductor.

**MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.**—On Sunday evening, April 26th, for Divine service, in 24 mins., 720 of Minor, in nine methods: Canterbury Pleasure, Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Grandsire: F. Seabright (first attempt on the treble) 1, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 2, J. Burles 3, H. Argent 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, J. Marks 4, J. Mead 5, F. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Whitehead 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. V. Sear (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, A. Crane 4, H. Morris 5, J. Mead 6, J. Marks 7, W. Sear 8.

**WALWORTH.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Easter Day, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. H. Hewett (conductor) 1, J. Carman 2, W. J. Nudds 3, E. F. Pike 4, Ernest Brett 5, J. A. Trollope 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, James E. Davis 8. This quarter-peal and the one rung on Palm Sunday are the first on the bells for close on twenty years.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: G. Petter 1, G. W. Steere 2, H. Hutton 3, R. Philpott 4, W. R. Melville 5, H. Burdock 6, C. H. Dobbie 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

**HORBURY, YORKS.**—At SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, 912 Double Norwich Major: J. Woffenden 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Barstow 5, G. W. Pickles 6, J. Smith 7, R. Thickett 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: D. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, G. W. Pickles 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, R. Thickett 7, J. Woffenden 8.

**STONE, STAFFS.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Buckley 1, J. Head 2, J. Moulson 3, W. Buckley 4, T. Hodson 5, A. Rowley (conductor) 6, P. Preston 7, C. Templeton 8. Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, 1,120 London Surprise Major: L. P. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, F. L. Fisher (Ufford) 3, J. M. Bailey 4, G. Wilson 5, S. J. Wolfe (Lincoln) 6, J. G. Rumsey 7, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 8. Longest length of London by ringers of 3rd and 8th.—For evening service, 1,024 Bristol Surprise: W. W. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 3, Geo. Bailey 4, J. G. Rumsey 5, G. Wilson 6, C. Sampson 7, E. S. Bailey 8.

**BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Day, for early service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins., with ten different callings, 6, 4, 8 covering: T. Samuel 1, M. Bend 2, C. H. Jallands 3, R. Jackson 4, C. Briggs 5, C. Hallam 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, J. H. Branson 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the treble, who is 14 years of age. He and the ringer of the 4th only commenced to pull a bell six months ago.

**GREASLEY.**—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. E. Hobbs 1, E. L. Williamson 2, H. L. Williamson 3, W. Ratcliffe 4, H. Byfield 5, N. Hemmington (first quarter inside) 6, A. Bush (first quarter as conductor) 7, T. Wheat 8. All are Sunday Service ringers.

**SHIPLEY, YORKS.**—On Easter Day, for morning service, 688 Bob Major: T. Wilcock 1, H. Haig 2, W. Mouney 3, T. A. King 4, F. Seagar 5, T. B. Kendall 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8.—For evening service, touches of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Gill, of Bolton (Bradford), taking part.

**SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.**—At the Cathedral, on Easter Day, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: T. Foster 1, H. F. Clulow 2, J. F. Milner 3, E. Foster 4, F. Pickard 5, A. Heywood 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, G. W. Kirk 8. First quarter by ringers of the 6th and tenor; the former hails from Bolton, Lancs.

**SLOUGH.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins., by members of the St. Mary's Society and the Oxford Diocesan Guild: Mrs. Gladys Barker 1, A. J. Harding 2, W. Henley 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, E. T. Hooper (cond.) 7, George Barkus 8.

**STERBBING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, April 5th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Barker 1, F. Harrington 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. Emery 4, W. Lewis 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Double Court: A. Barker 1, F. Harrington 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. Emery 4, H. C. Ruffel 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to ringer of the 4th.

**WALWORTH, LONDON, S.E.**—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, 1,232 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. Hewett 1, R. Grimwood 2, Mrs. R. Deal 3, R. Deal 4, A. J. Trollope 5, E. F. Pike 6, J. Emery 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8.

## INTERESTING PRESENTATION AT EARL SHILTON.

## MR. FRED COTTON'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at Earl Shilton, on April 18th, on the occasion of a presentation to Mr. Fred Cotton, to mark his 14 years' service as secretary to the Hinckley district of the M.C.A. The Vicar of Earl Shilton (the Rev. H. V. Williams) performed the pleasant duty of 'delivering the goods' (a ringer's gold pendant suitably inscribed), and a wallet containing a few of the 'best'.—The Vicar remarked that it gave him great pleasure to spring this surprise on Mr. Cotton whom he had known for a long while at Hinckley. One thing he would like to say about Mr. Cotton, as everyone present must know, was that he had accomplished much towards bringing the ringers into closer relationship one with the other, and with the church (hear, hear). The only regrettable thing he had to mention was the unavoidable absence (through illness) of the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb), who would otherwise have assuredly been present.

Mr. Cotton, on receiving the gifts, said he was quite unable to express his thanks as he would wish, as it was absolutely beyond him.

The Rev. R. P. Farrow (Stoney Stanton) had a few nice words to say about Mr. Cotton, also Mr. J. Clarke, who, with Mr. Coe and the committee, was largely responsible for the arrangements.

After the presentation, Mr. Cotton was voted to the chair, where he succeeded in getting the best of the talent out of the assembled company, in the way of singing, handbell ringing, and piano playing. Those who helped to fulfil the various duties must feel their efforts were much appreciated.

## DURHAM &amp; NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Gateshead on Saturday, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. About 20 members sat down to an excellent tea at The Anchorage, and at a short meeting afterwards, Mr. William Story proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector (Canon Stephenson) for the use of the bells, Mr. Churchwarden McFarlane, in the absence of the Rector, responding.—Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the local secretaries for the excellent arrangements they had made, Mr. Stuart replying, and the Chairman, Mr. R. L. Patterson, thanked the ladies, who had attended on the tables.

It was arranged to hold the next meeting at Houghton-le-Spring on June 13th.

Ringings were then resumed, but shortly afterwards had to be stopped in account of a case of illness near the church.

## NOTICE.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—The Spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Benson-on-Thames, nr. Wallingford, on Saturday, May 16th. Service at 3.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Hall after. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. All who wish to attend please send post card to F. W. Woodward, Asst. Sec., Red Lion Inn, Chalgrove, Wallingford, Bucks.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 14th and 28th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 6 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark 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.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Watford District. — Next meeting Saturday, May 9th. Bushey bells open 3.30 p.m. Tea 1s. 3d., and meeting 5.30.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Christ Church will also be available for ringing in the evening. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint meeting has been arranged on May 9th at Todmorden.—W. H. Shaker and P. J. Johnson, Secs.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Chichester on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open 2-3 and 5-9. Service at the Sub-deanery Church at 3.30 p.m. A meat tea will be provided at 4.30, Voke's Tea Gardens in the Horner, 1s. each to members.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Gen. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

DONCASTER PARISH CHURCH. — Doncaster Deanery Choir Festival, Saturday, May 9th. Tower open from 4.30 until 6.30. All ringers welcome. — Harold Walker, 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A district meeting will be held at Kelsale on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. till 7.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—George Wilson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be at Shildon on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—Double Norwich, Stedman, etc. — A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Peterborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clinton on Saturday, May 9th. Service at 4.30.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at New Romney on Saturday, May 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A Quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Woolhope on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) available 2.30—8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be at Warburton on Saturday, May 9th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Castle Donnington on Saturday, May 9th. Bells (6) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 9th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Bull Hotel, 1s. per head, after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SUFFOLK GUILD. — Hadleigh quarterly meeting, Saturday, May 9th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Meeting at 4 p.m. Tea 9d. each. — F. S. Aldridge, Church Street, Hadleigh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Dorchester on Tuesday, May 12th. Service at St. Peter's Church at 12.15. Preacher, the Rev. H. Pentin. Luncheon at Corn Exchange at 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), Bere Regis, Fordington, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Puddletown, Upwey (6), Bradford, Peverell, Charminster, Stratton (5). — F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna, Gillingham, Dorset.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Those desiring tea please notify me by May 13th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, Holborn. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting at the King of Denmark at 6.30.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pershore on Saturday, May 16th. A service will be held in the Abbey Church at 5.30 p.m., at which the Very Rev. Bishop H. Gresford Jones, D.D., will give an address. Tea will be provided (please note) for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The Abbey bells (8) will be available at 3 p.m., and also in the evening.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at Cardington. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, May 16th. By the kind permission of the respective incumbents, the bells of the Cathedral and St. Marie's will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Darbyshire, M.A. Tea and business meeting will follow immediately after the service. Tea will be provided at 1s. 3d. each to all those who notify me not later than Wednesday, May 13th. Entries for the cup must be in the hands of Mr. C. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield, before this meeting.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by the 13th inst. of their requiring same. Hadley bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those notifying me not later than Wednesday, May 13th.—A. Tomkins, Hon. Sec., Bredenbury.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The special meeting, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, will be held on May 16th at Leigh-on-Mendip. Please inform me if you hope to come.—J. T. Dyke, Midsomer Norton.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 16th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eight bells.—R. J. Darvill, Sec., Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, the 13th inst.?—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Fillongley, near Coventry, on May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Cramlington on Saturday, May 16th. Will those requiring tea (charge 1s. 2d.) please notify Mr. William Story, Watergate Buildings, Sandhill, Newcastle, by Wednesday, May 13th?

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Saturday, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 p.m. Will those desiring tea please notify me by 13th?—William Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Higham and Stratford St. Mary.—District meeting, Saturday, May 16th. Bells: Higham (6), Stratford (6) and Langham (6) available from 2.30. Business meeting Higham Parish Hall at 4 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, at the Anchor, Stratford St. Mary, 5 p.m.—T. G. Reed, Norman's Farm, Hintlesham, Ipswich.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 20th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Essex, on Saturday, May 23rd, by kind invitation of W. E. Neath, Esq. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 19th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**FREEMASONS' BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS IN DUBLIN.**—Any ringer who is attending these celebrations the first week in June, and who would like to get in touch with the local ringers, kindly communicate with G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Terrace, S.C.R., Dublin.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Preliminary Notice.—The 46th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 1st.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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### DEATH.

**WILKERSON.**—On April 30th, at the Surgical Nursing Home, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Catherine Ada, the dearly loved wife of Abraham Wilkerson (late hon. general secretary to the Warwickshire Guild), in her 53rd year.

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## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

The spring meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Dumbleton, and attended by a large number of members, who, during the afternoon, enjoyed ringing on the nice little ring of six. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Collins Ashwin), who was supported by a full choir, and also gave an excellent address.

By the generosity of the Rector, a bounteous tea was partaken of in the Village Hall. At the business meeting which followed, the Rector was voted to the chair, and expressed his pleasure at having the meeting in his parish. He expressed the hope that the association would come again soon.

Among those present were the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton), Mr. C. W. Dyson (chairman of the Tewkesbury Branch), and over 40 members from the following towers: Winchcombe, Alderton, St. Mark's (Cheltenham), Swindon, Prestbury, Charlton Kings, Leckhampton, Childs Wickham, Willersey, Buckland, and the local tower, together with several members from the Tewkesbury Branch.

The Secretary, in a short report, congratulated Mr. F. Nurdan and the Dumbleton band on the great strides they were making.

A letter from the Gloucester Branch, suggesting that Badgworth tower be handed over to them, was 'turned down.'

Badgworth was selected for the next meeting, and details were left to the secretary to arrange.

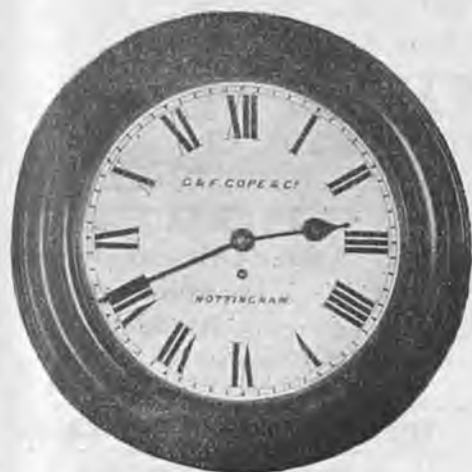
Eight new members were elected, and on the proposition of Mr. Townsend, seconded by Mr. C. Martin, it was decided that an effort should be made to arrange a meeting at Stow-on-the-Wold in conjunction with the Cirencester and Gloucester branches.

Mr. W. Devereux voiced the thanks of the members to the Rector for his great kindness in entertaining them, and for the use of the bells.—This was carried with cheers, and the Rector suitably responded.

The tower was again visited, and further ringing closed a very happy meeting.

**SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Tuesday, April 21st, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Rodwell (Bramford) 1, C. F. Mee (Sproughton) 2, F. Bowell (Ipswich) 3, H. Mee (Sproughton) 4, E. Rivers (Sproughton) 5, Chas. Mee 6.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On St. George's Day, 23rd April, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Marshall 1, J. Hughes 2, R. Edwards 3, R. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.



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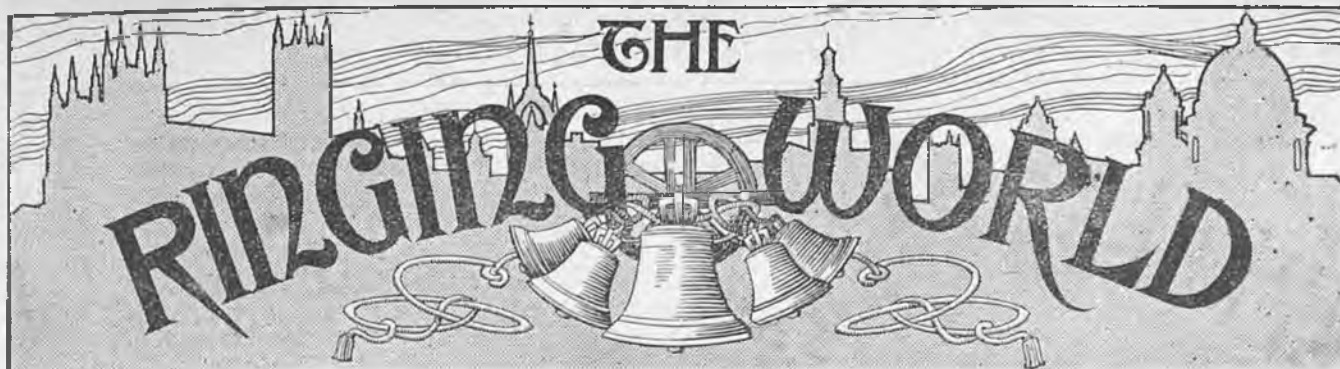
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In the annual report of the Hereford Guild, another point of interest is mentioned, it is the emphasis laid on peal ringing as an education in the art, and in touching on the question the report states: 'When a man has rung a certain number (of peals) it is doubtful whether he learns much by ringing more unless they are in new methods.' The statement is a guarded one, but there is a lot of truth lying at the root of it. There is no doubt that the best ringer, nearly always, is the peal ringer. The man who can concentrate his mind upon a method and the striking of his bell for three hours, is likely to be a better ringer than the one who seldom rings for more than twenty minutes at a stretch.

It is equally true that after a number of peals in a method a ringer will learn but little more about ringing unless he goes on to other methods. Moreover, unless he progresses in his ringing he goes backward, for stagnation leads to loss of interest. The Hereford Guild report expresses a desire to see as many ringers as possible in the Guild ringing a peal—in view of its educational value, and promises to distinguish these ringers in the report. It might go much further and emphasise among its members the need for ringing more methods. For instance, Stedman and Double Norwich are two methods little practised in the Guild, to say nothing of the Surprise group. It is, of course, difficult work to 'get a move on' with the majority of bands, and yet the spirit

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which is behind the Hereford organisation is good enough to take the Guild into the very forefront as a change ringing organisation. It is not for any want of effort and enterprise on the part of its officials, and they deserve the strongest backing that their members can give them.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. Treble | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 6             |
| JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 2      | FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 7             |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3    | CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 8          |
| † JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4     | PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 9          |
| † JAMES MARSH ... .. 5       | * ALBERT A. GRIFFITHS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

\* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Messrs. J. E. and P. Bibby hail from Frodsham, and J. Marsh from Aughton.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM RICHES ... .. Treble | EDWARD ETHERIDGE ... .. 5  |
| AUSTIN HEAD ... .. 2         | JAMES RICHES ... .. 6      |
| ROBERT RAYNER ... .. 3       | WALTER RICHES ... .. 7     |
| ROBERT RICHES ... .. 4       | ALBERT RICHES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

The Author's peal No. 103.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| F. STEDMAN WHITE ... .. Treble | COTBERT G. WHITE ... .. 5      |
| MAURICE SMITH ... .. 2         | GEORGE HOLFIELD, JUN. ... .. 6 |
| FREDERICK MESSENGER ... .. 3   | RICHARD WHITE ... .. 7         |
| * F. SELWYN ... .. 4           | TOM IMPEY ... .. Tenor         |

Conducted by G. HOLFIELD, JUN.

\* First peal 'inside.'

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... .. Treble | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2          | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3            | T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7        |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4         | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. C. WIGHTMAN.

First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM HARPER ... .. 2             | JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6           |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3             | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7           |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 4          | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.



## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, May 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,  
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|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. Treble | EDWIN H. STONELEY ... .. 5 |
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At the Church of St. Nicolas,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| OWEN H. GILKS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 5  |
| REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2     | D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3   | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. 7   |
| WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4     | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor |

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On Friday, May 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. Treble | HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2        | JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 6     |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 3     | GEORGE H. RANGLES ... .. 7 |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 4       | FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

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## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM HARPER ... .. 2           | C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 6  |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3           | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 7 |
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 4    | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor   |

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Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

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## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble | TOM CHAMBERS ... .. 5    |
| MISS M. CLAYTON ... .. 2       | JOHN BROWN ... .. 6      |
| FRED CHAMBERS ... .. 3         | FRED HINDLE ... .. 7     |
| TOM STANCLIFFE ... .. 4        | JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor |

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|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MRS. E. J. BROWN ... .. Treble | RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. 5   |
| EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 2        | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE TREW ... .. 3           | MISS ANNIE BROWN ... .. 7    |
| ALBERT STOWELL ... .. 4        | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor |

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MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qt.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| B. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE ... .. Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5    |
| FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. 2        | LESLIE BRETT ... .. 6          |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 3            | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 4           | WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

## NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

|                              |                                    |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| FRANK REYNOLDS ... .. Treble | JOHN YATES ... .. 5                |
| WILLIAM GOULD ... .. 2       | ERNEST LEATHERBARROW ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 3      | JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM HAMPSON ... .. 4     | WILLIAM LEATHERBARROW ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

## RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Martin,

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HARRY KILBY ... .. Treble | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 2  | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3    | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7        |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4 | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor       |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

## CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

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| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. Treble | RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 5       |
| JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 2       | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 6         |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3       | HARRY OVERTON ... .. 7            |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 4       | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

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| *THOMAS WISE ... .. Treble | *ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 5      |
| BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 2   | FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... .. 6  |
| HARRY BAXTER ... .. 3      | TOM TEBBOTT ... .. 7           |
| CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 4   | RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by TOM TEBBOTT.

\* First peal in the method.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.  
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Four Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8112 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C. W. WOOLLEY ... .. Treble | HERBERT FIELDS... .. 5         |
| MISS CATHERINE FIELDS... 2  | A. GEORGE RIVERS ... .. 6      |
| *WILFRED C. IBBETT... .. 3  | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 7     |
| HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 4   | T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the longest peal by the association, on the bells, and by all the band, who were congratulated by the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) on the excellent striking. \* First peal of Bob Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16½ cwt.

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble | JOSEPH MILNER ... .. 5         |
| CHARLES J. TRICKER ... .. 2     | ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 6        |
| CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 3         | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 7       |
| *ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 4          | ALBERT BECKENSALE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Beadle, ex-vice-president of the association, on attaining his 75th birthday.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *JOHN H. DREWERY ... .. Treble | *EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 5     |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD... .. 2      | THOMAS VALLANCE ... .. 6     |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3       | E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 7   |
| †REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4    | EPHRAIM W. RANDS... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

\* First peal. † 100th peal. Rang as a welcome to the Rev. C. G. Thornton, whose induction to the parish took place on May 3rd, and to whom the band tender their heartiest thanks for his generous hospitality after the peal.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, 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.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILFRED G. COOK ... .. Treble | FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 5 |
| *ARTHUR PARSONS ... .. 2      | H. CHARLES BOND ... .. 6  |
| RICHARD HAYES... .. 3         | WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 7  |
| WILLIAM C. CUSS ... .. 4      | JOHN HAYWARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. H. Tom Gardner for many years a respected member of the local band. \* First peal on an inside bell. Mr. R. Hayes is from Haslemere, Surrey.

CAERLEON, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Cadoc,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. Treble | *ALBERT ED. SLATTER ... 5   |
| PERCY JONES ... .. 2          | GEORGE COOKE ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 3         | ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 7    |
| SAMUEL JONES ... .. 4         | *GEORGE MARTIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by ALBERT ADDICOTT.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th, are from Caerphilly; 5th and tenor, Bedwas; and 4th, local. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt.

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY BAKER ... .. Treble | LOUIS HEAD... .. 5          |
| *WILLIAM TICKNER ... .. 2 | FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD... 6 |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN... .. 3 | LUTHER J. HONESS ... .. 7   |
| MRS. HARRY BAKER ... .. 4 | ALFRED BATTIN ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by W. E. PITMAN, Mus. Bac. Oxon, F.R.C.O.

\* First peal.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| C. TEMPLETON ... .. Treble | T. HODSON ... .. 5    |
| J. HEAD... .. 2            | A. ROWLY ... .. 6     |
| J. MOULSON ... .. 3        | P. PRESTON ... .. 7   |
| W. BUCKLEY... .. 4         | E. BAKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. ROWLY.

First peal for all except the 7th ringer. All the above belong to the local band, and are the first local band to ring a peal at this church. Rung at the first attempt.

MOUNTSOREL, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *ROWLAND BARROW ... .. Treble | THOMAS ATKINS... .. 5        |
| †WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. 2     | †WILLIAM COPE ... .. 6       |
| †ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 3        | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7    |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 4      | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... Tenor |

Composed by W. GARRARD. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob inside. ‡ First peal of Major in the method, and at first attempt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 5½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble | *WILLIAM COPE ... .. 5       |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 2    | THOMAS ATKINS... .. 6        |
| *J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3  | WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. 7     |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 4       | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. H. Whitehead.

WEM, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JOSEPH H. GROCOTT ... .. Treble | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5    |
| FREDERICK A. BARNETT ... 2       | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 6     |
| †WALTER LYCETT ... .. 3          | WILLIAM R. NASH ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM T. GOODFELLOW 4          | JOHN RAVENSCROFT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung in honour of the election of Mr. F. A. Barnett as churchwarden at this church, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. R. Nash. The ringer of the tenor took part in the first peal on the bells in 1898. The ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Shrewsbury; 7th from Ludlow; 3rd from Stanton; and the remainder belong to the local band.

BLACKBURN.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, April 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks' Variation, in honour of St. George's Day: F. Wilson 1, W. Briggs 2, A. Tomlinson 3, F. J. Steele 4, T. Wilson 5, J. Watson 6, W. E. Wilson (cond.) 7, Fred Hindle 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *WILLIAM BISHOP ... .. Treble | WALTER T. BENNETT ... 5     |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON ... .. 2    | †ALFRED T. POULTON... .. 6  |
| JOHN J. BEVAN ... .. 3        | ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 7     |
| Ex-Sgt. J. WILLIAMS ... 4     | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.  
First peal of Major on the bells. \* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major inside.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR MOORE ... .. Treble | *SAMUEL MOORE, SEN. ... 5    |
| THOMAS WILKINSON ... .. 2  | JOSEPH ASHMOLE ... .. 6      |
| ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 3      | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7      |
| REV. W. R. INGHAM ... .. 4 | SAMUEL MOORE, JUN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples on these bells, which were cast by Rudhall in 1732.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5        |
| MISS E. K. PARKER ... .. 2     | JOHN A. COLE ... .. 6          |
| C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 3    | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 7    |
| GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 4       | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First Surprise peal on the bells. The above band represents eight towers and four counties.

CROSTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. Treble | ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 5    |
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2      | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3        | THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. 7 |
| JOHN WILKINSON... .. 4         | EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. This is believed to be the first peal by the association on these bells.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREDK. BORRETT... .. Treble | CHAS. CUTTING ... .. 5     |
| GEO. A. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2   | ALFRED SMITH ... .. 6      |
| ERNEST POPPY ... .. 3       | ERNEST WHITING ... .. 7    |
| CHAS. BAKER ... .. 4        | FRANK COPEMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

**BELATED PEAL REPORTS.**

We publish this week, at the request of the secretary of the Norfolk Guild, a peal rung at Fressingfield on January 24th. Two peals rung at the same church in June and October last year came to us for publication, through the same channel, in late December. While we like to make the peals published in our columns a complete record, and particularly to oblige association officials, we shall decline in future to publish peals sent in in this way so long after the performance. If the band do not deem their peals worth publishing, we have no desire to print them.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 21 lb.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| BEN TILLET ... .. Treble   | CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 4        |
| ALBERT A. FLEMING ... .. 2 | GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 5     |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3    | FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor |

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

The peal was arranged and rung to oblige the ringer of the treble, and was his first peal.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 six-scores each of St. Simon's and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| *ALLAN DONE ... .. Treble  | GEORGE VERNON... .. 3   |
| FREDERICK HINES ... .. 2   | JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... 4 |
| EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor |                         |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and by all the band.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being one 720 of Single Court, and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *EDWARD PAIN ... .. Treble | †HARRY PROUT ... .. 4       |
| REGINALD BECK... .. 2      | WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. 5    |
| RONALD BECK ... .. 3       | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in more than one method.

SCOTHERN, Lincs.  
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Germain,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MISS EDITH A. CADE... .. Treble | GEORGE W. CREASEY... .. 4 |
| GEORGE W. CADE ... .. 2         | REV. G. H. ROUND TURNER 5 |
| CHAS. V. CADE ... .. 3          | SIMON CADE... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by SIMON CADE.

The ringers of the treble and 2nd are 16 and 14 years of age respectively.

GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven 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 Plain Bob, and one 720 of Grandsire.

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| *GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble | *FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4     |
| †ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2       | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5     |
| *RICHARD C. INGRAM... .. 3      | *GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in four methods. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. This was the 150th peal which Morris J. Morris and G. F. Swann have rung together, now including all numbers from Minor to Sextuples. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and hospitality after the peal.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| H. HARDY ... .. Treble    | THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 4     |
| THOMAS B. NEWTON ... .. 2 | CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. 5      |
| FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 3  | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Eva Webb, youngest daughter of the ringer of the fifth. This peal was postponed from March 19th, owing to sickness.

ST. ATHAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| *W. JAMES ... .. Treble | *E. JOHN ... .. 4      |
| W. SAMUEL ... .. 2      | *R. COLES ... .. 5     |
| A. HANNINGTON ... .. 3  | E. THOMAS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. C. COLES.

\* First peal. Also first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. and Mrs. G. Jenkins for the use of the bells; also for their kind hospitality after the peal. Rung by the Bonvilston band.

WENDEN AMBO, ESSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *MISS K. WILLERS ... .. Treble | WALTER MANSFIELD ... .. 5  |
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2      | WALTER F. SERMONS ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3       | ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

\* First peal in seven methods. The ringers of the treble and 2nd hail from Trumpington and Great Shelford, Cambs, respectively. The rest belong to Barley, Herts. The band wish to thank the Vicar for permission to ring.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| *JOHN VINCENT ... .. Treble | JESSE TUCKWELL ... .. 4           |
| *WALTER H. TRUEMAN ... .. 2 | GEORGE LANCASTER ... .. 5         |
| THOMAS MOULDEN ... .. 3     | WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM G. LANCASTER.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of Mr. E. Ball, who has been a regular ringer at the church for fifty-one years, on his recovery from a long illness.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, Wragby, Duke of York and Violet.  
Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| STANLEY C. RYLES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4 |
| JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 2      | ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 5   |
| FRANK TRINER ... .. 3          | JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK TRINER.

This peal was rung in honour of the conductor's 21st birthday. A. W. Hall hails from Cheadle, and this was his first peal in seven methods. The others belong to the local company.

SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 7 cwt.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... .. Treble | ERNEST STONE ... .. 4         |
| HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 2           | WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 5    |
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3      | ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.  
This is the first peal on this excellent little ring of bells, recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob, 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GILBERT M. HASELL ... .. Treble | JOHN FEAR ... .. 4       |
| FREDERICK J. L. BROWN ... 2     | THOMAS R. CLARK ... .. 5 |
| WILFRED A. YOUNG ... .. 3       | EDGAR COMER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by T. R. CLARK.

A birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLoucester AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                                 |                              |
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| GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... .. Treble | GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 4      |
| TREVERS PRITCHARD ... .. 2      | JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 5      |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 3          | WILLIAM BAMFORD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for Triples.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A MEETING AT SHIPTON.

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday week. Ringing commenced quite early in the afternoon, and included Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. A service was held in the Parish Church, the special preacher being the Rev. J. D. Payne, R.D., who gave a very interesting address upon the bells he had been acquainted with during his travels in various parts of the country.

An excellent tea, provided by the Vicar and ringers of Shipton, was heartily enjoyed.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. W. J. Palmer was enthusiastically re-elected chairman. — The Secretary (Mr. J. Keyte) said he did not wish to carry on, although he had been nominated, but upon a very special vote of confidence being passed, which was supported by several clergy and ringers, he said 'yes,' amid much applause.

A sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Washbrook Memorial Fund, and Kingham was selected for the autumn meeting.

All the towers of the Deanery except Barford were represented, and there were also several visiting ringers, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Master), Mr. Tom Hibbert (general Guild secretary) and Mrs. Stella Davis.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of Shipton, the Master of the Guild, and Mr. Hibbert, each of whom replied, and said how pleased they were to be present on such an enjoyable occasion.

**A BIRTHDAY PEAL ATTEMPT.**

At Shrewsbury, on Easter Monday, twelve members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, met at St. Chad's Church, at the invitation of the Ringing Master to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques in honour of his 51st birthday. All went well up to the 21st course, when a trip put an end to the ringing, after 2 hours 10 minutes' excellent striking. The ringers were O. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, H. Knight 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, J. Perry 4, C. Wallater 5, J. E. Lilley 6, E. F. Mitchell 7, M. J. Morris 8, B. Horton 9, W. Fisher 10, T. J. Elton 11, B. Gough 12. The loss of the peal was a great disappointment to all the band, and it is hoped the same company will be able to make another attempt at a future date.

The company afterwards went to the residence of Mr. Lilley for tea, and the handbells came into use, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob being rung.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.****PROSPECT OF TWO MORE BELLS AT POULTON.**

The monthly meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at Poulton on Saturday, May 2nd. As usual, when a ringers' meeting is held here the weather was gloriously fine. The village of Poulton, with its ancient stocks and whipping post in the square, and its 10th century church, presented its usual easy-going, comfortable appearance to the ringers who attended the meeting. Poulton's old residents are not a little proud of reminding the present generation of the 'good old times' when the railway did not run to Blackpool, so that intending visitors to the latter town were obliged to hire any conveyance procurable, very often engaging such incongruities as hay carts, etc., to arrive at their destination. The six bells of the ancient church were cast by Rudhall, and rehung a few years ago by Warner and Co. They are a light, easy-going ring, but are lacking a little in tone.

Owing to some misunderstanding, the first arrivals found the belfry door locked. After waiting a while, one of the local ringers turned up minus the key, but gave instructions where it could be found. Eventually the bells were set going to Grandsire Doubles, followed by Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, and two plain courses of Stedman Doubles, a ringer from Bispham being piloted through his first touch of Stedman and Treble Bob.

The following towers were represented, Lytham, St. John and St. Cuthbert, St. Anne's Parish Church, Bispham, Blackpool St. John, along with Mr. W. Taylor, Penwortham, and Mr. Heckingbottom, of South Shore.—The Vicar, who presided at the meeting, said how pleased he was to hear the bells rung so splendidly in changes, and thought that at some future time they would have two more bells put in, and so have a ring of eight bells, similar to Bispham. At present they had a scheme in view for erecting a parish hall to cost nearly £4,000, towards which £1,000 had been raised. Last year, £1,500 was spent in renovations to the church. After the parish hall scheme was finished he promised to go forward with the two bells. He also approved of his ringers becoming members of the association, and the fees being paid out of church funds. He suggested to Mr. Lawrenson, the churchwarden, that he bring this matter forward at the next Church Council meeting.

After a little more Treble Bob, the bells were lowered in peal, thus bringing to a close one of the best meetings held at Poulton for a long time.

**DEVON GUILD.**

The annual meeting of the North Devon Branch was held in the belfry at Ilfracombe Parish Church on Wednesday evening, April 29th.—The Rev. H. L. Pigot, who occupied the chair, was unanimously re-elected as chairman, and Mr. A. H. Hayward was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Two new members were elected, one from Ilfracombe and one from Combe Martin, both being qualified to receive the Guild certificate.

The next annual meeting will be held at Combe Martin on the last Wednesday in April, 1926.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. H. L. Pigot for presiding, after which some of the younger members were given a good practice in Grandsire Triples.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At Norton-le-Moors, Staffs, on Sunday, May 3rd, for Matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. T. Neild 1, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 2, C. Bowen (Bucknall) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, W. P. Deane 6. Also for evensong, 720 Surprise, consisting of 240 each of London, Wells and Cambridge: W. T. Neild 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner (conductor) 3, J. E. Wheeldon 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Waller 6. The bells were rung half-muffled at both these services, in memory of the late Mr. E. B. Wain, who for many years was churchwarden and sidesman at St. Bartholomew Church. He was the managing director of a large colliery in the district, and was a great benefactor to the church, and whenever the belfry needed 'spring cleaning,' the necessary paints, staves and varnish were always supplied free of charge by Mr. Wain. His death took place very suddenly. He had been to a coalowners' conference in London, and when about 500 yards from his home suddenly expired. The news gave quite a shock to all who knew him. Certain it is that the ringers of Norton Church have lost a very good friend.

J. E. W.

At Nuneaton, on Tuesday, May 5th, at the Parish Church, four courses of Double Norwich, four courses of Stedman Triples, and 224 of Grandsire Triples. These touches were rung, with the bells half-muffled, by members of the Nuneaton Society, as a last mark of respect to Mrs. Wilkerson, wife of Mr. Abraham Wilkerson, a respected member of the Nuneaton Society. The funeral took place at Chilvers Coton Churchyard during the afternoon.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is seldom that a lady participates in a peal of more than the usual five thousand odd changes, but Miss Catherine Fields was one of the band that rang 8,112 Bob Major on Saturday at Long Stanton, Cambs, in 4 hours 35 minutes. Although the bells are light (the tenor is only 7½ cwt.) it is no small feat to stand this length of time with nothing to 'lean on.' The peal was the longest yet rung by the Ely Diocesan Association.

Another lady distinguished herself on Saturday, when Miss Annie Brown called a peal of Stedman Triples, at Corston, the first peal of Stedman conducted by a lady for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

By ringing a peal at Overseal, Derbyshire, last week, Mr. James George, of Birmingham, brought the number of towers in which he has rung peals up to 300. These towers are spread over England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Canon T. L. Papillon, who was for many years hon. secretary of the Essex Association, celebrated his 84th birthday on Easter Day. He has resided for some time at St. Leonard's-on-Sea, but now suffers the grievous deprivation of being unable to read printed matter, on account of impaired eyesight.

There is a fine peal of ten bells (tenor 32 cwt.) by Taylor and Co., at the Cathedral, Christchurch, New Zealand, but change ringing there is a lost art. Mr. D. C. Bates, Box 722, Wellington, writes that a conductor and instructor would be a welcome immigrant to the city—the most English out of England.

The death of Mr. Douro Thomas Potter, verger and bell ringer at St. Peter Mancroft, philosopher, litterateur and archæologist, beloved of all who knew him, breaks a long link with the famous Norwich Church. His great grandfather, Jonathan Potter, was verger from 1821 to 1841; his grandfather, George Potter, from 1841 to 1868; his father, Douro Thomas Potter, senr., from 1868 to 1893, while his own occupancy of the post from 1893 to 1925, was longer than that of any of his family predecessors.

Four years ago, the centenary of this remarkable family connection with the church was celebrated, when, on St. Peter's Day, Mr. Potter was presented with an illuminated address and a handsome cheque. Mr. Potter's son bears the name of Peter Mancroft Potter.

Mr. John Overton, the veteran change ringer of Bridgnorth, Salop, has completed 50 years as steeplekeeper at St. Leonard's Church, probably a Shropshire record.

London and district ringers will hear, with sincere regret, of the death of Mrs. John C. Truss, of Great Marlow, on Monday, 4th May, at the early age of 49 years.

There is a tablet in the belfry at All Saints' Church, Fulham, to record an extraordinary performance by the young ringers of St. James's Society, who on Whit Monday, 15th of May, 1837, rung in this steeple, a true and complete peal of 12,096 changes of Grandsire Caters in 7 hrs. and 50 minutes, 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 conducted by the famous Thomas Tolladay.

To-day is also the anniversary of the 8,800 Superlative rung in 1894 at Loughborough, composed and conducted by Nathan J. Pilstow.

On May 18th, 1883, 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 9 hrs. 48 mins., at Mottram, conducted by one who is now among the veteran leaders of Lancashire ringing, Mr. Sam Wood, who in 1911 called the record 12,240 Kent Treble Twelve, and in 1914 the 14,000 of Kent Royal at Ashton-under-Lyne.

Thurstans' famous twin-bob peal — an epoch-making composition, and the story of which almost amounts to a romance—was rung for the first time on May 18th, 1846.

The College Youths rang a peal of 11,080 Treble Bob, Royal at Shoreditch, in 8 hrs. 2 minutes, on May 19th, 1777.

St. Martin's Youths rang a 5,220 Tintom Bob Royal at St. Michael's, Coventry, on May 20th, 1780. On the same date, in 1795, the Cumberland Youths rang 5,120 Cumberland Treble Bob at Edmonton.

The Duke of Rutland, who has just died, was one of the patrons of the Midland Counties Association. The Marquis Curzon, who died a few weeks ago, was another.

## BANNS BELL BANNED.

The Vicar of St. Paul's, Addlestone, Surrey, who has frequently had some very outspoken comments in his 'Parish Magazine,' writes this month that, although in some parishes a bell is still rung to announce that banns of marriage have been published, there will be no banns' bell rung from Addlestone Church tower during the Vicar's incumbency.

'Just fancy,' he adds, 'ringing a peal from the belfry after the announcement of an impending life sentence. I would not authorise even a muffled peal.' There is no ring of bells at Addlestone.

## ROYAL VISIT TO CROYDON FOUNDRY.

## KING AND QUEEN HEAR NEW YORK'S GREAT CARILLON.

Their Majesties the King and Queen visited Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry, at Croydon, on Tuesday afternoon to view and hear the great carillon of 53 bells for Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York.

Their Majesties arrived at the Foundry just after 3 p.m., and were received by the principal of the firm (Mr. C. F. Johnston). Miss Johnston, the Mayor of Croydon, and others, were present. An inspection of the carillon followed, and the royal visitors then witnessed the casting of a bell in the Foundry.

Subsequently they heard a recital on the carillon by M. Lefevre, of Malines, in which the carillonneur brought out all the beauties of tone and effect of these magnificent bells. The King and Queen then inspected the big tuning machine, also some old bells from Holland which have been brought over for retuning, and the St. James's Palace old clock. Their stay extended over more than an hour, and they were much interested in all they had seen and heard on their visit.

Thousands of people lined the streets of Croydon, and gave their Majesties a rousing welcome. The crowd was closely packed in the neighbourhood of the foundry, and an impressive hush spread over the concourse at the first sweet notes of the bells. The people remained until the King and Queen departed, and their Majesties had a wonderful a send-off as their reception had been.

## SERVICES AT RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I see that the question of church services at ringers' meetings is again coming up in your columns. The instance cited by Mr. Smallwood is certainly an extreme case, but of all the functions that interfered with ringing at Leicester, why should the service alone be singled out as a 'superfluity'? Time might have been saved for ringing just as well by cutting out lunch or tea. No one ever suggests that as a remedy!

As a matter of fact, I agree to some extent with the tenor of Mr. Smallwood's complaint. Service, tea and meeting do take out a very substantial amount from the whole time available for ringing. Yet one has reason to believe that among those ringers, who take their duties most seriously, the service is really appreciated. Whenever a Guild meeting is held, ringers gather together as a body of church workers, and it is obviously most fitting that they should consecrate their united activities with a corporate act of worship in the church officially visited.

On the other hand, there is something to be said for occupying less of the time available in such religious devotions. An annual meeting is an occasion on which a 'more or less elaborate service' is in keeping with the general character of the proceedings, but it seems to me that at the quarterly or monthly branch meetings a simple service lasting about 20 minutes may serve the purpose better. There is really no need to prolong it by introducing an address; in fact, the absence of an address may tend to emphasise the primary object of the service as an act of corporate devotion on the part of a body of church officers desiring to consecrate their talents and energies to the glory of God and the good of the church. A brief office, with one psalm, lesson and canticle, creed, prayers, and a concluding hymn, reverently and heartily sung throughout, occupies only 20 minutes or so, and is quite complete in itself, without adding a sermon and another hymn.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

## RINGERS' DESIRE FOR SERVICE.

Dear Sir,—I have read with much interest the letter of Mr. Smallwood on the subject, and can sympathise with him. I have experienced the same sort of thing myself, being unable to get a touch of what you came for, through some of the best men coming late in the afternoon and then, soon, a service, followed by tea and a meeting, which take up most of the rest of the time. Consequently you have to leave with your object unfulfilled in order to get home for Sunday.

At the same time, as the desire for a service appears to come from the ringers more than the clergy, would it not be better to put the service a little later, say, at 6 or 6.30, instead of 4.30 or 5, as is so often done? That would give all an opportunity to be satisfied, and get their ringing for which they chiefly come, and would leave a margin for staying for the service, or portion of the service, as time permits.

I am pleased to note that the Middlesex Association has taken a step in the right direction, by advertising their service at six at their meeting at Barnet on May 16th.—Yours faithfully,

9, St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury.

W. E. PITMAN.

**EAST GRINSTEAD.**—At St. Swithun's Church, on Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: P. Barton 1, G. Lambert 2, G. Hewett 3, G. Tizzard 4, E. Oliver (Hartfield) 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild is to be held, as usual, at Hereford on Whit Monday. The annual report states that the total membership, including hon. members, life members, and unattached, is 854. There are now 82 towers in union with the Guild, which, taking into account the loss of four towers in the Brecon district, is the same as in 1923. The number of ringers for 1924 was 662, compared with 680 in 1923. 'But we have to remember,' adds the report, 'that the Brecon district has now left the Guild, and forms part of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild. This district contained four towers with 42 ringers, so that our membership would have been 704, had Brecon remained in the Guild. We wish the new Guild every success, and we are proud of the fact that Mr. S. T. Rackham, who was Ringing Master and hon. secretary of the Brecon district, is the Master of the new Guild. There are now 156 probationers, compared with 146 in 1923. That new members are continually flowing into the Guild is a sign of life and good health. But these probationers are not all new members, and that there are a large number of ringers who have not yet succeeded in obtaining certificates is a sign of weakness. Ringing Masters will do well to pay attention to this. There is a falling off of seven in the number of hon. members. This is partly accounted for by the loss of four hon. members from the Brecon district. The number now stands at 107, compared with 114 in 1923. Their subscriptions come to £32 11s., compared with £36 1s. in 1923. There have been 34 peals rung in 1924, compared with 52 in 1923. We do not attach overmuch importance to the number of peals rung. When a man has rung a certain number, it is doubtful whether he learns much by ringing more, unless they are in new methods. What we want to work for is that there are as many ringers as possible in the Guild who have rung a peal. There is no doubt that the ringing of a peal is a red-letter day in the life of a ringer.

The Guild continues to be in a sound financial position. It is true that the balance of the Central Fund has fallen by £17 1s. 10d. But £35 has been spent, and well spent, on the purchase of a motor-bicycle for the Master, by means of which he has been able to cover a much greater area than formerly. The Central balance is now £53 11s. 1d., compared with £70 12s. 11d. in 1923. Turning to the districts, it is gratifying to find that eight out of the ten districts have increased their balances, and that the total balances amount to £55 18s. 10d., compared with £45 11s. (not including the Brecon district) in 1923, an increase of £10 15s. 9d.

## NO SUNDAY DISTRICT MEETINGS.

We would emphasise the importance of the names of districts. The name is chosen not because the place is a strong ringing centre, but because the district contains all the towers within a radius of seven miles of the tower after which the district is called, and consequently, the name of a district cannot be altered without altering the area of the district. The Guild has been and still is a helpful agent in the Diocese in that it supplies sound advice free of expense to towers in union, and with small expense to other towers. The Master has had great experience, and is fully qualified to give an unbiased, disinterested report on the state of both bells, and the cages in which they hang.

At the meeting of the committee held on 14th March, it was decided that district meetings, either annual or quarterly, must not be held on a Sunday. The chief reason for this decision is that it is not fair that ringers, and in many cases singers, should be drawn away from all the churches in the district.

We are much impressed with the value of peal ringing as an education, and, therefore, of the importance of as many ringers as possible having rung a peal. We believe that there are some 400 men in the Guild who have rung at any rate one peal, and we propose that in the next report, an asterisk (\*) be placed in front of every ringer who has rung a peal.

One or two towers have applied for grants towards the restoration of their bells. The committee wish it to be known that this does not fall within the objects of the Guild. They take the greatest interest in the good condition of the bells, and willingly give expert advice, but the granting of money must be left to the building societies.

We beg you to notice that the districts of Leominster and Presteign which for some years have been worked together, are now being worked as separate units, and that the tower of Bodenham, which is within the seven-mile radius of both Hereford and Leominster, has been transferred to Leominster.

**HARWICH.**—On Tuesday, March 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Alderton 1, F. Ramplin 2, G. Taylor 3, E. Scarfe 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Scarfe 6, A. Alderton 7, F. Chaplin 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 7th.—On Sunday, April 5th, for evening service, 670 Kent Treble Bob Major.

**DEATH IN ST. PETER MANCROFT BELFRY****MR. D. T. POTTER, VERGER AND RINGER.**

There has been an extremely sad sequel to the reopening of the bells at St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich. Mr. Douro Thomas Potter, the verger, whose family through four generations have held this office, was a member of the Mancroft Ringers' Guild. On Sunday week, while taking part in the ringing for the morning service, he was seized with illness, became unconscious, and, before medical help could reach him, had passed away. The tragic occurrence, naturally created a painful impression, both in the belfry and among the congregation, who had assembled. Mrs. Potter and her two children reached the church for the service just at the time, and Mrs. Potter was summoned hastily to the belfry, but her husband was unconscious before she reached him, and died in her arms.

Few vergers in England could compare in their knowledge and love of the church in which he served with Mr. Douro Thomas Potter. He had a remarkable knowledge of its history, and he loved the Mancroft belfry and the bells. He had taken the keenest interest in the recent restoration, an undertaking on which he had set his heart, and to which he had looked forward, for years past. He lived to see the completion of practically the last detail of the work, and only in the week preceding his death, was superintending the fitting of the new lighting arrangements in the belfry—the very last touch.

His change ringing career began in 1907, when he came forward as a volunteer, on the formation of the present Ringers' Guild, and he had taken part in a number of peals by the Guild. Although starting somewhat late in life, he had long since mastered all the standard methods, and had become a 'Surprise' ringer. It was always a delight to him to take part in a touch of Cambridge, but perhaps he found an even greater pleasure in watching his little son handle a bell. He was indeed a comrade in the belfry in the truest sense, and he is mourned by every single member of the Guild. Mr. Potter was a man of wide reading, of a philosophical type of mind, and considerable literary gifts. He knew the works of Shakespeare and Sir Thomas Browne as few people did, and was looked upon as one of the greatest living authorities on the writings of the latter.

Instead of the sermon he had prepared for the service, which had begun so tragically, Canon Meyrick spoke of the great sorrow which had fallen upon them all at Mancroft. Up to a few minutes before the hour of this morning's service, he said, our verger was carrying out his many-sided duties as usual, apparently in the best of health. He went up, shortly before eleven, to the belfry to help ring the bells as an act of voluntary service, and in that belfry he now lies dead. Death took place before a doctor could arrive. I cannot refrain, in this very sad hour, from a personal reference. For nearly twenty-four years he and I have walked together in the house of God as friends, meeting in this church almost daily, and often four or five times in one day. It was good to meet and know him. He loved his church and duty, and one could place absolute faith and reliance on his care and attention to detail. He never cared to talk about himself or about mere nothings. He was by nature a philosopher, and greater opportunity would have carried him far as a philosopher and writer. His gifts in this direction were recognised by those who knew him intimately. His soul was soaked in and with the thoughts of his great hero, Sir Thomas Browne. He was continually quoting passages from the great doctor regarding life and death. 'I find nothing in death to daunt the courage of a man.' The righteous man is indeed to be envied in his death, which is, after all, only the beginning of life. Douro Thomas Potter had no kind of fear of death. With his hero, he would say, 'In expectation of a better, I can with patience embrace this life.' He had another great friend in Shakespeare. Probably no one at Mancroft knew their Browne and Shakespeare so well. He had a wonderful love for and amazing knowledge of this church and its history. This was the beginning of his love for Sir Thomas Browne, and one could surely trust his accuracy when consulted on anything bearing on the church, its history and famous parishioners. He loved architecture, a love no doubt inspired by daily working in such a noble building, and, of course, he loved the bells and the belfry: and would probably have wished for no other place from which to step into the presence of God. His passing was a Transfiguration. He with his comrades climbed the Mount that he loved, and there sang his own Requiem or (shall we say?) his own song of triumph. In the background of all that he did and thought there was the realisation of eternity, and an unswerving faith in the love of God. For him personally we do not mourn, but our hearts go out with a deep pity and sympathy for the widow and two young children, one of whom is one of our choir boys. As we sorrow together we will do our best to comfort the widow and her children.

After the address, the choir sang as an anthem, 'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God.'

An inquest was held by the Norwich coroner on the following day, when the widow said that deceased was always a strong and healthy man, and regular in his habits. He left home at 10.15 a.m. on Sunday. At about 10.40 a.m. witness entered the church, and was informed that her husband had been taken ill in the belfry. Witness went to him, and found that he was unconscious, and soon afterwards

he died in witness' arms without speaking to her. In July, 1920, deceased had strained his heart when raising the big bell. Deceased had suffered from his heart since then.

Mr. George Cross, of 39, Winter Road, said he was conducting the ringing of the bells in St. Peter's on Sunday morning, and deceased, who appeared to be in his usual good health, was ringing one of the bells. About 10.35 a.m. deceased had just completed one touch and had set his bell, when he sat down on a seat and said, 'I shall have to stop.' Deceased had previously assisted to raise one of the bells, an operation which called for considerable physical effort.

Dr. R. J. Mills, who conducted a post-mortem examination, said that in his opinion death was due to commencing pneumonia, causing a block in the heart which had defective valves.

The Coroner returned a verdict of 'Death from natural causes, viz., pneumonia and valvular heart disease,' and expressed his sympathy with Mrs. Potter.

Canon Meyrick, who was present at the inquest, said he felt that Mrs. Potter was not the only mourner. The Canon added: 'We have lost a very true friend, and we share her deep sorrow.'

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****ANNUAL MEETING AT LINCOLN.**

The annual meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 25th. Unfortunately, owing to the Cathedral tower being under repair, the beautiful peal of eight bells there was not available. Readers of the 'Ringing World' are also aware, from the appeal which has been published, that the peal of eight at St. Peter-at-Arch is also out of action, the provision of a new frame being imperative. In these circumstances it is hardly surprising that the attendance suffered considerably. Notwithstanding, after service at the Cathedral at 4.30, about a hundred members and friends sat down to tea at the Co-operative Hall. The Bishop of Lincoln (patron of the Guild) was present, and as his time was very limited, addressed the gathering while tea was in progress. He expressed his pleasure at being able to come amongst them, and regretted that this year there were not the usual number of belfries available. Owing to the restoration of the Cathedral, it was an unfortunate time for St. Peter-at-Arch to have to raise money, but he hoped that the present state of things would soon be altered, and that the bells would be again available for future meetings. His Lordship's address was very greatly appreciated, and a hearty vote of thanks was given him before he left the meeting.

The Dean of Lincoln took the chair at the opening of the business meeting. He gave some very interesting information with regard to the restoration work at the Cathedral, and urged the ringers to give their utmost support to the further appeal that was being issued for the augmentation of the bells at the Cathedral. He hoped that the full peal of twelve would be ready for the great reopening service, which would be held when the Cathedral restoration was completed. The Dean, having to leave early, Mr. F. F. Linley (vice-president) took the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; hon. secretary, Mr. F. W. Stokes; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley.

The last named, who is joint treasurer with the Dean of Lincoln of the Cathedral Bells fund, made an earnest appeal to the members of the Guild to raise the balance of the amount required to complete the fund, about £113 being still wanted.

The six-hell towers of St. Peter-at-Gowt's and St. Botolph's were available (by kind permission of the incumbents) during the afternoon and evening. The Rector of Washingborough (two miles from Lincoln) also very kindly placed the peal of eight there at the disposal of members during the evening.

**THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.****'PROPAGANDA' MEETING.**

A 'propaganda' meeting was held at the beautiful village of Cheddleton on May 2nd, upwards of 50 members being present from Bucknall, Norton, Kingsley, Cheadle, Leek, Burslem, Lawton, Brown Edge, Uttoxeter and Stoke. This meeting was convened in order to induce the Cheddleton ringers to join the association, and the result is very gratifying, as the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Burgis) promised to call a meeting of the band to see what could be done, and to let the secretary know. As regards himself from what he had both seen and heard from the members present, he thought the association was made up of a very splendid lot of fellows, and he had been very favourably impressed. He thanked the association for paying a visit to Cheddleton, and he would take it as a privilege if they would allow him to defray all expenses for the tea.

The bells, which have recently been rehung, are a splendid ring of six, and were kept going to the tune of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, by various bands until 9 o'clock.



## BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION. SUPERFLUOUS MEETINGS?

A meeting of the Taunton Branch was held at Wiveliscombe on Saturday, May 2nd. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Y. Bonsey), who gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and reminded them of their position as church workers, and the means they should adopt to try and ring, and live up to that standard.

Forty-four members, representing eleven towers, sat down to tea, provided by the local ringers.

A short business meeting followed, with the Vicar presiding, and amongst other matters a discussion took place as to the holding of the three quarterly meetings of the parent association. It was shown that they overlapped the Deanery meetings, also that they cost three times as much, and that the money could be spent to more advantage in other ways. The following resolution was put, and carried unanimously: 'That it is the opinion of this branch that the quarterly meetings of the parent association are expensive and superfluous, and should be abandoned.'

Mr. J. Maddocks, the delegate to general committee, was asked to bring this forward at their next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his address. The members then returned to the tower, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung, several of those present having their first touch in these methods on eight bells.

## MILBORNE PORT AND SHERBORNE VISITED.

A very successful meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Milborne Port on April 25th, and many of the visitors took the opportunity also of ringing on the fine peal at Sherborne Abbey, and also at Queen Camel. It is the first time for sixteen years that a meeting had been held at this outpost of the diocese, and the visitors included the Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (the Rev. R. H. Gundry, of Iwerne Courtney), and a party of ringers from Bristol, including Messrs. W. Knight (president, Bristol Ringers' Guild), C. H. Jennings (late secretary, Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild), W. A. Cave (St. Stephen's), J. R. Jones (Clifton), H. S. Gregory, etc. Towers at Yeovil, Taunton, Weston (Bath), Ilminster, Midsomer Norton, Long Ashton, Clapton-in-Gordano, and Milborne Port were represented. Regret was expressed at the absence of the Master of the Association (the Rev. C. C. Parker, of Corston, Bristol), through illness.

Following tea, served in the Church Room, the Rev. G. M. Evans (Vicar of Milborne Port) presided over the quarterly business meeting, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. E. E. Burgess, Taunton).—Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster) extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. R. H. Gundry, and also the members who had come down from Bristol to help make their meeting a success.

Mr. Gundry said he could assure them it was a very great pleasure to him to attend. Hearing that they were to meet at Milborne Port, as it was so near the borders of his own diocese, he felt he would like to pay a fraternal call to express the friendly feelings existing between the Salisbury Guild and themselves. He came to show that though they belonged to two different dioceses they were one at heart in the work for which guilds were formed—the furthering of the art of change ringing throughout the country. He felt that by mixing together they could help each other and learn from each other. He appreciated the very kind greetings accorded him, and hoped that some day they might welcome all those present in the Salisbury Diocese.

It was announced that the annual meeting would be held at Minehead.

Mr. Jennings extended a hearty invitation to the members to attend the annual festival of the Salisbury Diocese.

The Chairman said he would like to say how much they welcomed the association at Milborne Port. He could assure them of a cordial reception whenever they came again.—Mr. Taylor moved a vote of thanks to the chairman for entertaining them and granting the use of the bells.—This was carried by acclamation.

The special form of service used by the association was read in the church by the Rev. G. M. Evans, who struck a happily simple note in an address on the words, 'Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God.' The 'Ringers' Hymn,' comprising a number of the familiar 'Ring out, wild bells' stanzas from Tennyson's 'In Memoriam,' was sung, as was also the hymn, 'Hark, on high the joyful music!' The lesson was read by the Rev. R. H. Gundry.

The methods rung at the various towers were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

## ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery was held at Drayton on May 2nd. The service was conducted by the vice-president, the Rev. A. Rhys James, Vicar of Drayton. An excellent address was given by

the Vicar of Langport (the Rev. J. W. Plaxton). Tea and meeting followed in the Village Hall, the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock, and president of the branch, presiding at the latter. There was an attendance of 21 members, from Ilminster, Martock, Yeovil, Curry Rivel, Langport and Drayton. Other visitors included Mr. A. E. Coles, Bridgwater, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon.

Seven new members were elected, two being from Curry Rivel, one from Drayton and four from Martock.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ilminster early in August.

The Chairman thanked the Vicar of Langport for his address; the Vicar of Drayton for the use of the bells, etc.; the organist, organ-blower and caterer.

Ringings, which commenced soon after 3 p.m., included touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and rounds for the probationers.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

### MID-DEVON BRANCH RING AT BUCKFAST ABBEY.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Ashburton on Saturday, May 2nd. Amongst those present were the Rev. E. S. Powell (president), the Rev. E. V. Cox (hon. secretary of the Guild), the Rev. L. W. Browne, and ringers from Exeter, Exmouth, Plymouth, Christon, Newton St. Cyres, Collaton, Littlehempston, St. Mary Church, Torquay, Dawlish, Buckfastleigh, and Paignton. Ringing commenced at Buckfastleigh about 1.30 p.m., but had to be terminated early owing to a funeral. The next move was to Buckfast Abbey, where, by kind permission of 'the Lord Abbot,' a good hour's ringing was enjoyed. The back eight of this peal of twelve were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire Triples brought round, followed by rounds on the twelve—a new experience for many of the members. The ringers then proceeded to Ashburton, where the Vicar (the Rev. Prob. A. H. Thompson) awaited them, and conducted a short service in the church. In a brief but very interesting address he gave the branch a hearty welcome.

Tea was partaken at the London Hotel, and about 50 sat down. At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. F. J. Laxton presided, in the absence of the branch chairman (Mr. H. W. Wilkes).—The Hon. Secretary read a letter from Mr. Wilkes, tendering his resignation, owing to his leaving the district, and Mr. F. J. Laxton was duly elected chairman for the ensuing year. Dartmouth was chosen for the next meeting, on Saturday, August 15th.

The Rev. L. W. Browne (Collaton) appealed for 'an instructor' for his band, who, he stated, were keen to learn method ringing.—The Hon. Secretary explained the situation, and ultimately Mr. F. T. Gover promised to go to Collaton, whilst Messrs. J. S. Collings and A. L. Bennett also offered assistance.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the respective Vicars, also to the Lord Abbot of Buckfast for the use of the bells, and to the several visitors present. This terminated the meeting, and further ringing of Stedman and Grandsire Triples was enjoyed.

## LANCASHIRE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday last, the members, wives and friends of the Bolton Branch of the Lancashire Association held their annual outing. Two charabancs had been chartered, and the start was made with the weather not too favourable, but when the winter hills had been crossed, old 'Sol' showed his face, and put brighter spirits in all concerned.

Whalley and Clitheroe were the rendezvous, and the grand new ring of eight (tenor 22 cwt.) at the former place were soon going to various methods, while the women folk found a lot of interest in the famous old Abbey and other historical parts of the village. A good tea was served at the Co-operative Hall, and the charabancs were then soon rolling on to Clitheroe, where another good ring of bells was found, and, of course, ringers knew what to do with them. Whilst the vehicles were reloading on the market place for the return journey, several touches were rung on handbells, and this created much interest among the public.

Bolton was reached at 10.30 p.m., everybody voting the day a success. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A., were among the party, and Mr. Newton expressed his great pleasure at the fraternal feeling that existed between all concerned, and on behalf of Mrs. Newton and himself thanked them for their kind invitation to join in the excursion, which they had both thoroughly enjoyed.

A vote of thanks was passed to the respective Vicars for their permission to ring, and the local ringers for their preparations.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at St. Mark's, Swindon, on Saturday, April 25th, over twenty members and visitors attending, representing the following towers: Chippenham, Stratton St. Margaret's, Woolton Bassett, Blunsdon, Fairford, Farlington, Christchurch, Swindon, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung. The next meeting will be held at Purton on May 23rd.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**STAFFORD.** — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: B. A. J. Yeates 1, A. H. Taylor 2, B. Garbit 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, W. G. Curtis 5, J. Warrilow 6, W. H. Jones 7, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Bob Major on the bells.

**DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.** — On Sunday, April 26th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Robins 1, E. Whittard 2, A. Burcombe 3, H. W. Fussell 4, G. Robins 5, V. Younger 6, G. W. Hastings 7, A. Cornish 8. Conducted by H. W. Fussell. Rung as a farewell to G. W. Hastings, who is leaving the parish to take up his duties at Halesworth. First quarter-peal for ringers of 5th and tenor.

**WARMINSTER, WILTS.** — At the Minster Church of St. Deny, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: E. V. Kill (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Gard 2, Mrs. Witts 3, E. F. White 4, F. Ashworth 5, W. E. Fletcher (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. Precey 7, A. Marlow 8. All are local Sunday Service ringers.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.** — On Easter Sunday, for choral communion, 1,295 changes of Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: Miss C. Sparshott 1, R. Street 2, W. Stone 3, Miss A. Mundy 4, Mrs. L. Williams 5, G. W. Scragg 6, G. Stone 7, W. Fowler 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, B. Kerley 10. Longest length by ringers of 4th, 5th and 6th, who only learnt to handle a rope last November. Believed to be the longest length of Caters rung by the Guild in which three ladies have taken part. — Also for evening service, 1,295 changes of Caters: W. Stone 1, R. Street 2, G. Stone 3, E. Hinton 4, G. Scragg 5, R. Vincent 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. N. Wooff 8, G. Preston 9, W. Fowler 10.

**WINDSOR.** — At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss Fuller 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, W. Phipps (longest touch inside) 3, F. Knight 4, T. Smith 5, E. T. Farr (conductor) 6, L. Stilwell 7, G. Adcock 8.

**GREAT BADDOW.** — On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Payne 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, H. Bush 4, H. Allen 5, A. Rickell 6, George Green (conductor) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. This is Dr. Spencer Phillips' first quarter-peal. All the ringers belong to the local band.

**NORRURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.** — For evensong, in Easter Day, a date touch (1,925 changes), being 485 Oxford, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston (spliced), 720 Trowell and Duke of Norfolk (spliced), 720 College Exercise and Norbury (spliced): J. Fernley, junr., 1, J. Fernley, senr., 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Langley (longest length) 4, L. Clough 5, J. P. Fidler (conductor) 6.

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.** — On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. H. Greenfield 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, W. Harwood 4, G. Carter 5, R. W. R. Picton (conductor) 6, P. H. Doick 7, H. J. Doick 8. First quarter-peal on a bob bell by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Also first quarter-peal as conductor.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.** — On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, W. Leaning 2, Miss N. Grassby 3, J. Coles 4, J. Bray (conductor) 5, J. Crawshaw 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 3rd and 4th.

**FYLINGDALES, YORKS.** — On Easter Day, for morning service, 336 and 476 Grandsire Triples: M. Cooper 1, Miss D. Harding 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, G. F. Alexander, junr., 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, Miss M. Stephenson 6, G. F. Alexander 7, F. Townsend 8. — For evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: M. Cooper 1, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, G. F. Alexander, junr., 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, Miss M. Stephenson 6, W. Swallow (first quarter-peal) 7, F. Townsend 8.

**BRAUGHING, HERTS.** — For Matins, on Easter Day, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. T. Drage 1, H. Drage 2, A. Clark 3, W. Clemence 4, H. Wright 5, W. Smith 6, W. K. North (conductor) 7, A. Barley 8. First quarter and longest length by ringer of 5th.

## NOTICES.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District. — A meeting will be held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — West Tyne District. — The next meeting will be held at Wylam on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available from 4.30 p.m. — C. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

## SUDBURY ARCHDEACONRY MEETING.

The spring quarterly meeting of the Sudbury Archdeaconry was held at Sudbury on Saturday, April 25th, when upwards of 50 ringers were present from the following places: Assington, Bramford, Bury St. Edmunds, Bures, Castle Hedingham, Colchester, Cornard, Creetingham, Debenham, Foxearth, Framsden, Gestingthorpe, Greenstead Green, Great Bentley, Harkstead, Haverhill, Hessel, Lavenham, Long Melford, Little Waldingfield, Polstead, Shelley, Sproughton, Tuldouham St. Martin's, and the local company. The bells of All Saints' and St. Gregory's Churches were kept going during the afternoon and evening to touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent and Oxford, Cambridge and Superlative. Tea was held at the Bull Commercial Hotel, followed by a short business meeting. The Rev. W. G. Stote (Vicar of All Saints) was in the chair, supported by the Rev. R. Garrett-Johnson, Rector of St. Peter's, and the assistant secretary (Mr. S. H. Symonds).

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to the ringers, and said how pleased he was to meet so many churchworkers, for he had just been learning that this Guild was a real 'live' guild of churchmen. — This was endorsed by the Rev. R. Garrett-Johnson.

The Assistant Secretary then made an appeal to the district secretaries of the Sudbury Archdeaconry to make a strong effort to hold at least two meetings in their respective districts annually. The two following places for district meetings were agreed upon. — On the proposition of Mr. A. Symonds (district secretary), seconded by Mr. T. Chinery, a meeting of the Sudbury district is to be held at Assington in May; on the motion of Mr. A. Moore, seconded by Mr. F. Making, a meeting of the Clare district is to be held at Haverhill in June.

Mr. R. Gowers, of Long Melford, was elected a ringing member, and the Rev. W. G. Stote was proposed as an honorary member.

This terminated the business, when the members and friends again visited the towers for more ringing.

The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Scott (district secretary), towerkeeper, for having everything in readiness.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Presteigne District Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held the spring quarterly meeting at Weobley. Members attended from Lyonshall, Staunton-on-Arrow, Staunton-on-Wye, and Weobley, and a member of the Oxford Guild, who was staying in the neighbourhood, was also present. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Edwards), and tea, in the Drill Hall, was kindly provided by local friends.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. — The Secretary reported progress, three members of Lyonshall and two from Staunton-on-Arrow towers having qualified for Guild certificates of membership.

Five new members were elected, and monthly practices were proposed to be held at Old Radnor in May, and Staunton-on-Arrow in June, and the next quarterly meeting at Wigmore in July, the dates to be fixed by the secretary.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar, the organist, and the donors of the tea.

The tower was then again visited, other members having arrived, making about twenty in all, and ringing was kept up till nine o'clock.

## GLOUCESTER &amp; BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

## CIRENCESTER BRANCH.

A successful meeting of the Cirencester Branch was held at Tetbury on May 2nd, and was well attended, some 32 members and visitors being present from Cirencester, Tetbury, Fairford, Northleach, Cole St. Aldwyn, Down Ampney, Swindon and Minchinhampton. The fine toned peal of eight, which 'go' splendidly, were set going soon after three o'clock to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major. Service was held at 4.30, conducted by the curate (the Rev. — Fair), who gave the members a hearty welcome, and also a very interesting address. Tea was then partaken of at Messrs. Galtins' Tea Rooms, and was followed by the business meeting. Mr. F. Edwards, chairman of the branch, presiding. The Vicar of Tetbury (the Rev. W. Thomson) was proposed as an honorary member, and Mr. Richard Hayes, of Haslemere, Surrey, was elected as a life performing member. Several performing members were elected, including seven from the Tetbury tower. Northleach was chosen for the next meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. — Fair for taking the service, and to Mr. W. R. Locke, secretary of the local band, for his kindness in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, brought round, several of the local hand ringing their first touch of Triples.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 28th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service on the 17th, at 6 p.m.; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 19th; Southwark 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.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Sawston on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (8) available from 2.30.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, Holborn. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting at the King of Denmark at 6.30.—J. Sparrow, Hon. Sec., 84, Meadvale Road, East Croydon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. All ringers welcome. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at Cardington. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South Oxon and Mid Bucks Branch.—The Spring meeting of the above branch will be held at Benson-on-Thames, nr. Wallingford, on Saturday, May 16th. Service at 3.30. Tea and business meeting in Parish Hall after. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. All ringing friends welcome. All who wish to attend please send post card to F. W. Woodward, Asst. Sec., Red Lion Inn, Chalgrove, Wallingford, Bucks.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The annual meeting will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday, May 16th. By the kind permission of the respective incumbents, the bells of the Cathedral and St. Marie's will be available from 2.30 p.m. A short service will be held in the Cathedral at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon J. R. Darbyshire, M.A. Tea and business meeting will follow immediately after the service. Entries for the cup must be in the hands of Mr. C. Harrison, 41, Baltic Road, Attercliffe, Sheffield, before this meeting.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The special meeting, by kind invitation of the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, will be held on May 16th at Leigh-on-Mendip. Please inform me if you hope to come.—J. T. Dyke, Midsomer Norton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30, 1s. each. Hadley bells will be available during the afternoon and evening.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitbourne on Saturday, May 16th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m.—A. Tomkins, Hon. Sec., Bredenbury.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 16th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eight bells.—R. J. Darvill, Sec., Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Isham on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Fillongley, near Coventry, on May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cawthorne on Saturday, May 16th. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, Saturday, May 16th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, followed by business meeting, 5.30 p.m.—William Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Higham and Stratford St. Mary.—District meeting, Saturday, May 16th. Bells: Higham (6), Stratford (6) and Langham (6) available from 2.30. Business meeting: Higham Parish Hall at 4 p.m. Tea, 9d. each, at the Anchor, Stratford St. Mary, 5 p.m.—T. G. Reed, Norman's Farm, Hintlesham, Ipswich.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Forest Branch.—Quarterly meeting of the above association will be held at Newnham on May 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting afterwards.—Oliver Thomas, Branch Sec., 42, Newerne Street, Lydney, Glos.

**ERITH PARISH CHURCH.**—The ring of eight bells will be dedicated by the Dean of Rochester on Thursday, May 21st, at 7.30 p.m. On Saturday, May 23rd, the bells will be available from 3 p.m. A tea will be provided on this day by the Vicar (Rev. W. Brown, M.A.). Will all those ringers requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, May 20th?—F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Catherine's Merstham, on Saturday, May 23rd (6 bells). Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—All ringers are invited to be present at the dedication of the new peal of 8 bells, which will take place on May 23rd by the Archdeacon of Loughborough at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., M.C.A., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 20th. — S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Essex, on Saturday, May 23rd, by kind invitation of W. E. Neath, Esq. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Will all those intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 19th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15, at the Co-operative Hall, for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. Members free. Non-members 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 to 9; also St. Helen's, Lea, 7 to 9. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The May meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, May 23rd, when the tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided free by the Rector. I shall be glad if those who can will notify me so as to make it easier for the Rector to cater. Members and friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at West Wycombe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. for all who notify me not later than May 18th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crooks, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Milnrow, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business important. It is hoped that each tower will be represented. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 21st inst.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon, Berks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, May 23rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Cottingham (5) on Saturday, May 23rd. Usual arrangements. East Carlton bells (6) available after tea. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 19th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Buses from Chorley Cattle Market at 1.55 and 4.35; return from Croston 5.45 and 7.45.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Purton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those who notify the secretary, S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 2, Florence Street, Gorse Hill, Swindon.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 6.30 and after evening service. All ringers invited.—Chas. Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, May 30th. Intending visitors please notify Vicar, Bucklebury, Reading, not later than May 25th.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service in the Cathedral at 12.15. Dinner at the Booth Hall at 1, followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. C. Edwards) in the chair. Tickets for dinner should be obtained by May 26th from district secretaries, or from the general secretary, Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 1st, at Northampton. Committee meeting in St. Giles' School at 11.15 a.m. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at 1 p.m. at Valentine's Cafe, 36, Gold Street. Application for lunch tickets, with remittance (2s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton, on or before Monday, May 25th. Towers available: St. Peter's (8) or Kingsthorpe (6) from 10 to 11.15 a.m. only; All Saints (8) after lunch; St. Giles (10), St. Edmund's (8) throughout the day.—D. J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at North Shields and Whitley Bay. The bells of N. Shields (10) and Whitley Bay (8) are available all day. Further particulars later. — E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**FREEMASONS' BI-CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS IN DUBLIN.**—Any ringer who is attending these celebrations the first week in June, and who would like to get in touch with the local ringers, kindly communicate with G. Lindoff, 90, Elford Terrace, S.C.R., Dublin.



**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held in Plymouth on Whit Monday. Service at Charles Church 12 noon. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Dinner in Charles Church Hall 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Dinner ticket (3s.) must be purchased from me by May 23rd, except in case of resident members. Towers available at various times: Charles (10), Plympton St. Mary (8), Plympton St. Maurice (8), Stoke (6).—Rev. E. V. Cox, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Vicarage, Exmouth.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 46th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 1st. 11.30 a.m., Service in the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. J. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield. 12.15, meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30, Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street, price 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Great Baddow (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 26th.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Will local secretaries and members please note? Further details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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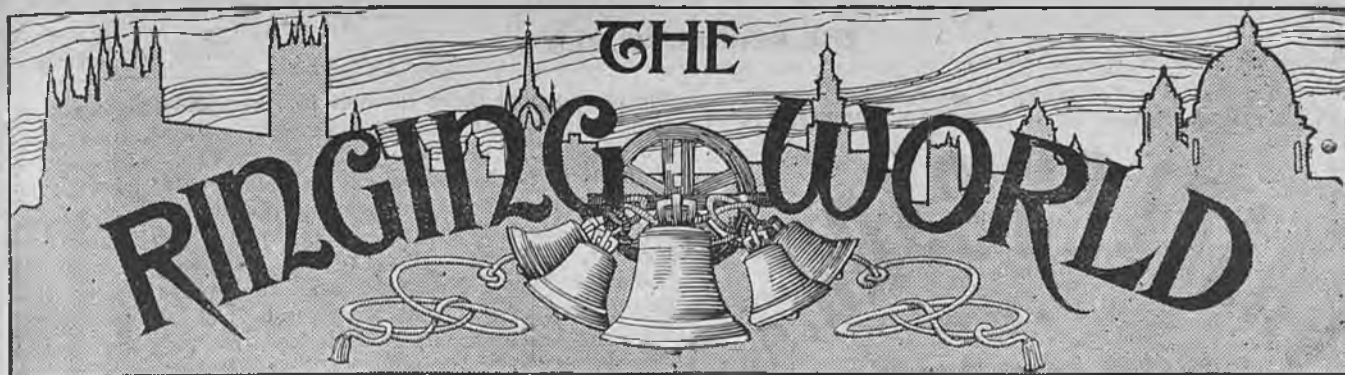
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### THE ANALYSIS.

In our pages this week appears the Analysis of the peals rung during last year, and once again the Exercise is indebted to the Central Council's Committee for compiling, in a now well accustomed form, the mass of interesting statistics which the twelve months' peal ringing produces. The Analysis is probably the most interesting piece of regular work which is done under the auspices of the Council. Originally it was compiled privately, by the late Mr. G. F. Attree, of Brighton, and later by Mr. Attree and Mr. George Baker in collaboration. Then came the time when the Analysis grew in importance, and eventually it was handed over to the Council, and has since been carried on by them in the interests of the Exercise. For many years it has been recognised as a guide to the activities of our associations, and furnishes the only means which ringers have of studying in concrete form the records which run through our pages for the whole fifty-two weeks of the year. As has been so often remarked, the compilation of the Analysis is a stupendous business, calling for the expenditure of much time, care and effort on the part of those who are responsible, and to them the Exercise, as a whole, owes a debt of gratitude.

There are one or two features in the report to which we may direct attention. There was a slight reduction in the total number of peals rung in 1924, for while tower bell peals increased by fifteen, compared with 1923, handbell peals dropped by no fewer than forty. There is, we think, no special significance in this falling off in the number of peals rung 'in hand,' for this is a class of ringing which, much more than tower bell ringing, requires that a band should keep together. Handbell ringers are not as easily made as tower bell ringers—it needs a special aptitude—and the number of companies capable of peals is therefore much restricted, with the result that a falling off on the part of one or two bands makes a considerable difference to the sum total of the year.

The question of the allotment of points for the peals is a controversial question which is ever with us, and it would be interesting to know upon what basis the committee compute the values of new methods and new ways of method ringing. Probably the question will be raised when the report of the Analysis Committee comes formally before the Council at Chester. We do not raise the matter in any querulous spirit, but it does strike us that a 'spliced' method peal deserves more points than a peal in one method. The spliced Cambridge and Superlative is a case in point. To change two or three times in a course from one method to another (which is far different to going off into a method from rounds) surely

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makes the peal more difficult to ring, and it is upon the complexity of the peal and complexity alone, that points are allotted. The same argument applies to spliced methods in peals of Minor. It adds greatly to the value of the performance, and it would not seriously complicate the calculation of points if this matter were taken into account. Then, again, one is tempted to ask why Leicester Surprise Royal is allotted more points than Middlesex? Surely, as a method, it is not of greater, if of equal, complexity? It is little matters such as this that detract from the value of the point system of reckoning peals, but as to the interest and importance of the Analysis as a whole there can be, in our opinion, no question.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 42 lb. in E flat.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. Treble | DANIEL COOPER... .. 6       |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2          | *THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7  |
| MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... 3         | *CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. 8  |
| MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. 4        | AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 9      |
| HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 5        | FRANK E. DARBY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY KIPPIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Charles William Gordon. \* First peal on ten bells.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| LEONARD MANNERING ... .. Treble | JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6      |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2         | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 7     |
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3     | C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 8 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4       | HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 9   |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5       | HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by L. HEAD.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

|   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART | Tenor 14½ cwt.              |
| *JAMES MARSHALL ... .. Treble             | JOHN LLOYD... .. 5          |
| HARRY HOLDEN... .. 2                      | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6     |
| WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3                   | CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. 7  |
| JAMES WHATMORE ... .. 4                   | WALTER MASTERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

\* First peal, and first attempt. All the ringers are members of the local band.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... Treble | JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5     |
| *THOMAS LIGHTFOOT ... .. 2     | HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 6  |
| CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 3       | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7     |
| FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 4         | WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (121).

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.' Mr. W. Bibby's 100th peal for the Guild.



## LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| CLARENCE BLACKBURN ... Treble | † JACK BANKS ... 5     |
| * ARNOLD BLACKBURN ... 2      | † REX GOODARD ... 6    |
| † ALBERT MARSHALL ... 3       | † ERNEST BETTS ... 7   |
| † TOM SCOTT ... 4             | FRED HODGSON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRED HODGSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major on tower bells.

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On Monday, May 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD G. STOCKER ... Treble | JOHN M. SKINNER ... 5         |
| WILLIAM J. MANLEY ... 2      | JOHN R. HAYMAN ... 6          |
| FRED DIMOND ... 3            | JOHN F. GLANVILLE ... 7       |
| * JOHN L. GLANVILLE ... 4    | * WILLIAM GLANVILLE ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

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At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| WILLIAM MORLEY ... Treble | JOHN SADDINGTON ... 5    |
| F. HORACE E. STOBBS ... 2 | HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 6 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3     | EDWARD READER ... 7      |
| G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4   | ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor  |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

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At THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| * HENRY BOWER ... Treble | * HAYDN THORPE ... 5   |
| * TOM O'HARA ... 2       | * COLIN HARRISON ... 6 |
| FRANCIS WARD ... 3       | * RALPH S. LONG ... 7  |
| JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 4  | JOHN THORPE ... Tenor  |

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|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MATRICE SWINFELD ... Treble | EDWIN H. STONELEY ... 5     |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 2      | ARTHUR BRAINES ... 6        |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... 3        | JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 7 |
| FRANK J. SMALLWOOD ... 4    | GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... Tenor  |

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## MARSHFIELD.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| * HERBERT WEEKES ... Treble | ARTHUR PRINCE ... 5     |
| EDGAR C. LEWIS ... 2        | GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6   |
| CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 3   | CHARLES W. BELL ... 7   |
| WALTER LEWIS ... 4          | JESSE HALLETT ... Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

\* First peal.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| RICHARD PAINE ... Treble  | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 5 |
| REGINALD BROWN ... 2      | WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 6  |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3 | EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 7  |
| WALTER G. ROWE ... 4      | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS  
First peal of London on the bells.

## PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| WALTER J. BATTLE ... Treble | SIDNEY F. BARNES ... 5 |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... 2       | THOMAS H. BUTLER ... 6 |
| HERBERT LUDKIN ... 3        | JAMES H. RIDING ... 7  |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... 4       | JOHN COOKE ... Tenor   |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of deepest sympathy for the late Lord Leverhulme, who was buried at this church, and who was the donor of the church and bells.

## SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHAGE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| STANLEY BRAGG ... Treble | JOHN A. BRAGG ... 5          |
| HARRY ARGYLE ... 2       | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6    |
| BERT HORTON ... 3        | THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7       |
| GEORGE WALKER ... 4      | GEORGE H. ROBINSON ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. REEVES.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,  
At THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| THOMAS ATKINS ... Treble  | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2 | ALBERT H. WARD ... 6      |
| ALBERT R. COPPOCK ... 3   | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7 |
| * EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 4 | PERCIVAL PRICE ... Tenor  |

Composed by N. J. FISTOW. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Superlative, and also his 50th peal.

BATTERSEA. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday May 3rd, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: W. N. Eyles 1, E. E. Bish 2, A. Clark 3, H. W. Mance 4, H. Mance 5, H. H. Mance 6, W. Essery (first quarter as conductor) 7, L. Bayliss 8.

BRISTOL,  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GILBERT H. WAY ... .. Treble | HENRY J. WAY ... .. 5       |
| EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 2      | RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. 6  |
| EDGAR GUISE ... .. 3         | JAMES R. JONES ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 4      | E. GEORGE TREW ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES (Adapted). Conducted by E. G. TREW.  
First peal as conductor.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

**A PEAL OF SPICED UNION & GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALLEN C. JONES ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5     |
| RICHARD EVANS ... .. 2       | DAVID R. JAMES ... .. 6       |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3       | ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 7     |
| JOHN EVANS ... .. 4          | ALFRED W. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

First peal of Triples ever rung in two methods. Rung intermixed throughout the whole peal, without notification of method by the conductor.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble  | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5  |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2        | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6      |
| C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4           | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Treble | *WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 5 |
| *HECTOR G. BIRD ... .. 2    | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 6    |
| *WILLIAM COLEY ... .. 3     | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7       |
| HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 4   | ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the eve of the 81st birthday of Mr. Elijah White, the veteran Halesowen ringer.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| HIRZEL EDWARDS ... .. Treble  | WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2       | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3    | JOHN WOOD ... .. 7       |
| EDWARD F. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 4 | ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Shroton, Dorsetshire, on Monday evening, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 44 minutes, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. W. Bush to Miss Ethelinda Harvey (youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harvey): J. Jackson 1, A. Hart 2, H. Painter 3, B. Newman 4, F. Arnold (conductor) 5, R. Palmer 6.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE R. DAY ... .. Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5    |
| JAMES DURRANT ... .. 2      | CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3       | T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE WHITING ... .. 4     | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method, and first attempt by the treble ringer.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... .. Treble | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5    |
| ALBERT E. NORMAN ... .. 2         | ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 6  |
| GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3          | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 7 |
| OLIVER G. NORMAN ... .. 4         | WILLIAM COOK ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Councillor Gelling, the donor of Bishop Ryder's bells.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2     | JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 5 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3   | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Ranford.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

42 six-scores, ten different callings.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... .. 4 |
| JOHN BOURNE ... .. 2         | GEORGE HANKS ... .. 5        |
| GEOFFREY TAYSON ... .. 3     | ALBERT MORRIS ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 5½ cwt.

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE T. H. WALKER ... .. Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 3   |
| FRANK W. PAYNE ... .. 2           | THOMAS H. PAYNE ... .. 4 |
| ERNEST F. PAYNE ... .. Tenor      |                          |

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Stedman Doubles on the bells, and by all the band. The conductor's 350th peal

**A MEMORIAL TOUCH.**

On Sunday evening, May 10th, at the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, Erdington, Birmingham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes, with the bells muffled, to the memory of the Rev. Daniel Henry Haigh, founder of the church, it being the 46th anniversary of his death: B. W. Witcheil (conductor) 1, J. Bayliss 2, W. Stringer 3, F. Price 4, C. Walthman 5, C. Dale 6, W. Davies 7, W. G. Anker 8.

**THE LATE MR. CHARLES GORDON.****A SURREY VETERAN.**

As already briefly recorded, the death took place on Monday morning, the 4th instant, of Mr. Charles W. Gordon, Deceased, who was 74 years of age, first learnt to pull a bell at Carshalton, when about twelve years old, and rang his first peal there in 1875.

When Beddington bells were installed in 1869, he took part in the first ringing of them, on Whit Sunday, and during his last illness, which extended over a period of six years, he made a supreme effort to ring on that festival. He was the last foundation member of the society which was formed when the bells were installed.

Deceased was also one of the founders of the Surrey Association and had been a member ever since. For twenty years he was a bell ringer at Messrs. Warner and Son's, and afterwards at Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's for a short period. He kept Beddington bells in repair, which is no doubt the reason they are in such good order to-day. He always said that the bells had never cost the church authorities £100 since they were put in, although they never suffered from lack of exercise. Over 130 peals have been rung on them.

Mr. Gordon kept no proper record of his own peals, but he said he had rung between 60 and 70, those previous to the formation of the Surrey Association having been rung for the College Youths, of which he was a member. His last peal was on his 60th birthday, when he rang Beddington tenor to a peal of Treble Bob Major.

During his last illness he was always cheery, and one could spend many an hour in listening to some of his experiences. He had a wonderfully retentive memory, especially in remembering the number and weights of peals of bells, etc., no matter what county they were in.

Beddington has now lost the most enthusiastic member which the tower has had for many a long day.

The funeral took place on Friday, May 8th. Before the service, in Beddington Church, the bells were rung fully muffled to touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters. The burial took place at Bandon Hill Cemetery (between the graves of the late Dr. A. B. Carpenter and Mr. Edgar Bennett), and after the coffin had been lowered to its last resting-place a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by F. E. Darby 1—2, A. W. Clark 3—4, C. H. Kippen 5—6, Mrs. A. W. Clark 7—8. Many beautiful wreaths included one from the Surrey Association, and another from the St. Mary's Society, Beddington.

On Saturday, May 9th, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters came to grief, after 3 hours 10 minutes' beautiful ringing, with only four courses from the end. The following took part in the attempt: A. J. Trappitt 1, S. W. Holdaway 2, E. G. Talbot 3, F. G. Woodiss 4, W. H. Joiner 5, C. H. Chapman 6, F. E. Darby 7, C. H. Kippen (conductor) 8, W. S. Smith 9, T. Talbot 10. The peal, however, was successfully rung on Thursday, 14th May, 1925.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****STOCKPORT BRANCH VISIT WARBURTON.**

Despite the inclement weather and the fact that Warburton is situated on the edge of the large area, covered by the Stockport branch, some 38 members and friends, including the Master (the Rev. C. A. Clements) braved the elements to attend the quarterly meeting held on Saturday, May 9th, and were amply rewarded for their trouble.

Ringing commenced on the noble peal of eight (by Taylor, tenor 26 cwt.) at 3 p.m., and continued until 4.30 p.m., when the usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. D. Lewis), at which a very striking address was given by the Visar of Oughtrington (the Rev. O. E. Gittins). It is worthy of note that the preacher was only asked to give it as the choir was ready to leave the vestry, and it is sincerely hoped that the Guild will again have the pleasure of listening to him.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, after which the usual business meeting was held. In the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman, and owing to the early departure of the Master, Mr. T. Ashworth, M.B.E., of Bowdon, presided. The business transacted was chiefly of a routine character. In order to assist the Guild Committee appointed to entertain the Central Council, it was decided to give £1 towards the cost.

The election of Mr. George Pownall, as a non-resident member previous to commencing a peal on May 2nd, was confirmed.

During the course of according the usual votes of thanks, a wish was expressed that the local ringers would consider joining the Guild.—The Vicar replied that he would place this matter before his ringers. He expressed his pleasure at having had the members at Warburton, and reminded them of their duty of sending word of their intention to be present in sufficient time, particularly in a country place.

At the invitation of the Vicar, advantage was taken of visiting the old church, which stands about half a mile from the present one. According to a leaflet on sale the Norbertine White Canons settled at Warclurgtune in the reign of Henry II. The date on the timber work of the church, has, on good authority, been given as the 12th century. The whole was probably built of timber, as the north side now is, but the south side and west end were rebuilt in 1645, Lymm sandstone

being used. The brick tower was built about 1711, and one of the bells in it, is dated 1575. There is a stone coffin, which was found about 50 years ago in the churchyard, said to date from the 12th century. The pulpit and oak communion table are Jacobean. This old edifice, not too kindly treated by the passage of time, was well worth the visit.

Further ringing was indulged in, and a touch of Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich brought round.

J. F. F.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****RE-AFFILIATION TO CENTRAL COUNCIL.**

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Chichester on Saturday, May 9th, and although not altogether representative—the place of meeting being at the extreme west of the county—the presence of some 65 members should be considered very good. Ringing commenced shortly after 2 o'clock, and at 3.30 a special service was attended in the Sub-deanery Church, conducted by the Rev. Barrington Brown, the Rev. H. M. Cox giving the address. This was followed by a meat tea at Vokes' Tea Gardens.

At the business meeting, Mr. F. B. Tompkins (a vice-president of the association) wishing to preside, was supported in the chair by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

The following new members were elected: The Cathedral band (F. Arthur, J. H. Blake, T. Doick, D. H. Falconer, W. Falconer, M. Heffer, G. Marshall, Payne, C. Smithers, W. E. Ticehurst, Tucker, A. Tugwell); Lower Beeding branch (G. Feist, C. Feist, F. Hindes, R. Langridge, J. Mitchell, J. Parsons, W. Thorns, W. Wadey); A. J. Simpson (St. Nicholas, Brighton); also H. A. Aitken (Portsmouth) as a non-resident member.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, there being the satisfactory balance of £85 on the general account.

The Peals Analysis was read and approved. Not quite so many peals were rung as in the previous year, but it is believed the Sunday Service ringing is being maintained.

All the officers were re-elected, viz., Mr. J. Thornton Rickman (Master), Mr. Ellman Brown (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. general secretary), Mr. F. Bennett (hon. peals secretary), Messrs. W. C. Hart and W. Markwell (hon. auditors).

It was decided to hold the next annual general meeting at Brighton.

A few minor alterations to the rules were then made, and a discussion followed on the question of affiliation to the Central Council.

Eventually it was decided that the association be affiliated, the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) being chosen as delegate.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Barrington Brown for the service, to the Rev. H. M. Cox for his address, and to Mr. F. B. Tompkins for presiding at the meeting.

The tower was then revisited, the ringing, which continued till 8.30, ranging from rounds to London and Bristol Surprise.

The following towers were represented: Angmering, Arundel, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Chichester, Eastbourne, Hastings, Heene, Henfield, Lymminster, Shoreham, Tarring, and Warnham. Non-resident members were represented by Messrs. F. Bayley (Fareham), J. Parker, F. W. Rogers (Portsea), and Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams (North Stonham).

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held a fairly successful meeting on Saturday last at Barnet, some 36 members and friends attending. Divine service was held at 6 p.m., at which the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Moll) officiated.

Tea was afterwards served in the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting. Northaw was chosen for the next meeting of the district on June 20th.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rectors of Barnet and Hadley for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and to the tower keeper for having everything in readiness.

Touches were rung at both churches during the afternoon and evening, amongst the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Cambridge Surprise.

**WALKDEN RINGERS' OUTING.**

On Saturday, May 9th, some of the Walkden ringers and members of Bolton branch journeyed to Whalley and Clitheroe. Leaving Walkden at 1.45 p.m., they joined Bolton friends at 2 o'clock, and went on through Withnell and Blackburn, arriving in Whalley at 3.45 p.m. After ringing at Whalley, and partaking of tea, they visited the Abbey. Proceeding next to Clitheroe, the bells there were rung for about an hour. Clitheroe Castle was also visited. The return journey was through Blackburn, Darwen and Bolton, and Walkden was reached at 10.45 p.m., after a very pleasant day.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Twelfth Council (33rd annual meeting) will be held in the Refectory, the Cathedral, Chester, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, 1925, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

#### AGENDA, 1925.

##### GENERAL.

- Minutes of the last Meeting.
- Apologies for Absence.
- Statement of Accounts and Sale of Publications.
- Election of Honorary Members.
- Presentation of New Members to the President.
- To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz. :—
  - Peal Collection.
  - Literature and Press.
  - Methods.
  - Peals Analysis.
  - Towers and Belfries.
  - Records.
  - Science Museum Exhibit.
  - Nomenclature.
- Honorary Secretary to present Card of Instructions, and ask for directions as to circulating same.

##### MOTIONS.

- That considering the future possibilities of Radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of 'Bell-chiming' occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of Bell Ringing, and, further, to request the Committee to bring to the Notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.
- That this Council as a general rule disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten.
- Rules and Decisions, 1891—1903, page 13. In the paragraphs headed :—
  - 'On nine and eleven bells.'
  - 'On eight, ten or twelve bells.'
 Move to omit the words 'in any one method.'
- To fix the place of next year's meeting.
- Others business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, London, S.E.6.

The official headquarters will be Blossom's Hotel, where letters for the officers should be addressed.

The Roll of Honour will be brought from St. Paul's Cathedral Library, and will be available for inspection at the Council's meeting.

### CHESTER GUILD'S ARRANGEMENTS.

The Chester Diocesan Guild has made the following arrangements :—  
 Whit Monday.—Permission has been obtained for members of the Council to visit Eaton Hall, the residence of the Duke of Westminster. The journey is by river steamer up the Dee to Eccleston, where there is a fine ring of eight bells in a beautiful church. The 14-in. gauge railway in the grounds of the park was built by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, and is a copy of the one at Duffield. Members will be taken journeys on this railway by Mr. H. W. Wilde. Those wishing to go on the excursion must notify the secretary of the Guild by Saturday, 30th inst., and be at Blossom's Hotel, Chester, at 1.45 p.m.

Whit Tuesday.—Meeting of the Standing Committee, followed by the Council Meeting in the Refectory, Chester Cathedral, as announced by the Secretary of the Council.

Members of the Guild, and visitors, are welcome at the Council Meeting at 11.0 a.m., which adjourns for lunch, with a further session afterwards.

4.15 p.m.—Evensong takes place in the Cathedral, followed by the dedication of some cloister lights by the Bishop.

5.30 p.m.—The Council and visitors will be entertained to tea with the members of the Guild in the Refectory.

8.0 p.m.—10.0 p.m.—Social Evening in the Ballroom of the Grosvenor Hotel.

### RINGING.

Whit Sunday.—Chester Cathedral (8 bells), 9.15—10.30 a.m., and 5.30—6.30 p.m. St. Mary's Within-the-Walls (8 bells), — 10.0—10.45 a.m. and 5.30—6.30 p.m. St. Mary's Without-the-Walls (8 bells), — 10.30—11.0 a.m. and 5.30—6.30 p.m. Eccleston (2 miles), 8 bells, — 10.0—11.0 a.m. and 5.30—6.30 p.m.

Whit Monday.—Chester Cathedral.—11.0 a.m.—1.0 p.m. St. Mary's Without-the-Walls. —11.0—12.0 a.m. St. Mary's Within-the-Walls.—Up to 1.0 p.m.

The following towers are also worth a visit : Aldford (6 bells), Capenhurst (6 bells), Christleton (8 bells), Crewe (10 bells), Gresford (8 bells), Hoole (6 bells), Parndon (8 bells), Wrexham (10 bells).

Bands or ringers proposing to visit any of these last towers should inform Mr. R. Sperring, 15, Cuppin Street, Chester, not later than Tuesday, 26th inst., so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

EDWARD W. ELWELL.

Capenhurst Rectory, Chester.

Hon. Secretary.

### RED AND WHITE ROSES FRATERNISE. LANCASHIRE AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS' JOINT MEETING.

On Saturday week, for the first time, a joint meeting of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Associations was held, and about 80 members, from towers spread from coast to coast, were present. The three rings of bells in the district were used freely all the afternoon and evening, the usual methods being rung by mixed bands. Tea was provided by the local ringers, and afterwards Canon Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association) claimed the right to speak first, as the parish church is in the Manchester Diocese, although the schools are in both counties. He welcomed their neighbours in a happy speech, which the Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Yorkshire Association) acknowledged in a similar strain.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (Yorks, secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for meeting the visitors and providing tea.—This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Shaker (Lancs, secretary), and acknowledged by Mr. W. Horan (Rochdale, branch secretary, and a local ringer).

The Rev. A. Aspin, Rector of Todmorden, had previously given the visitors a kindly welcome. The bells were kept going until a late hour. The local ringers had retained a room at the White Hart Hotel, and here handbell ringing was indulged in, as it also had been in the schools before and after tea.

### STEBBING'S RINGING FESTIVAL.

The annual ringing festival was held at Stebbing recently, when ringers were present from Great Bardfield, Rayne, Braintree, Dunmow, Chadwell Heath, Springfield, and the local company. A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. C. E. Livesey, B.A. (Vicar), officiated, and gave the address. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) read the lesson. The ringers then adjourned to the Parish Room, there to find a company of ladies and gentlemen, numbering nearly 100, to give the visitors a welcome, entertain them to a bountiful tea, and provide a musical entertainment.

During the evening a presentation was made to Mr. J. T. Barker, who has just resigned the position of secretary to the local band, by Mr. E. Claydon, the gift consisting of a handsome brass lamp, suitably inscribed, and a silver ringer's badge. In a neat little speech, Mr. Claydon eulogised the services Mr. Barker had rendered for a very long period, and recalled the experiences of the ringers in the seventies in learning the art of change ringing. It was the custom of some of the ringers in those days to walk to Braintree every week, a distance of seven miles each way, wet or fine, to learn the art, and then hand on their knowledge to the remainder of the company. Eventually they formed a change ringing band, which has continued to ring regularly for the services Sunday by Sunday ever since.

Mr. Barker, who was taken quite by surprise, thanked the subscribers for their handsome presents and good wishes.

The Master, on behalf of the visitors, expressed thanks for the excellent arrangements and tea. The annual festival at Stebbing has, he said, become quite an institution in the district, and it would be well if other parishes would arrange similar gatherings for social intercourse and appreciation of their ringers' services.

During the afternoon, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung: H. Emery 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, W. H. Dyson 3, W. Punter 4, J. T. Barker 5, E. Claydon 6. Other touches were rung in various methods, and the bells were kept going until a late hour.

CADOXTON, NEATH.—On April 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung: H. Matthews 1, G. Lewis 2, C. Lake 3, W. Thomas 4, D. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, C. Bendle 6. First quarter for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.



**A SUSSEX VETERAN.****DEATH OF MR. JOHN SMART.**

We much regret to record the death of Mr. John Smart, of Steyning, Sussex, one of the oldest and most respected ringers in the county. Mr. Smart had reached the advanced age of 83 years, and died on May 12th last.

Mr. Smart learned to ring at Pulborough, Sussex, and removed to Steyning in the year 1872. He brought up his sons as ringers, and when the eldest learned change ringing in 1884, the father followed suit, and quickly acquired a knowledge of methods on six bells. Then, when Steyning got its peal of eight, he quickly progressed, and during his career took part in no fewer than 119 peals.

Ringing provided him with one of the greatest pleasures in life, and he was among the most regular of the band, both on Sundays and at practice.

John Smart was one of those cheery, self-effacing men whom it was a delight to know. He was keen on ringing, but was ever-ready to stand down if occasion arose, although nothing gave him greater delight than to score a peal. He will be much missed among the ringers who visit Steyning, but his personality will remain an enduring memory with those who, like the writer, were privileged to know him intimately. His last visit to the tower was to ring for the harvest festival on September 28th last year. Since then his health had failed, but right up to the time of his death he talked with interest about his peal ringing days, and the different ringers he had met.

He was laid to rest near the old belfry tower on Friday last, when, as on Sunday, touches were rung on muffled bells.

The following is the list of his peals: On 6 bells 1, Grandsire Triples 13, Stedman Triples 60, Stedman Caters 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 16, Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 15, Bob Major 10, Canterbury Pleasure Major 1; total 119.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held at Glin-ton on Saturday, when members attended from Peterboro', Woodston, Isham, Market Deeping, Alwalton, Yoxley, and some of the local band. A short service was conducted by the Rector, after which a party of 17 sat down to tea. The bells were kept going to various methods during the afternoon and evening.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.****DELAYED ANNUAL REPORTS.**

A district meeting was held at Tanfield on Saturday, May 16th, when representatives from Chester-le-Street, Consett, Winton and Newcastle Cathedral, were present. A most enjoyable day was spent, and the bells were kept going till dusk, with touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Bob Minor, and Kent Treble Bob.

As it happened to be the annual church tea the ringers were prevailed upon by the local secretary to buy tickets, which covered the cost of the tea and concert, with dancing to follow. The idea was gladly accepted. The tea was a great success, and there was a bountiful supply of the usual good things, which did credit to the ladies.—Messrs. H. Lowes, Harry Tyson and James Anderson added to the gaiety of the proceedings.

The Vicar, who has been in the parish only a few months, joined the ringers in the bell tower, and extended them a very hearty welcome, and was delighted to see such a goodly number.

It was unfortunate that a similar meeting was being held at Cramlington (Northern Division) on the same day, otherwise several of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild intended being present. However, Tanfield's loss was Cramlington's gain, inasmuch as that a very neglected part of the association's ground, which has been sadly overlooked in the past, has now been reorganised. The local secretary, Mr. Wm. Story, is to be commended for his initiative, and it is hoped that other meetings will be held in this division in the future.

There will be a meeting of the Western Division at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 13th, particulars of which will be advertised later in 'The Ringing World.' Also one at Consett in the near future.

The absence of the Rev. W. Lister, Rector of St. Stephen's, South Shields, was much felt. When curate of Tanfield he was a tower of strength to the local ringers, and his place will be difficult to fill. He, however, sent one of his churchwardens regretting his unavoidable absence.

Members were glad to hear that Mr. Wm. Sinclair, of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, was in harness again, and hope to see him at the Consett meeting.

There were one or two inquiries made as to when the annual reports of the association are going to appear. It was felt that, as the annual meeting for 1924-25 is getting near, the reports for 1923-24 (to speak mildly) are very much overdue.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Tanfield for the use of the bells before the happy gathering finally broke up.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to the demands upon our space this week by the Peals Analysis, several reports, as well as a number of peals, are unavoidably held over.

At the Salisbury Diocesan Guild Festival, at Dorchester last week, Major Hughes D'Aeth was presented with an album of over 800 names, acknowledging his valuable services as Master for five years. A full report will appear in our next issue.

The peal of Superlative Surprise at Sheffield Cathedral on Thursday, May 14th, was the first peal of Surprise at the Cathedral since Nov. 19th, 1892, when a peal of Superlative was rung. It is also worthy of note that four of the ringers who took part in that peal are still members of the Cathedral company.

Leicester Highway Holdup! A graphic account of this appeared recently in a local paper, when a correspondent was held up well after midnight in a downpour of rain. It was eventually discovered that this was due to young 'Tich,' a budding ringer, having gone to the opening of Hinckley bells and failed to return. No word being forthcoming, his elder brother 'Ted' was despatched to find him. He did this by holding up motorists and other night prowlers, and eventually ran the erring one to 'earth' at Barwell, safely tucked up in 'bed'!!!

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Parker, of Farnham Royal, celebrated the jubilee of their wedding on April 25th, when a quarter-peal on the bells of St. Mary's Church was rung by the local band. Men who have taken part in the famous 'Parker's Twelve-part' peal of Grandsire Triples (and its endless variations) will wish the veteran composer and his wife 'many of 'em.'

For the first time in the history of the Analysis of Peals, the name of the Sussex County Association does not appear. This is not because no peals were rung, but because last year the association was not affiliated to the Central Council. Consequently, the Sussex peals are included among the 'also rans,' that is, the Independent Societies.

It is rather lamentable, especially as Sussex, in years gone by, often held pride of place at the head of the table. What is done cannot be undone, but there is consolation for the future in the knowledge that Sussex has this year decided to return to the fold.

To-day is the anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major rung by the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Kidlington on May 22nd, 1899.

The Society of Sherwood Youths rang 'Mr. Holt's true peal of Grandsire Tripples,' on the new bells at Gainsborough on May 24th, 1768.

The first true peal of Treble Ten in Ireland was rung at St. Patrick's Cathedral on May 24th, 1901, and on the 28th of the same month the first Surprise peal out of England was rung at Bray, Ireland.

On May 28th, the first peal of Stedman Caters (proved long afterwards to have been false) was rung. This was at St. John's, Hoxlydown, London, in the little steeple where the bells, now unringable, are hung in three tiers.

The Bristol Surprise record was made by the Middlesex Association at Hornchurch on May 28th, 1912, when a peal of 15,264 changes was rung in 9 hours 49 minutes.

The opening of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley was celebrated by two attempts for peals of Maximus, viz., Kent Treble Bob at Bow Church, Chertside, by the London County Association, the attempt lasting 2 hours; and Duffield Maximus at St. Saviour's, Southwark, by the College Youths, lasting about 1½ hours. Last year's opening of Wembley was celebrated, it will be remembered, by a peal on the bells at the Imperial Institute by Cumberland Youths.

Empire Day falls on Sunday this year. It will be celebrated at Brecon by a change ringing competition (among members of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild) at St. David's Church on Saturday, 23rd inst., commencing at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. Cornelius Charge, late of London, and now of Auckland, New Zealand, writes that the figures of the peal of Bob Royal by Mr. James George, which appeared in our issue of December 26th last, were first published by him (Mr. Charge) in the 'Bell News' of January 26th, 1895.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob at Mountsorrel, Leicester, recorded in our last issue, was the first in the method on the bells.

At the Church of All Saints, Hoole, Cheshire, on Sunday, May 31st, the Bishop of Chester will dedicate the memorial bell and unveil a tablet. All ringers are invited to be present.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Fillongley on Saturday, May 16th. Members and visitors attended from Coventry, Southam, Exhall, Allesley, Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Walsall, Castle Bromwich, Coleshill, etc.

The bells are a good ring of six (tenor 11 cwt.), and touches in the following methods were rung during the afternoon: London, Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

### ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1924.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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(f) Including 10,400 = 3 peals. (g) One Little Bob, one Little Albion. (h) Including 9,120 = 2 peals. (i) One College Single. (j) Including 8,064 = 2 peals.

## MINOR.

TOWER BELLS.

| No. of Methods.        | TOWN (SIZES) |    |    |    |    |     |    |   |   |    |      |    |    |    |       | Total  | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|----|-----|----|---|---|----|------|----|----|----|-------|--------|-------|
|                        | 1            | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5  | 6   | 7  | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11   | 14 | 15 | 16 | Peals | Points |       |
| Anc. Soc. Coll. Yths.  | 2            | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 2     | 24     |       |
| Bath & Wells .....     | 4            | 5  | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 13    | 84     |       |
| Bedfordshire .....     | 2            | 4  | —  | —  | 1  | —   | 3  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 10    | 43     |       |
| Chester Diocesan ..    | 6            | —  | 5  | 3  | —  | —   | 9  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | 1  | 1  | 17    | 199    |       |
| Cleveland & N. Yorks   | —            | —  | 1  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 1     | 7      |       |
| Durham & Newcastle     | 5            | 1  | 1  | —  | —  | —   | 1  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 3     | 23     |       |
| Ely Diocesan .....     | 5            | —  | 2  | 2  | 1  | —   | 1  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 11    | 101    |       |
| Essex Association ..   | 1            | 1  | 1  | —  | —  | —   | 3  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 5     | 108    |       |
| Gloucester & Bristol   | 4            | —  | —  | 1  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 5     | 31     |       |
| Hereford Diocesan ..   | 3            | —  | —  | —  | 1  | —   | 7  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 11    | 116    |       |
| Hertford County ..     | 3            | —  | 2  | 2  | —  | —   | 1  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 8     | 73     |       |
| Kent County .....      | 3            | 3  | 3  | 3  | 4  | —   | 6  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 22    | 229    |       |
| Lancashire Assoc. ..   | 1            | 1  | 1  | 1  | —  | —   | 2  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 5     | 70     |       |
| Lincoln Diocesan ..    | 6            | 1  | 3  | —  | —  | 1   | 9  | 3 | 1 | —  | 2    | —  | —  | —  | 26    | 275    |       |
| Gloucester & Monmouth  | —            | —  | 1  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 1     | 7      |       |
| Middlesex County ..    | 2            | —  | —  | 1  | —  | —   | 1  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 4     | 69     |       |
| Midland Counties ..    | 5            | —  | 1  | 2  | 1  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 9     | 57     |       |
| Norfolk Guild .....    | 11           | 1  | 3  | —  | —  | —   | 1  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 16    | 107    |       |
| Oxford Diocesan ..     | 7            | 2  | —  | 2  | —  | —   | 1  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 12    | 77     |       |
| Peterborough .....     | 5            | 2  | 4  | 2  | 4  | —   | 4  | — | — | 1  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 23    | 206    |       |
| St. Martin's Guild ..  | —            | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | —     | —      |       |
| Salisbury Diocesan ..  | —            | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 1     | 6      |       |
| Salop Archld. Guild .. | 1            | 1  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 1     | 5      |       |
| Soc. Arch. of Stafford | 1            | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | —     | —      |       |
| Suffolk Guild .....    | 1            | —  | 1  | 1  | 3  | 2   | 4  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 12    | 141    |       |
| Surrey Association ..  | 3            | —  | —  | 1  | 1  | —   | 3  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 8     | 71     |       |
| Swansea & Brecon ..    | 1            | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 1     | 5      |       |
| Warwickshire Guild ..  | 1            | —  | —  | —  | —  | —   | —  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 3     | 41     |       |
| Winchester Diocesan    | 2            | 1  | —  | 1  | —  | —   | 1  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 6     | 37     |       |
| Worcester & Districts  | 5            | 1  | —  | —  | —  | —   | 9  | — | — | —  | 1(b) | —  | —  | —  | 19    | 216    |       |
| Yorkshire Assoc. ....  | —            | —  | 1  | 4  | —  | —   | 4  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 5     | 73     |       |
| Independent .....      | 7            | 3  | 1  | 1  | 3  | (a) | 6  | — | — | —  | —    | —  | —  | —  | 22    | 242    |       |
| Total                  | 93           | 19 | 35 | 27 | 20 | 7   | 69 | 3 | 1 | 1  | 2    | 1  | 1  | 1  | 281   | 2785   |       |

(a) 7920.

(b)  $14 = 360^\circ$ s.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

|                              | CINQUES. |           | ROYAL.  |                 | CATERS.    |                | MAJOR.         |           |            |         | TRIPLES.   |        |          |              | MINOR.        |       | DOUBLES. |       | Total Pairs. |   | Total Points. |   | Average Points per Pair |  |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|-----------------|------------|----------------|----------------|-----------|------------|---------|------------|--------|----------|--------------|---------------|-------|----------|-------|--------------|---|---------------|---|-------------------------|--|
|                              | Stedman  | Plain Bob | Stedman | London Surprise | Treble Bob | Double Norwich | Do. Oxford Bob | Plain Bob | Double Bob | Stedman | Grandshire | MINOR. | DOUBLES. | Total Pairs. | Total Points. |       |          |       |              |   |               |   |                         |  |
|                              | 32       | 12        | 28      | 50              | 12         | 16             | 16             | 8         | 16         | 24      | 7          | —      | —        | —            | —             | —     | —        | —     | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Ang. Soc. Coll. Youths ..... | 1        | —         | —       | —               | —          | —              | —              | —         | —          | 1       | —          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 2     | 56       | 28.00 | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Cambridge Univ. Guild .....  | —        | —         | —       | —               | —          | —              | 4              | 1         | 1          | —       | —          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 7     | 104      | 14.85 | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Durham & Newcastle .....     | 2        | —         | 3       | 1               | 1          | —              | —              | —         | —          | 1       | —          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 8     | 234      | 29.25 | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Essex Association .....      | —        | —         | —       | —               | —          | —              | —              | 4         | —          | —       | —          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 4     | 32       | 8.00  | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Kent County .....            | —        | 2         | —       | —               | —          | —              | 1              | —         | —          | —       | —          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 3     | 32       | 10.66 | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Leicestershire .....         | —        | —         | —       | —               | —          | —              | —              | —         | —          | 2       | —          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 2     | 45       | 24.00 | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Lincoln Diocesan .....       | —        | —         | —       | 1               | —          | —              | —              | —         | —          | —       | 1          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 4     | 159      | 8.42  | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| London County .....          | —        | —         | 3       | —               | —          | —              | —              | —         | —          | 1       | —          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 7     | 168      | 27.60 | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Middlesex .....              | 3        | —         | —       | —               | —          | —              | —              | —         | —          | 4       | 1          | —      | —        | —            | —             | 4     | 103      | 25.75 | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| Midland Counties .....       | 2        | —         | 9       | —               | —          | —              | —              | —         | —          | —       | —          | 1      | —        | 17           | 120           | 24.76 | —        | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Norfolk Guild .....          | —        | 1         | —       | —               | 1          | —              | 3              | —         | —          | —       | —          | —      | 2        | 7            | 56            | 8.00  | —        | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Oxford Diocesan .....        | —        | —         | 2       | —               | —          | —              | 1              | —         | —          | —       | —          | —      | —        | 1            | 8             | 4     | 93       | 30.65 | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |
| St. Martin's Guild .....     | 5        | —         | —       | —               | —          | —              | —              | —         | —          | —       | —          | —      | —        | 7            | 216           | 30.85 | —        | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Suffolk Guild .....          | —        | 1         | 1       | —               | 1          | 2              | —              | —         | —          | —       | —          | 3      | —        | 8            | 99            | 12.37 | —        | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Surrey Association .....     | —        | —         | —       | —               | —          | —              | 2              | —         | —          | 1       | —          | —      | —        | 3            | 40            | 13.50 | —        | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Warwickshire .....           | 1        | —         | 2       | —               | —          | —              | 2              | —         | —          | —       | —          | —      | —        | 5            | 101           | 20.85 | —        | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Winchester Diocesan .....    | —        | 1         | —       | —               | —          | —              | 1              | —         | —          | 2       | 5          | —      | —        | 9            | 103           | 11.44 | —        | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Worcestershire & Dist. ....  | 1        | —         | —       | —               | —          | —              | —              | —         | —          | —       | —          | —      | —        | 1            | 32            | 32.00 | —        | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Yorkshire Association .....  | —        | —         | —       | —               | —          | 1              | —              | 3         | —          | —       | —          | —      | —        | —            | 4             | 10    | 10.00    | —     | —            | — | —             |   |                         |  |
| Total                        | 15       | 5         | 20      | 1               | 4          | 7              | 1              | 23        | 1          | 12      | 7          | 4      | 3        | 103          | 1894          | 18.30 | —        | —     | —            | — | —             | — |                         |  |

### MINOR AND DOUBLES.

| No. of Methods.            | HANDBELLS. |   |                |                |         |   |   |                |                |
|----------------------------|------------|---|----------------|----------------|---------|---|---|----------------|----------------|
|                            | MINOR      |   |                |                | DOUBLES |   |   |                |                |
|                            | 1          | 2 | Total<br>Peals | Total<br>Pnts. | 1       | 2 | 4 | Total<br>Peals | Total<br>Pnts. |
| Bath & Wells .....         | —          | — | —              | —              | 1       | 1 | — | 2              | 7              |
| Cleveland & Nth. Yorks ..  | 2          | — | 2              | 10             | 1       | — | — | 1              | 3              |
| Ely Diocesan Association   | 1          | — | 1              | 5              | —       | — | — | —              | —              |
| Midland Counties Assoc. .  | 1          | — | 1              | 5              | 1       | — | — | 1              | 3              |
| Norwich Association .....  | —          | — | —              | —              | 1       | — | 1 | 2              | 8              |
| Peterborough .....         | 1          | — | 1              | 5              | —       | — | — | —              | —              |
| Salop Archidiaconal .....  | —          | — | —              | —              | 1       | — | — | 1              | 3              |
| Sec. Arch'dry of Stafford  | —          | — | —              | —              | 2       | — | — | 2              | 6              |
| Suffolk Guild .....        | 3          | — | 3              | 15             | —       | — | — | —              | —              |
| Independent Societies .... | —          | 1 | 1              | 6              | 3       | — | — | 3              | 9              |
| Total                      | 8          | 1 | 9              | 46             | 10      | 1 | 1 | 12             | 39             |

## DOUBLES

TOWER BELLS.

| TOWER BELLS.                 |    |    |    |   |   |   |   |    |       |       | Total  | Total |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|---|---|---|---|----|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| No. of Methods.              | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 11 | Total | Peals | Points |       |
| Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths ..    | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     | —      |       |
| Bath & Wells Assoc. ....     | 7  | 2  | 2  | — | — | — | — | 1  | 12    | 45    |        |       |
| Bedfordshire Assoc. ....     | —  | —  | 1  | — | — | — | — | —  | 1     | 4     |        |       |
| Chester Diocesan .....       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Cleveland & North Yorks      | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Durham & Newcastle ..        | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Ely Diocesan Assoc. ....     | —  | —  | 1  | — | — | — | — | —  | 1     | 4     |        |       |
| Essex Association .....      | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Gloucester and Bristol ..    | 1  | 11 | —  | 2 | — | — | — | —  | 14    | 57    |        |       |
| Hareford Diocesan .....      | 6  | 1  | 3  | — | — | — | — | —  | 10    | 34    |        |       |
| Hertford County .....        | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Kent County Association      | 2  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 2     | 6     |        |       |
| Lancashire Association       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Lincoln Diocesan Guild       | —  | 3  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 3     | 12    |        |       |
| Gloucester & Monmouth ..     | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Middlesex County .....       | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Midland Counties .....       | 6  | 1  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 7     | 22    |        |       |
| Norfolk Guild .....          | —  | —  | —  | 1 | — | 2 | — | —  | 3     | 17    |        |       |
| Oxford Diocesan .....        | 4  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 4     | 12    |        |       |
| Peterborough .....           | 5  | 6  | 2  | — | 1 | 1 | 2 | —  | 17    | 70    |        |       |
| St. Martin's Guild .....     | 1  | —  | —  | — | 1 | — | — | —  | 1     | 3     |        |       |
| Salisbury Diocesan .....     | 1  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 1     | 3     |        |       |
| Salop Archidiaconal .....    | 2  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 2     | 6     |        |       |
| Soc. Arch. of Stafford ..... | 1  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 1     | 3     |        |       |
| Suffolk Guild .....          | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Surrey Association .....     | 3  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 3     | 9     |        |       |
| Synausen & Brecon .....      | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Warwickshire Guild .....     | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Winchester Diocesan ..       | 1  | —  | 1  | — | — | — | — | —  | 2     | 7     |        |       |
| Worcester & Districts ..     | 1  | 1  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 2     | 7     |        |       |
| Yorkshire Association ..     | —  | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | —     | —     |        |       |
| Independent Societies ..     | 14 | —  | —  | — | — | — | — | —  | 14    | 42    |        |       |
| Total                        | 55 | 35 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1  | 100   | 383   |        |       |

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE FOR THE  
YEAR 1924.

We cannot present this report without an allusion to the fact that it is the first for many years which has not been signed by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. His colleagues, while he was a member of the committee, know the painstaking nature of his work, and the care which he exercised to make the Analysis an exact and interesting record. We desire to acknowledge in this report, not only the value of his work to the Exercise generally, but the example of thoroughness in all things which he has given to us. We hope he may have many useful and happy years before him.

Although the peals rung in 1924 are fewer than last year, the difference is small, and it can be said that the activities of the peal ringers have been well maintained. Also taking the points value as a guide, the quality of the peals rung is fully equal to 1923, the average being 16.740 points this year against 16.736.

The total number of peals rung is 1,860, being 25 less than last year. The tower bell peals show an increase of 15, the total being 1,743, while the handbell peals have dropped to 117, being a considerable decrease of 40 peals.

The totals for the year are shown by the following Table:—

|         | Tower | Bells. | Handbells. |
|---------|-------|--------|------------|
| Maximus | 15    |        | 0          |
| Cinques | 39    |        | 15         |
| Royal   | 56    |        | 5          |
| Caters  | 92    |        | 20         |
| Major   | 714   |        | 37         |
| Triples | 446   |        | 19         |
| Minor   | 281   |        | 9          |
| Doubles | 100   |        | 12         |

This shows, when compared with the preceding year, a decrease of 4 in the 12 bell peals, and increase of 3 on 10 bells, also 3 in Major, Triples are 7 less, and Minor and Doubles 20 less.

The Kent County Association has again the greatest number to its credit with 156 lower bell, and 3 handbell peals, a total of 2,466 points, being 1 peal less than last year. The Midland Counties Association have also kept their position as leaders on points, having scored 2,766 for 131 peals, a drop of 361 and 13 peals. The Lancashire Association is the only other society to score the century, with a total of 106 peals and 1,722 points, a decrease on last year of 19 peals and 257 points.

This year the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths has the highest average of points per peal, with 30.6 for 10 peals, the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association being second with 29.812 for 32 peals.

There is again cause for satisfaction in the continued increase of Surprise peals, which shows an all-round advance. Maximus is increased from 4 to 5 peals, Royal from 14 to 20, and Major from 241 to 245. The Maximus and Royal are all Cambridge with the exception of one peal each of Leicester, and Middlesex Surprise Royal.



Leicester Surprise Royal being rung for the first time. The Surprise Major peals include 89 of Cambridge and New Cambridge, and 63 of Superlative, the first method showing a decrease of 6 peals, and the latter of 9 peals. London is one up with 41 peals, while Bristol has increased from 25 to 32. Other Surprise methods show an increase of 11 peals, and include 2 of Guildford, 6 of Norfolk, 5 of Yorkshire, 1 of Rutland, 2 of Rochester, 3 of Pudsey, and the spliced peal of Superlative and Cambridge, the three last named being rung for the first time.

Treble Bob in its variations has greatly increased in favour, 38 more peals having been rung than in 1923, the total being 243, which is made up as follows: 9 of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 18 of Kent and 6 of Oxford Royal, 163 of Kent and 41 of Oxford Major, 5 Spliced Major peals, and 1 in the Cam variation.

Double Norwich has decreased from 150 to 129 peals, and Plain Bob from 187 to 171 peals. Little methods have increased by one to 6 peals, Little Canterbury Major having been rung for the first time.

Three new plain Major methods have been rung, all by the Middlesex Association, being Edmonton, Marlborough and Winchester Bob Major.

Peals on odd numbers again are almost entirely in the two methods Grandsire and Stedman. It is most interesting to notice that while Grandsire finds most favour with ringers of Triples, it falls off considerably on the higher numbers. This is shown in the following table of comparative numbers in each method:—

|         | Grandsire | Stedman | Erin | Union | Plain Bob |
|---------|-----------|---------|------|-------|-----------|
| Cinques | 4         | 49      | 1    | —     | —         |
| Caters  | 33        | 79      | —    | —     | —         |
| Triples | 240       | 216     | 1    | 1     | 7         |
|         | 227       | 344     | 2    | 1     | 7         |

Peals of Grandsire have decreased by 20, while Stedman has increased by one, and other methods are seven more.

Compared with the past two years, six bell ringers are on the down grade, having scored 20 peals less than in 1923. Again, as was the case last year, the decrease is all in Minor peals, which are 35 less on tower bells and one more on handbells, the average points value also being lower. To compensate in some degree for this, peals of Doubles are 6 more on tower bells, and 8 on handbells.

Lengths of over 7,000 are comparatively few, being five in number only, as follows:—

10,400 of Kent Treble Bob Major by the North Wales Association; 9,120 Spliced Treble Bob Major (the record length) and 7,008 Plain Bob Major by the Midland Counties Association; 8,064 Double Norwich Major, being the longest in the method by the Yorkshire Association; and 7,920 of Minor by an independent society.

Coming to notable performances, that of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham may safely be classed as the best. In their arranged twelve-bell week they accomplished five peals of Stedman Cinques, which, even for a first-class collection of ringers is a remarkable achievement. The ladies also were successful in scoring a peal of Stedman Triples without any assistance from the sterner sex, on which they are to be congratulated. We also note a Masonic peal of Treble Bob Major by the Lancashire Association, a peal of Doubles by a father and four sons, the first 'William' peal of London Surprise Major, rung by the Essex Association. (This last is supposed to have caused many hills on the railway). The first non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples by the Kent County Association; the first Surprise peal (London) in Scotland, rung by the Durham and Newcastle Association; the heaviest peal of Minor yet rung; and the Surrey Association may be mentioned for Grandsire Caters by their younger members, all being under 21, and a peal of Grandsire Cinques, being the first by all the band.

Below we give the table comparing the number of peals rung each month in the years 1923 and 1924:—

|          | 1923 | 1924 |           | 1923 | 1924 |
|----------|------|------|-----------|------|------|
| January  | 147  | 132  | July      | 80   | 106  |
| February | 145  | 142  | August    | 134  | 195  |
| March    | 145  | 155  | September | 147  | 132  |
| April    | 185  | 147  | October   | 192  | 148  |
| May      | 163  | 158  | November  | 153  | 207  |
| June     | 154  | 128  | December  | 240  | 210  |

The comparative number of peals rung on each particular day of the week does not vary much from year to year, but the information is of sufficient interest to give it for 1924, as follows: Sunday 89 peals; Monday, 195; Tuesday, 182; Wednesday, 118; Thursday, 124; Friday, 98; and Saturday, 1,054 peals, the surprising feature being that so few are rung on Wednesday.

The names of conductors of five peals and over are as follows, the number of handbell peals included are shown in brackets:—

50 peals, A. H. Pulling (11); 49 peals, J. H. Cheeseman; 43 peals, R. Sperring; 34 peals, G. H. Cross (5), J. E. Sykes; 28 peals, T. H. Taffender (4); 27 peals, H. J. Poole (11); 26 peals, W. Keeble (4); 24 peals, E. Jenkins; 20 peals, C. F. Bailey (4), C. H. Kiupin; 19 peals, G. R. Newton, W. Pve (2); 18 peals, F. Bennett, T. Tobbutt; 17 peals, J. T. Dyke, G. Williams; 16 peals, R. Matthews; 15 peals, J. Flint, W.

H. J. Hooton (10), E. Morris (1), J. R. Trollope, W. P. Whitehead (5); 14 peals, E. Barnett, senr., T. Metcalfe, F. W. Perrens (4), J. Potter; 13 peals, F. Borrett, J. A. Gofton (6), E. G. Hibbins, O. Sippetts; 12 peals, C. T. Coles, W. C. Rumsey; 11 peals, C. Camm, W. A. Cave, H. M. Day, T. T. Gofton (3), K. Hart, A. Prince, G. R. Pye, A. Tomlinson; 10 peals, W. Ayre (2); F. H. Dexter, H. Langdon (1), S. H. Symonds (3), A. Walker (2); 9 peals, G. Billenness, E. Guise, W. F. Judge, H. Knight, C. R. Lilley; 8 peals, S. H. Green, L. Head, T. W. Last, J. D. Matthews, F. M. Mitchell, F. W. Naunton, G. F. Swann (2), A. Wright; 7 peals, W. H. Barber, R. G. Black, G. A. Fleming, F. C. Lambert, W. Poston, C. H. Sone, G. E. Symonds (1), E. Whiting; 6 peals, W. B. Cartwright, C. Edwards, G. Gilbert, J. E. Groves (1), B. A. Knights, H. R. Pasmore, J. Perry (2), E. Reader, C. W. Roberts, A. E. Sharnman, B. W. Wittchell; 5 peals, J. Austin, H. Baxter, J. R. Brearley, F. Cotton, T. Groombridge, senr., A. Greenfield, S. T. Holt, J. P. Hyett, P. J. Johnson (2), T. Lancaster, A. E. Norman (1), H. Parkes, A. E. Reeves, R. Richardson (3), W. Sharples, M. Swinfield, B. Thorp, A. Tout, A. Y. Tyler, W. Wellington, J. E. Wheelton.

In addition to these there were 32 conductors of 4 peals each (8), 50 conductors of 3 peals (5), 76 conductors of 2 peals (5), and 257 conductors of 1 peal (9). There was 1 peal non-conducted, and in the case of one peal of Doubles no conductor's name was given.

The number of lady conductors is the same as last year, Miss Edith K. Parker conducting 2 peals, and Misses Phyllis M. Moss, Alice Stokes and Kitty Willars one each. The only representative of reverend conductors is the Rev. H. Law James.

The following statistics for the year are compiled from the footnotes to peals:—

First peal, 565 ringers; first peal in the method, 896; first peal in the method on a different number of bells, 111; first peal of Doubles, 23; Minor, 70; Triples, 44; Major, 106; Caters, 52; Royal, 104; Cinques, 17; Maximus, 8; first peal on six bells, 9; eight bells, 44; ten bells, 69; twelve bells, 40; first peal of Surprise, 38; first peal inside, 44; with a working bell, 4; with a bob bell, 13; away from the treble, 5; away from the tenor, 13; first peal on tower bells, 7; on handbells, 23; first peal as conductor, 72; as conductor in the method, 47; on a different number of bells, 40; 307 birthday peals; 65 wedding peals, including silver, golden and diamond weddings; 20 peals of welcome, and 26 as farewell peals; anniversary, jubilee and centenary peals number 62; memorial peals, 3; complimentary, 9; thanksgiving, 2; muffled peals, 8; half-muffled, 54; 44 peals were the first on the bells, and 41 the first after restoration; 17 peals were rung by the service ringers of the church, 4 of these being the first so rung; 39 peals were rung for church festivals, and 13 peals were the quickest on the bells.

Peals were also rung as a token of respect to the late J. W. Washbrook and George Cleal, and in memory of the late Bertram Prewett.

Below is shown the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the grand total since then being 46,642:—

|           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1881-1886 | 1898-1902 | 1914-1915 | 1921-1922 |
| 1885-500  | 1902-1313 | 1915-259  | 1922-1885 |
| 1889-797  | 1905-1519 | 1917-130  | 1923-1885 |
| 1894-859  | 1909-1628 | 1919-1048 | 1924-1860 |
|           | 1913-2358 | 1920-1471 |           |

We end our report by calling attention to the column which is added this year to the main table, showing the number of conductors for each society. Conducting is an important branch of the art, and the object of the column is to draw attention to it, so that associations may consider whether the activities of its members can be further extended in this direction.

A. T. BEESTON, New Mills, Stockport.

GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, Southampton.

EDITH K. PARKER, 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

JOSEPH W. PARKER, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### ANOTHER BELL WANTED AT FARNBOROUGH.

A very pleasant meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Farnborough on Saturday last. Although there are only five bells, they were made good use of, twenty visiting friends and members of the district making the meeting a success. One more bell, a treble, is required to make a nice peal of six. The frame is already there, and any subscriptions will be thankfully received.

The service was conducted by Canon Challacombe, who also presided over the tea and business meeting. At the latter, three honorary, three performing and nine probationary members were elected.

It was agreed to hold a combined or social gathering with the Guildford district, a notice and arrangements will appear later. Will members please note?

A vote of thanks was given to Canon Challacombe for giving such a welcome to the district; Mr. Gasson for making the arrangements for tea; also to the lady organist who had journeyed some distance to play.

The methods rung during the day were Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, May 17th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. E. J. Brown 1, F. W. Wade 2, Miss B. Jordan (longest length) 3, E. J. Brown (conductor) 4, P. C. Williams 5, I. Long 6, F. E. Tyler 7, R. C. Seager 8.

**FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.**—At the Parish Church of All Saints, for evensong, on May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 38 mins.: A. Gould 1, Wm. Shore 2, Wm. Rosewell (conductor) 3, J. Dury 4, Rev. L. G. Ketchley 5, D. Parfitt 6. All are members of the local band.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, E.C., for evensong, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: A. W. Coles 1, E. Barnett, junr., 2, Mrs. A. F. Deal 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, G. R. Pye 5, E. P. Duffield 6, W. J. Nudds 7, W. Hewett 8, J. E. Davis 9, H. W. Clark 10, W. Pye 11, R. F. Deal 12.

**DEVON'S LADY RINGERS.****VISIT TO HUNTSHAM.**

By kind invitation of Lieut.-Col. Troyte, M.P., and Mrs. Troyte, who are hon. members of the Exeter and District Ladies' Guild, the latter recently paid a visit to Huntsham Court. The trip was made by charabanc through the Exe Valley. At Huntsham, while some of the party inspected the beautiful gardens, the others adjourned to the quaint belfry, where some Grandsire was rung. Col. Troyte took part. Later about 40 or 50 sat down to tea. The party included Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas (Mrs. Thomas being chairman of the Ladies' Guild) and ladies from Exeter (St. Petrock's), Tiverton, Washfield, Whimble, and Clyst St. George.

On behalf of all present, Mr. W. J. Southwood thanked Col. and Mrs. Troyte for their kind hospitality.—Col. Troyte said his wife and himself were pleased to welcome the Ladies' Guild to Huntsham, particularly as it was the first belfry in Devon to adopt change ringing, and invited all present to 'come again.'

Tiverton was visited on the return journey, and on the fine peal at St. Peter's were rung Grandsire and Stedman Triples, the local band taking part. The afternoon's outing was thoroughly enjoyed by the whole party.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the above was held at Brenchley on Saturday, May 9th. It is a pity that more members did not avail themselves of the opportunity of visiting this lovely old-world village with its ancient church and beautiful bells, recently augmented to eight, and rehung in a new iron frame. As it was, less than 20 members turned up, but what was lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm, and the bells were kept going in various methods, including Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. The usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. S. Whelan), who also gave a short address. Mr. F. W. R. Baker, of Tunbridge Wells, presided at the organ. Tea was partaken of at the Bull Hotel, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding.

Eight new members were elected, including five of the local band, the tower becoming affiliated to the association.

Mr. F. White (Tunbridge Wells) urged members to thoroughly verse themselves up in higher methods, and come to these meetings, when ample opportunity would be given them to practise any particular method they wished.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the meeting, to the organist and Mr. P. Hodges, and the rest of the local band for their services, were carried, and replied to, and the members adjourned again to the tower. Altogether it was a very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

**NOTICE.**

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, June 1st. The bells of the Cathedral (10) available for ringing 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Sharow bells (8) available all day. Committee meeting at the Black Bull Hotel at 12.30. Services in the Cathedral 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m., members 1/6, non-members 2/6. Those intending to be at lunch must notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, May 27th. Annual business meeting to follow.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High St., North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 28th; Southwark 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.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Catharines' Merstham, on Saturday, May 23rd (6 bells). Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—West Tyne District.—The next meeting will be held at Wylam on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (6) available from 4.30 p.m.—C. Symm, Newton, Stocksfield.

**BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—All ringers are invited to be present at the dedication of the new peal of 8 bells, which will take place on May 23rd by the Archdeacon of Loughborough at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., M.C.A., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Market Deeping on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the Church 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. — S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—An invitation meeting will be held at Ardleigh, Essex, on Saturday, May 23rd, by kind invitation of W. E. Neath, Esq. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.15 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 23rd. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5.15, at the Co-operative Hall, for those who notify me by the Tuesday previous. Members free. Non-members 1s. 9d. Bells (8) available 2 to 9; also St. Helen's, Lea, 7 to 9. Welcome to all.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Drayton, Berks, on Saturday, May 23rd. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, Bolton, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—The May meeting will be held at Benington on Saturday, May 23rd, when the tower will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided free by the Rector. I shall be glad if those who can will notify me, so as to make it easier for the Rector to cater. Members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at West Wycombe on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James', Milnrow, on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business important. It is hoped that each tower will be represented. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Mansfield on Saturday, May 23rd. Tower open 2.30 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Croston on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Buses from Chorley Cattle Market at 1.55 and 4.35; return from Croston 5.45 and 7.45.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**ERITH PARISH CHURCH.**—Owing to a misunderstanding, the bells will not be available for ringing on Saturday next, May 23rd. Notice of the opening will be published as soon as available.—F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Birch in Rusholme on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells at liberty from 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 23rd. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 3.30. Tea and meeting 4 o'clock.—F. Bibby, Branch Sec., Church Street, Frodsham.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 6.30 and after evening service. All ringers invited.—Chas. Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**GLOUCESTER AND DISTRICT DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by May 25th.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Newbury Branch.—The summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, May 30th. Intending visitors please notify Vicar, Bucklebury, Reading, not later than May 25th.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—A meeting will be held at Assington on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Scott, Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Walberton on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Arundel bells are also available after tea. All those attending please advise by May 26th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The summer meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Lytton Arms. Tea 1s. 3d. each. Ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 26th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Denford (6) on Saturday, May 30th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. It is hoped members will make an effort to attend as a welcome to the new Vicar.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea, by kind permission of the Rev. Long.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough on May 30th. Six bells. Usual arrangements. All who intend going on the trip to Loughborough on Saturday, June 27th, should send their names to me not later than this meeting. The bus will leave Doncaster (Waterdale) for Loughborough at 8.30 a.m., and will arrive back at 10.30 p.m. Return fare 7s. 6d.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 1st, at Northampton. Committee meeting in St. Giles' School at 11.15 a.m. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at 1 p.m. at Valentine's Cafe, 36, Gold Street. Application for lunch tickets, with remittance (2s. 6d.) must be made to Mr. T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton, on or before Monday, May 25th. Towers available: St. Peter's (8) and Kingsthorpe (6) from 10 to 11.15 a.m. only; All Saints (8) after lunch; St. Giles (10), St. Edmund's (8) throughout the day.—D. J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service in the Cathedral at 12.15. Dinner at the Booth Hall at 1, followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. C. Edwards) in the chair. Tickets for dinner should be obtained by May 26th from district secretaries, or from the general secretary, Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will take place at Ambleside and Brathay on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells (8) and (6) will be available afternoon and evening. Visitors welcome. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held in Plymouth on Whit Monday. Service at Charles Church 12 noon. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Dinner in Charles Church Hall 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Dinner ticket (3s.) must be purchased from me by May 23rd, except in case of resident members. Towers available at various times: Charles (10), Emmanuel (8), Plympton St. Mary (8), Plympton St. Maurice (8), Stoke (6).—Rev. E. V. Cox, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Vicarage, Exmouth.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 46th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 1st. 11.30 a.m., Service in the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. J. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield. 12.15, meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30, Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street, price 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Great Baddow (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Sec. not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 26th.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Scarborough on Whit Monday, June 2nd, when the Parish Church bells (by permission of the Vicar) will be available from 11 a.m. The 6th and tenor have recently been quarter tuned and hung on ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston.—H. Ferguson, 55, Mavville Avenue, Scarborough.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Portmadoc on Whit Monday. Service at St. John's Church 2.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. P. Roberts, Cambria, Station Road, Portmadoc, as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, near Chester.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints (8) on Whit Monday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Kindly inform secretary tea requirements not later than the 26th.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at North Shields and Whitley Bay. The bells of North Shields (10) and Whitley Bay (8) are available all day. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and dinner at 1 o'clock, at

the Albion Grill, Saville Street, North Shields. Dinner 2s. to members, 4s. to non-members. Those coming to dinner please notify me not later than Wednesday, May 27th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting will be held at Norwich on Whit Monday, June 1st. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of twelve bells at St. Peter Mancroft, and also, by permission of the Vicar, the ring of eight bells at St. John de Sepulchre will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at Messrs. William Grix, Limited, Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1 p.m. Members intending being present must notify me on or before Friday, May 29th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 6th. St. Saviour's bells (8) available at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at Werry's Cafe, Stall Street, at 5.30. Ringing at St. Michael's at 6.30. Please let me know by Tuesday, June 2nd, if requiring tea.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham. Bells ready 2.30, also bowls and clock golf in Vicarage grounds. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., free to all who send in their names not later than Tuesday, June 2nd.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Wisbech, on Saturday, June 6th. Six bells. Good condition. Will those who intend to be present please let me know by June 1st? It is the wish of the Rector. Service, tea and business meeting.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. The annual branch meeting, tea and social has been arranged for Saturday, August 15th, at the Burnley Parish Church.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, June 6th (to coincide with 33rd anniversary of 16,608 Treble Bob Major). Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 4.45, at a charge of 6d. each. Please notify me by Thursday, June 4th, of intention to be present. Short business meeting to follow, at which the Vicar has kindly consented to preside. All ringers welcome.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30. The annual outing has been fixed for Saturday, June 27th, to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1.25 and 2.7 p.m.; return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s. All members invited.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Will local secretaries and members please note? Further details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.



**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual cup contest on six bells will take place at Hoylandswaine on June 13th, commencing at 3.15 p.m. (draw at 2.40 p.m.). Secretaries and all other intending visitors kindly note that tea will be provided for all those notifying Mr. L. Wilkinson on or before Tuesday, June 9th. In view of the above event the usual monthly meeting will not be held in June.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

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**CHICHESTER.**—On Sunday morning, May 10th, for service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 51 mins.: T. Doick 1, W. Falconer 2, F. B. Tompkins 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, P. H. Doick 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. Heffer 7, G. Marshall 8. This was arranged for Mr. P. H. Doick, of Pulborough, and as a welcome to Mr. H. J. Tucker, late of Bishop's Stortford, Essex, who has come to reside in the district.

**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, on May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Butler 1, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 2, A. Newman 3, O. Gollop 4, R. Curtis 5, F. White 6, F. Mursell 7, P. Coels 8.

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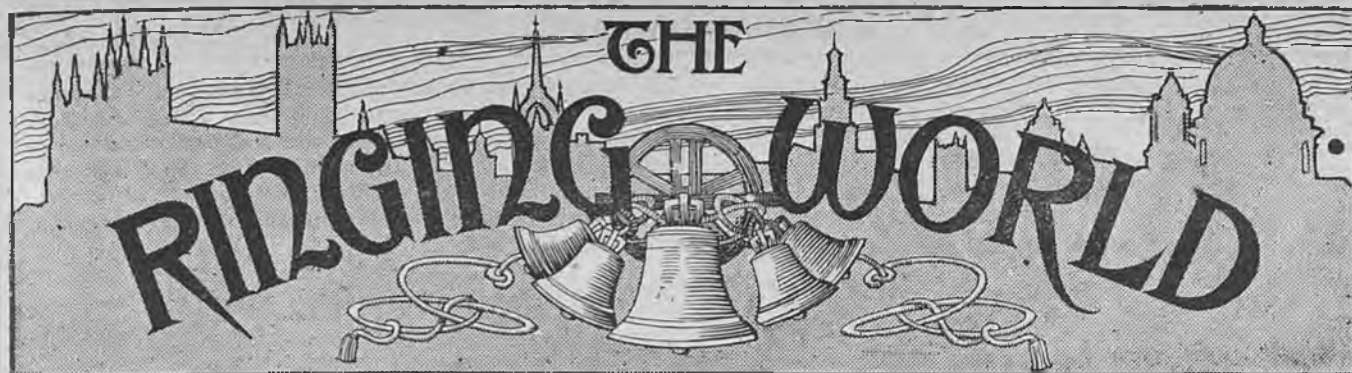
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### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The visit which the Central Council is to pay to Chester at the beginning of next week promises to be an interesting and enjoyable one. The Chester Diocesan Guild have for some few years past been very pressing in their invitation to the Council to hold its annual meeting in their ancient city, and, now that their turn has come, the Guild is rising splendidly to the occasion, and offering to the Council not only a cordial welcome, but a programme of entertainment which will provide their visitors with a thoroughly pleasant time.

As to the business before the Council, the agenda is not a formidable looking one, but it does not follow that it will not provide the members with a pretty good day's work on Tuesday. There are no fewer than eight committees' reports to be dealt with, of which only one—the Analysis—has yet been published. The other seven may yield much or little in the way of discussion, though the last, that of the committee appointed a year ago to deal with method nomenclature, is a more than possible source of lively debate.

The resolution, presumably emanating from the Chester Guild, regarding the question of 'broadcasting' bell ringing, is a timely one, but it is a subject which will require delicate handling with the B.B.C. The Broadcasting Company are out to provide what their listeners most desire, and, perhaps from want of 'education,' the public for the most part prefer at present tune playing to change ringing. If it is possible to develop a wider appreciation of real change ringing by means of 'wireless,' so much the better, and the resolution may be the means of inducing the B.B.C. to give more attention to, shall we call it, the 'legitimate' art, instead of providing the spurious type which so often precedes the broadcasting of a religious service.

The resolution on the agenda which intrigues us most, is that which asks the Council to disapprove, as a general rule, of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten. It will be interesting to learn the arguments against the practice of adding trebles to a ring of eight—whether on grounds musical, mechanical or campanological. Hitherto the general idea has been to look upon an increase in the number of bells as a step in advance; are we now to learn that an octave of bells is best left an octave; and that ten-bell ringing is to be discouraged? To some ringers, Caters is the most musical of all ringing, and it will be difficult to convince these members of the Exercise that augmentations to ten should be discouraged. At any rate, whatever views are held, the arguments for the motion will be followed with interest.

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The resolution to amend the 'Rules and Decisions' is purely a formal matter to bring them into line with the present day practice of spliced method peals; but we see nothing in the agenda to indicate that the 'Rules and Decisions' have been entirely overhauled, although it was indicated at the last meeting that the Standing Committee would do this.

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| WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 4      | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 10  |
| LESLIE J. CLARKE ... .. 5     | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 11 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 6       | ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor  |

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| WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 6       |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2     | ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 7       |
| FREDK. S. PRICE ... .. 3      | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 8    |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 4     | ARTHUR BRAINES ... .. 9       |
| CHARLES E. HART ... .. 5      | G. CECIL WALLACE ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung in honour of Empire Day, and as a birthday tribute to Mrs. A. H. Ward, wife of the ringers of the 7th, and donor of the treble bell. Mr. F. S. Price hails from Beeston; Messrs. Swinfeld from Burton; the conductor from Leicester; the remainder belong to Derby.

RETTENDEN, ESSEX. — On Sunday, May 24th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, 300 Bob Minor.—Also 504 Kent Treble Bob: W. Jay 1, G. Frost 2, A. Cardy 3, R. Whoston 4, W. May 5, F. May (conductor) 6.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
At the Cathedral,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *HERBERT C. BUCKLEY ... Treble | JOHN WM. CUNDALL ... 5    |
| *GEORGE TITTERINGTON ... 2     | JAMES COTTERELL ... 6     |
| EDWIN WHEATER ... 3            | FIRTH HOPWOOD ... 7       |
| ARTHUR GILL ... 4              | JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

\* First peal in the method; also first peal as conductor in the method. The average age of the ringers is 59½ years, and the peal was rung at a birthday compliment to Mr. Chas. Denton Smith, of Pudsey, an honorary member of the association, on the eve of his 79th birthday.

RICHMOND, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *THOMAS WALTON ... Treble  | GEORGE HOLMES ... 5       |
| ROBERT H. JOHNSON ... 2    | JOHN G. KINCHIN ... 6     |
| *JOHN TODD ... 3           | ALBERT HUNTER ... 7       |
| FREDERICK W. JOHNSON ... 4 | THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor |

Composed by J. PLATTS.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, after rehanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 70 lb. in E.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... Treble | JAMES E. COOPER ... 5       |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2    | FRANK E. DARBY ... 6        |
| *MISS FRED A. ORR ... 3       | JOHN H. WHITE ... 7         |
| GEORGE F. HOAD ... 4          | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 17, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 20 cwt.

|                         |                         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| JOHN OVERTON ... Treble | BERTRAM HEAD ... 5      |
| HARRY OVERTON ... 2     | WILFRED OVERTON ... 6   |
| WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 3  | HORACE W. OVERTON ... 7 |
| G. LEONARD HEWITT ... 4 | ERNEST FOXALL ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

Rung as a complimentary peal to Mr. John Overton, ringer of the treble, on the completion of 50 years' service as foreman ringer at St. Leonard's Church. Although the condition of the tower is considered unsafe, special permission was very kindly given by the Rector for this occasion.

LECKHAMPTON.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, May 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. in A.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES W. MARTIN ... Treble | ARTHUR C. CANDLE ... 5     |
| *FREDERICK NURDEN ... 2      | WILLIAM TOWNSEND ... 6     |
| JOHN F. BALLINGER ... 3      | †WILLIAM HUNT ... 7        |
| GEORGE WALTERS ... 4         | WILLIAM HARRISON ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM TOWNSEND.

\* First peal of Triples. † First peal away from tenor.

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN CORTIS ... Treble | MAURICE SWINFELD ... 5      |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... 2  | JAMES GEORGE ... 6          |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 3 | JAMES PAGET ... 7           |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... 4   | E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY

Rung on the eve of the Festival of the Ascension. The band wish to thank the Vicar for permission to ring.

ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael-the-Archangel,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... Treble | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5          |
| *JOHN A. COLE ... 2             | GEORGE UPSHALL ... 6            |
| MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 3       | THOMAS UPSHALL ... 7            |
| Mrs. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. 4      | C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal in the method. Musician Jarrett was proposed a member of the Guild prior to attempting the peal.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *E. ALEXR. YOUNG ... Treble | FRANCIS E. DAWE ... 5         |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2       | WILLIAM UPTON ... 6           |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3     | THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 7     |
| WILLIAM J. JOHNSON ... 4    | †FRANCIS W. H. SERGISON Tenor |

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Specially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Alex. Young, the esteemed and much respected hon. secretary of the Central Council, who completed his 60th year on the above day. \* First peal on tower bells away from tenor. † First peal.

CHISWICK.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| JAMES E. DAVIS ... Treble | HARRY KILBY ... 5        |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2 | WILLIAM E. JODD ... 6    |
| WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... 3  | ALFRED G. RIVERS ... 7   |
| WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 4  | ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

Rung on the eve of Empire Day, and arranged for Mr. A. G. Rivers, of Cambridge, who was elected a member previous to starting.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AND THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six and a half Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | WALTER MALINS ... 5        |
| JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 2         | ALFRED G. GRANT ... 6      |
| *ALBAN DISNEY ... 3            | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7  |
| JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 4         | GEORGE BROUGHTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor on tower bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day, after meeting short for Superlative.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM CORKE ... .. Treble | SIDNEY PAICE ... .. 5      |
| FRANK CORKE ... .. 2        | JAMES BORDFIELD ... .. 6   |
| ALFRED BULL ... .. 3        | FRANCIS T. HOAD ... .. 7   |
| GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 4     | HENRY A. HOAD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM SHAW ... .. Treble | ALBERT HOUGH ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM BRAMMER ... .. 2   | GEORGE HILL ... .. 6      |
| JOHN BRIERLEY ... .. 3     | BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 7   |
| JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 4    | SAMUEL BOOTH ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by B. THORP.

Rung on the eve and in honour of Empire Day.

EWELL, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHARLES E. READ ... .. Treble | ERNEST A. REEVE ... .. 5      |
| SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. 2     | WILLIAM ESSERY ... .. 6       |
| JOHN BEAMS ... .. 3           | ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7        |
| AMOS CLARK ... .. 4           | CHARLES HAZELDEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

\* First peal in the method with bob bell.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BERNARD V. COLLISON ... Treble | WILLIAM COLLISON ... 5      |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 2      | FREDERICK WHITE ... 6       |
| WILLIAM LATTER ... 3           | TOM E. STONE ... 7          |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4        | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

An Empire Day peal.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM STEGGALL ... Treble | ERNEST WHITING ... 5      |
| CHARLES BAKER ... 2         | CHARLES CUTTING ... 6     |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 3     | ERNEST F. POPPY ... 7     |
| FREDK. R. BORRETT ... 4     | GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. 200th peal as conductor.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CECIL DRAKE ... .. Treble | ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 5     |
| ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. 2  | EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 6     |
| HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 3    | JOE GREENWOOD ... .. 7      |
| VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 4  | WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *GEORGE JEFFS, SEN... Treble | *GEORGE JEFFS, JUN... 5  |
| *MISS KITTY MOORE ... 2      | FRANK KIRK ... 6         |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE... 3       | JOHN R. MAIN ... 7       |
| DANIEL REDHEAD ... 4         | GEORGE BASFORD ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE BASFORD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| CHARLES LOVELL ... Treble | PERCY W. WITHAM ... 5    |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... 2 | *WILLIAM SIMMONDS... 6   |
| *ARTHUR R. MEDD ... 3     | GEORGE PRESTON ... 7     |
| CHARLES FORFITT ... 4     | EDWARD GARRETT ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE PRESTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Triples away from tenor. First peal on these bells for five years, and rung to celebrate Empire Day.

CHESTER.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| *JAMES SWINDLEY ... Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... 5  |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... 2      | JOHN E. BIBBY ... 6    |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... 3       | JAMES H. RIDING ... 7  |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 4     | CECIL RADDON ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (94).

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First Surprise peal. First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band except ringers of 3rd and 6th.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble | WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5       |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2     | *FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6    |
| FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3  | WILLIAM T. TUCKER... 7         |
| WALTER G. ROWE ... 4       | *ERNEST J. WHITFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal of Stedman.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *WILLIAM ROBINSON, JUN... Treble | *WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... 5  |
| *THOMAS B. NEWTON... 2           | THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... 6 |
| HENRY HODGETTS ... 3             | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 7    |
| *HAROLD HARDY... 4               | *WILLIAM FISHER ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS B. NEWTON.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Henry Hodgetts, of Oshey, Herts, who was on a visit to the Lako district. First peal of Grand-sire Triples on the bells. \* First peal of Triples.

**THE LATE LORD LEVERHULME.**

On Monday, May 11th, at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, in 59 minutes, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,378 changes) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Viscount Leverhulme, who was interred at Christ Church the same afternoon: F. Bimpson 1, G. Lawrence 2, W. J. Battle 3, G. Burghall 4, W. Dean 5, J. Cooke 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, F. S. Barnes 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of treble and 4th, and first quarter in the method by ringers of 2nd and 5th.

## MITCHELDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. Treble | WALTER T. BENNETT... .. 5 |
| EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS... .. 2     | ROBERT E. SUMMERS... .. 6 |
| FRANK VOYCE ... .. 3            | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM BISHOP... .. 4          | GEORGE WILKS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. POSTON.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, May 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Duke of York, Cambridge Surprise, Merchant's Refurb, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHARLES LAYTON... .. Treble | CHRIS. BOWERS ... .. 4    |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2    | DAVID HORNE ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM TURNER ... .. 3     | GEORGE GORDON... .. Tenor |

Conducted by DAVID HORNE.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all the ringers except the second and fifth. First peal of Treble Bob Minor on the bells.

WONERSH, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 13, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob, Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp (approx.).

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... Treble | C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 4    |
| GEORGE W. STEERRE ... .. 2      | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5     |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 3     | ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* First peal of Minor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *ALLAN DONE ... .. Treble | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 4         |
| GEORGE VERNON ... .. 2    | JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 5     |
| †FREDERICK HINDS ... .. 3 | ERNEST H. BOSTOCK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods 'inside.'

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Plain Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble | JOHN W. BOOTH ... .. 4         |
| R. ALLEN HICKTON ... .. 2      | ALBERT JOYCE ... .. 5          |
| EDWARD JOYCE ... .. 3          | FREDERICK J. TITE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK J. TITE.

\* First peal.

CHIPPENHAM.—On Sunday, May 24th, at the Parish Church, after the public institution of the Rev. W. F. Wood, M.A., to the cure of souls of the parish, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung in 48 mins.: A. Dale 1, E. Trueman 2, S. Wiltshire 3, E. Perry 4, W. Hulbert 5, R. Pearce 6, J. Ambrose 7, F. Lambeth (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all except the conductor.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *LAWRENCE HALES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 4 |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 2     | THOMAS JULL ... .. 5       |
| CHARLES TUMBER ... .. 3       | WILLIAM NYE ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

\* First peal in seven methods.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ARTHUR BAXTER ... .. Treble | GEORGE BLAXLEY ... .. 4       |
| ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. 2     | JAMES HUDSON ... .. 5         |
| LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 3   | REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Surfleet, Beverley, London, Wells, Durham and York. Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST F. BUTLER ... .. Treble | ALFRED PRIOR ... .. 4     |
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 2   | WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5   |
| EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 3       | GEORGE DAWSON... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. MILLER.

This was the first peal on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred Prior.

DILWYN, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE E. HUMPHRIES ... Treble | WILLIAM EVANS ... .. 4        |
| *HARRY CHANDLER ... .. 2       | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5       |
| *ALBERT H. DAVIES ... .. 3     | THOMAS R. ECKLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. Believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| HARRY WOOD ... .. Treble  | *CYRIL ISON... .. 4      |
| THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 2 | WILLIAM COPE ... .. 5    |
| *GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3 | FRED COTTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. COTTON.

\* First peal of Minor, and first attempt.

PETERCHURCH, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores 22 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *KENNETH SOUTHALL... .. Treble | ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 4      |
| WILFRED R. HARRIS ... .. 2     | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5       |
| PERCY H. YOUNG ... .. 3        | *SIDNEY J. BOYER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE COURT BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALLAN DONE ... .. Treble | JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 4 |
| FREDERICK HINES ... .. 2 | ERNEST H. BOSTOCK ... .. 5 |
| GEORGE VERNON... .. 3    | EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the hand.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. Treble | ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2       | WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... .. 5 |
| FREDERICK STANTON ... .. 3     | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung especially in honour of Ascension Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT 3, CRESSING WAY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 1—2   | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5—6 |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3—4 | GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 7—8   |

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Wiffen. First handbell peal rung in Braintree.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANTA TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... .. 1—2 | ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 5—6 |
| THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3—4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7—8  |

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Umpire: FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all. Also first of 'Granta' Treble Bob on handbells by the association. Rung on the birthday of Mrs. T. Groombridge, junr., and Mr. H. D. Brett-Smith.

ENFIELD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT 'ADVERSANE,' WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. 1—2   | JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5—6     |
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... .. 3—4 | WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 7—8 |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 9—10     |                            |

Composed by W. H. BARBER. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

WASHBROOK MEMORIAL FUND.

ADDITIONAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Chipping Norton Branch, £5 5s.; East Berks and South Branch, £2 2s.; Witney and Woodstock Branch, £5 5s.; Oxford and City District, £3 3s.; Englefield Tower, 10s. 6d.; Harwill Tower, 5s.; H. G. S. Cowley, St. John, 2s.; Twyford Tower, 8s.; Waltham St. Lawrence, 10s.

Rev. R. Copeman, 10s.; F. Wardman Is. 9d.; R. T. Hibbert, £1; W. H. Fussell, 5s.

Meeting at Todmorden, 11s. 9d. This brings the total amount received to £104 4s.

In the previous list the subscription put down to the Middlesex Guild should be: H. A. Barnett, 2s. 6d.; W. J. King, 2s. 6d., two members of that Guild.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL: TESTIMONIAL TO LATE MASTER.

The ancient town of Dorchester, in the heart of Wessex, was the venue of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild's annual meeting on Tuesday May 12th. There was a large attendance of members, who enjoyed ringing at the Parish Church of St. Peter, and on the peals in the neighbouring villages. A special service was held at St. Peter's at noon, conducted by the Rev. R. H. Gundry. The lesson was read by the Rev. G. C. Niven (Rector), and the sermon preached by the Rev. H. Pentin.

Luncheon was served at the Corn Exchange, and at the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the Rev. R. Hugh Gundry (Shroton, Ringing Master), who was supported by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Kington Magna, general secretary and treasurer; Major Hughes D'Aeth, late Ringing Master, Worthing; the Rev. H. Pentin, Portland; the Rev. G. C. Niven, Dorchester; Captain J. E. Acland, Dorchester, a former Ringing Master; Mr. G. Williams (Master, Winchester Diocesan Guild) and Mrs. Williams; Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, past Ringing Master, Ferndown; Mr. R. N. Dawes, chairman, Dorchester district; Mr. J. T. Godwin, Dorchester; Mr. T. Hervey Beams, assistant secretary, Bradpole; Mr. J. Benger, secretary, Dorchester district; the Rev. C. C. Cox, West Moors; and the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Bournemouth.

The Secretary presented the annual report, details of which have already been printed in our columns.

A balance sheet was also presented, which showed that, with a sum of £55 in hand, the receipts for the year had amounted to £117 4s. 6d.; and the disbursements had left £66 17s. 8d. to the credit of the Guild.

MASTER'S REVIEW.

The Chairman observed that, taking the branch reports all round, and the general report as well, they might look upon the condition of the Guild as being very satisfactory. The money was on the right side, and in the advance of membership it was particularly pleasing to note that this was caused principally by younger members joining up (hear, hear). That was what they wanted to see, for that would place the Guild upon a sound footing for the future. He was more than pleased to know that the Guild was doing its work grandly, was growing though slowly, and was going on as well as they could hope for, though perhaps not so well as they might wish. It seemed to him that there was no reason why every parish which had a peal of bells should not be represented on the Guild. Since he had been Master he had tried to influence every parish which had a peal of bells to join, and he was glad to say that there had been a small advance in the number of towers that had joined the Guild. But he still wanted to see more in the Guild, because it was one of the greatest of works for beneficial influence that could be brought about in parishes. A ringers' branch was helpful all round; it kept men together on winter nights, it drew out their interests, kept them earnestly together in the great work of the Church, and in time the belfry became an object of real affection (hear, hear). Looking back on the events of the past year, the Master Ringer said it was with regret that they heard of the decision of Major D'Aeth to retire from the Mastership. Amongst the prominent subjects was the starting of the branch in North Dorset (applause). Although it was the youngest branch in the Guild, he might perhaps be permitted to say, as chairman of it, that it had inherited the proper spirit, and that it was prepared to follow the excellent example set before it. And there was another thing that he was glad to refer to, and that was that, although it was a new branch which at one time they thought would hardly be able to toddle alone, it was now the second strongest member of the family (applause). Proceeding, the Chairman said he was sorry to say they had lost two vice-presidents during the year, Lord Long, of Wraxall, and Sir Everard Hambro, of Milton Abbas. He asked the members to show their respect for the memory of the departed ones by standing in silence, which request was duly complied with.

When he became Master, the Chairman continued, he found that Major D'Aeth had left three legacies. The first was organisation for the establishment of the Peace Bell, the ringing of which he was to restore on Fridays in each week in memory of those who had passed away. He knew there were difficulties to be encountered in the ringing of the Peace Bell every Friday at the noonday hour, but he thought they should be overcome in order that they might continue the lesson of remembrance of those who gave their lives in the war that others might live. The second legacy was the War Memorial that had been erected in the form of a screen in Salisbury Cathedral. He thought it was one of the best memorials of ringers in the country. It had not been taken up in the way one might have wished, and there was still a considerable portion of the £200 that the memorial cost to be made up. He asked all those parishes who had not yet considered the scheme to do so, and do what they could to help the fund. The third legacy left him was the reformation of the clergy (laughter). He had come to the conclusion that they were not past reformation, but at the same time he thought their reformation did



not rest entirely with the Master, but with every single individual member of the Guild. If their parson did not support them as ringers they should boldly approach him. They should ask their parsons, particularly those who were just appointed to parishes, what they were going to do in the way of ringers, and that might wake them up to a full sense of what they ought to do for them as ringers (applause).

The Master, the hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. assistant secretary, were re-elected as well as the auditors, the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, Wimborne, and Mr. H. R. Hopkins, Kington Magna.

The Rev. R. H. Gundry, in thanking the meeting for his re-election, asked that all secretaries of branches would send him notices of their meetings in order that if possible, he might attend them.

The Earl of Shaftesbury was re-elected president, and vice-presidents were also re-appointed, with the addition of the name of Sir Robert Williams, Bart., who had been an honorary member.

The Rev. C. Wood and Mr. J. R. Jerram were re-appointed on the committee, and the name of the Rev. C. C. Cox was added.

#### PRESENTATION TO MAJOR D'AETH.

The next business was the presentation of a testimonial to Major D'Aeth in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Guild during the past five years as Master.—The Secretary stated that when Major D'Aeth was approached on the subject he stated that he did not wish for any gift, but that he would be very much gratified with the signatures of individual members of the Guild, or as many as could be collected. Well, they had taken Major D'Aeth at his word, and there had been got together between 700 and 800 signatures (hear, hear). He had also received an autograph letter from Lord Shaftesbury, the president of the Guild, regretting his resignation, and expressing appreciation of his services.

No doubt Major D'Aeth would like to have the letter suitably framed, and he (the secretary) hoped he would have it done and have the bill sent in to him (hear, hear).

The Chairman then handed over to Major D'Aeth a small volume containing the signatures of members of the Guild, which was accompanied by the president's letter.

Major D'Aeth expressed his thanks for all the most acceptable kindnesses that had, during the five years of his Mastership, been shown him. He thought it was no secret that his Mastership had been a disappointment. The Ringing Master had given them a hint of that. In the first place he had an idea to stop all the bickerings that occasionally occurred between bellfries and the clergy. He had endeavoured to impress the idea from a layman's point of view, of the importance of the duties devolving upon the clergy and ringers, for when ringers called parishioners to church by the sound of church bells it

should be inspired by the prayers of some ordained minister. Although Major D'Aeth had not been attained he was glad to say that to a degree it had been realised, as there was now in bellfries an office which could be read before any practice or service, and he was glad that even this much had been brought about during his Mastership. His other ideal was the revival of the Peace Bell. This was not his suggestion, because it was started before he came back from the war, though it was during his Mastership that it was sanctioned by the Bishop. The idea, however, had not come to maturity, though he hoped sincerely that it might be developed. Every parish had a bell, and this ought to be sounded once a week in order that everyone within hearing of it might be reminded of those men who laid down their lives for others (hear, hear). He looked upon the gift that the members had just presented to him not in the light of a consolation prize, but as the finest indication of esteem that they could possibly give him. He thanked them all very sincerely indeed for the kind co-operation he had received on all occasions, and for the splendid way in which they had consistently backed him up.

#### THE WAR MEMORIAL.

In making a statement as to the War Memorial screen in Salisbury Cathedral to ringers, Mr. Beams said that of the 107 towers affiliated with the Guild 40 had contributed. There was £59 7s. 1d. in the bank, £1 5s. had since been received, and that day's collection in St. Peter's Church had amounted to £2 5s. So that of the £200 required they had only in hand £62 17s. 1d. Further contributions would be thankfully received.

The Secretary stated that during the past year death had removed from their list of life members the honoured name of James W. Washbrook, a veritable prince of ringers, whose fame would endure for ever in the annals of the Exercise.—It was resolved to contribute £2 2s. towards a memorial to be erected to the deceased at Oxford.

The Secretary announced that he had received a communication from Whitchurch Canonorum stating that it was proposed to restore the bells there, for which it was desired that a sum of £250 might be raised.—Mr. Beams observed that the frame wanted renewing, and the bells wanted retuning, the object being to provide an admirable peal of eight bells.—On the motion of Mr. Beams, seconded by Mr. Northover, it was resolved to contribute £2 2s. towards the restoration fund.

After a short discussion it was resolved that the rules be so amended as to provide that in future, when difficulties arose between ringers and incumbents, the ringers should not withhold their services, but that appeal should be made to the Guild.

Votes of thanks were passed to those who had assisted in the arrangements for the day.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of the memorial bell at Hoole, Cheshire, on Sunday, will take place at 3.15 p.m.

It is proposed to erect a carillon, at a cost of about £15,000, at the University of Sydney, New South Wales, as a war memorial. The whole of the money was raised in little more than six months.

Members of the Norfolk Guild will be asked on Monday to discuss the question of changing the date of the annual meeting from the Autumn to Easter Monday.

It is not uninteresting to note that the Norfolk Guild, since its formation in 1877, has rung no fewer than 4,038 peals.

The Guild membership now comprises: Life members, 6; non-resident life members, 238; Suffolk non-resident life members, 192; Norfolk members, honorary, 38; performing, 339; probationers, 3; a total of 816.

Congratulations will be extended to Mr. E. Alex. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, not only upon reaching his 60th birthday on Friday last, but upon celebrating it with a peal of Grandsire Triples in which he rang the treble—his first peal away from the tenor.

The peal was rung by intimate friends at St. Mary's Church, Southampton, where Mr. Young was baptized, Southampton being his birthplace. It was a matter of gratification that Mr. Young has made a complete recovery from his recent accident, and was able to stand the strain of three and a half hours' ringing. The band desire to thank Mr. Young for his generosity, both before and after the peal.

Thirty years ago to-day the record of Grandsire Cinques, at that date, viz., 10,075, was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne. This record has since been exceeded by the 13,001 at Painswick.

Two interesting first performances took place on May 29th, 1901, when a peal of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells on the Irish Sea, and in the evening the first Surprise peal in Wales (New Cambridge at Bangor) was rung.

The first peal of New Cumberland Surprise Major was rung exactly 40 years ago on May 31st, at Burton-on-Trent, where at that date was one of the foremost bands in the country.

On May 31st, 1909, a peal of 11,040 Double Norwich Major was rung at Leiston, Suffolk, conducted by C. F. Bailey.

A handbell peal of 14,031 Stedman Caters was rung at Guildford on June 1st, 1912, in 7 hours 3 minutes.

The first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham was rung on June 3rd, 1775. This was a 5,324 Grandsire Cinques.

The anniversary of two interesting bell openings occur on June 4th. On this date in 1762 the new peal of ten at Bow, Cheapside, was rung for the first time, and in 1814 the bells at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, were opened.

The popular steeplekeeper at St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, Mr. John Overton, has just completed a half century of service, and a peal in celebration of the event was rung on Sunday week.

The correspondent who informed us of the College Youths' attempt for Dufield Maximus at Southwark 'in honour of the opening of the Wembley Exhibition,' was mistaken in the purpose of the peal. The attempt for the peal was made in an endeavour, in a small way, to popularise this musical but much neglected method, whose author was one of the greatest benefactors to the Exercise.

On Saturday week a new treble bell will be dedicated at Brightwalton, near Wantage, Berks.

## THE RAILWAY CENTENARY.

SUGGESTED RAILWAYMEN'S PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been suggested to me that a railwaymen's peal might be rung in connection with the railway centenary celebrations, which take place at Stockton on July 2nd. To carry out the idea properly, the peal should be rung at Stockton, or in that district, on the above date, and I would like to suggest that some of our Northern friends should consider whether or not this is practicable.

It so happens that I shall be away on holiday at that time, and so shall be unable to do anything, but if a peal in London later on, to celebrate the centenary year, could be rung by railwaymen, I shall be glad to help.

What do ringers who are workers on the railway think of the idea of a Railwaymen's Guild?—Yours faithfully,  
49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, E.17.

C. T. COLES.

## RECORD PEAL COMMEMORATION.

The Ashton-under-Lyne Society, on Sunday, May 17th, rang a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Ashton Parish Church, to celebrate the anniversary of that famous record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (16,608 changes), which was rung at the Church of St. Michael's, Mottam, Cheshire, on Whitsun Friday, May 18th, 1893, in 9 hours and 48 minutes.

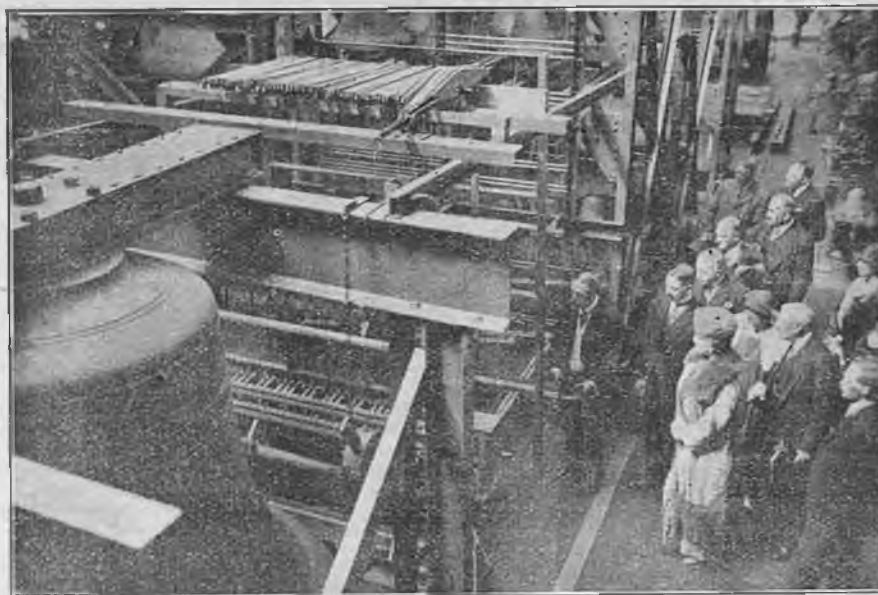
## THE KING AND QUEEN AT CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY.

### THE GREAT CARILLON SHIPPED TO NEW YORK.

The accompanying photograph shows their Majesties the King and Queen inspecting the New York Carillon at Croydon Bell Foundry, accompanied by Mr. Cyril Johnston, Miss Nora Johnston, and a number of distinguished guests, including Sir William Mitchell Thomson

completion of the great carillon, the employees of the firm had a most enjoyable social evening, which began with a concert and concluded with a dance.

The carillon which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have cast for New York has now been dismantled at the Croydon Bell Foundry, and conveyed to the Docks for shipment to America. The bass bell (9½



(Postmaster-General, and M.P. for South Croydon) and Mrs. Mitchell Thomson, the Mayor of Croydon (Alderman Southwell), and the Vicar of Croydon (the Rev. Canon Pat McCormick, D.S.O.).

To the left of the picture is the great 9½ ton bell.

Members of the staff, including the foremen, were presented to their Majesties, who witnessed the casting of one large and two small bells, as well as a miniature souvenir bell, which will be presented to the King and Queen.

On Friday last, to celebrate the firm's 81st birthday, and the

tons) left Croydon on Thursday evening, and had something of a triumphal progress through London on Friday, proceeding from Aberfeldy Street, Poplar, on one of the giant lorries of Messrs. E. W. Rudd, viz.: Commercial Road, Bishopsgate Street, Cheapside, Holborn, New Oxford Street, Hyde Park Corner, Park Lane, Knightsbridge, Brompton Road and Fulham Road, to Blake's Wharf, Fulham, where the bells were placed on lighters for transport down the Thames. The bells are being conveyed to New York by the Cunard Steamship Company.

## DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN DISTRICT'S ENJOYABLE MEETING.

An enjoyable meeting of the Northern District was held at Cramlington on May 16th, and was fairly well attended, some eighteen members and visitors being present from Newcastle, Gosforth and Cramlington. The five-toned peal of six were set going soon after three o'clock, and as the meeting was primarily for the encouragement and education of the less advanced members of the association, only the simpler methods were attempted.

An excellent tea was very kindly served, under the presidency of Mrs. Simm, in the Church Hall, at which were present the Vicar of Cramlington, and Mr. Davison, one of the churchwardens.—The Vicar, in an address of welcome to the visitors, expressed his extreme pleasure at meeting the association members from other districts, and stated that he would always be pleased to welcome them at any time. He took a great interest in the bells, and very much appreciated the services of his local ringers, under the able and painstaking charge of Mr. Oswald Simm, and he would always be pleased at any time to do what he could to further their important branch of church service.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Simm for the preparations they made for the visitors, by Mr. William Story, the vice-president of the Northern District; and Mr. Oswald Simm responded.

The tea was preceded by a most interesting game of quoits, when several of the ringers showed that it is possible also for them to get 'ringers' on the quoit pitch as well as being ringers on the tower bells, whilst, after tea a Jazz band of the local ringers gave an enjoyable concert.

Later, the tower was again visited, and a 720 of Kent Treble Rob Minor, conducted by Mr. Oswald Simm, came round in good time, and concluded a most delightful day.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Saturday, May 16th. This famous peal of bells, coupled with the beautiful weather, brought together a goodly company, bent on doing full justice to the excellent tone of the bells. Ringing commenced at 3.15 p.m., and some good touches in standard methods, in which several rang their first inside, were brought round. The company then adjourned to the hall, where an excellent tea was provided by the local band, and ladies of the entertainments committee (not forgetting the 'Flemish'), and was much appreciated. Afterwards were rung a few touches on handbells.

At the business meeting, one new member, Mr. L. G. Landymore, South Hackney, was elected.

It is proposed to hold the next meeting at Barnet and Hadley on Saturday, July 18th.

The District Master referred to the annual summer outing of the association, to be held at Marlow on June 27th, and asked all members and friends to support it.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the Rev. S. L. Sarel, for the use of the bells; to Mr. Stevens, steeplekeeper; to the ladies who waited at table; and to the local company for the hearty manner in which they had welcomed us.

A move was again made to the tower, where a course of Cambridge Major and touches in standard methods, brought a most successful day's ringing to a close.

During the day about forty members and friends attended, all expressing appreciation of this fine old peal, and the excellent 'go'; many expressions of admiration were also made of the peal boards placed in the tower to record the recent peal of Grand sire Triples, rung by the local company, the board being the workmanship of one of their own members.

### THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Second Session of the Twelfth Council (33rd annual meeting) will be held in the Refectory, the Cathedral, Chester, on Whitsun Tuesday, June 2nd, 1925, at 11 a.m. precisely.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30, from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

#### AGENDA, 1925.

##### GENERAL.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Statement of Accounts and Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Presentation of New Members to the President.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz.:-

- (a) Peal Collection.
- (b) Literature and Press.
- (c) Methods.
- (d) Peals Analysis.
- (e) Towers and Belfries.
- (f) Records.
- (g) Science Museum Exhibit.
- (h) Nomenclature.

7. Honorary Secretary to present Card of Instructions, and ask for directions as to circulating same.

##### MOTIONS.

8. That considering the future possibilities of Radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of 'Bell-chiming' occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of Bell Ringing, and, further, to request the Committee to bring to the Notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.
9. That this Council as a general rule disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten.
10. Rules and Decisions, 1891-1903, page 13. In the paragraphs headed:-
  - (a) 'On nine and eleven bells.'
  - (b) 'On eight, ten or twelve bells.'
 Move to omit the words 'in any one method.'
11. Rules and Decisions 1909 (Rules 9 and 12). Move that it be an instruction to the Honorary Secretary that he adds the names of the Proposer and Second of a motion, when the same is printed in the Agenda.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, London, S.E.6.

The official headquarters will be Blossom's Hotel, where letters for the officers should be addressed.

The Roll of Honour will be brought from St. Paul's Cathedral Library, and will be available for inspection at the Council's meeting.

#### CHESTER'S GUILD'S ARRANGEMENTS.

Particulars of the arrangements made by the Chester Guild were given in full in our last issue. They include ringing at the Cathedral, and various churches on Sunday and Monday, a trip to Eaton Hall on Monday afternoon, Evensong in the Cathedral at 4.15 on Tuesday, followed by tea in the Refectory at 5.30, and a social evening at the Grosvenor Hotel at 8 p.m.

#### FOR INFORMATION, APPLY TO—

Members of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Chester Diocesan Guild to look after the entertainment of the Central Council during the visit to Chester, will wear the St. Werburgh's badge as a distinguishing sign. This badge is a bronze medal of St. Werburgh's geese in a basket. Members of the Council will by this means, be able to recognise to whom they should go for information.

#### ECCLESTON CHURCH.

Members of the Central Council and their friends who are visiting Chester, should make a point of seeing the church at Eccleston, which was built by the late Duke of Westminster regardless of cost, and was dedicated on Ascension Day, 1900.

This church is designed in the style of the 14th century, and is strictly English in its character. It is groined throughout with red sandstone vaulting, and the whole of the interior is of wrought-stone ashlar.

The bells are a peal of eight (tenor 26½ cwt.) by John Taylor and Co., and the tower will be open for ringing in the evening on Whit Monday.

#### INTERESTING FEATURES OF ANCIENT CITY.

When the Central Council meet at Chester at Whitsuntide they will visit one of the most interesting old cities in the country.

Chester, says a recent writer in a weekly periodical, is one of the strangest survivals of the Middle Ages to be found in Britain. Nowhere else are the walls so complete—red sandstone walls some six centuries old, partly following the line of the ancient Roman fortifications, and making a circuit of nearly two miles.

A narrow pavement along the top accords a delightful walk, and from time to time we come to sturdy towers, including the water tower, where ships used to be moored in the days when the tidal waters of the Dee came right up to the city. At one turning-point of the walls are the Washing Steps, where, we are told, all our wishes are granted if we can rush up and down eighteen steps seven times without taking breath.

No stone wears so badly as Chester sandstone, and the Cathedral had become the most dilapidated in Europe when Sir Gilbert Scott set to work to restore it.

One of the unique features of Chester is known as the Rows, which enable shops to double their attractions and shoppers to multiply their joys. Along the first floor of the four principal streets, which meet at the Market Cross, are strange galleries or arcades, forming a second sidewalk with a second set of shop windows. They are approached by flights of nine steps and run along over the ceilings of the ground floors of the projecting houses.

Nothing really like them is to be seen anywhere else in the world, though one or two Swiss and Italian towns possess imitations. They were probably conceived in the times of marauders from Wales.

Chester is full of beautiful old houses, and houses so cleverly restored that they keep up the ancient atmosphere. Cheshire possessed abundant forests, and the timber was used lavishly for outer beams and balconies and groins and colonnades.

Chester is thought to be honeycombed with subterranean ways like Rome and Paris, a regular rabbit warren, which may some day be brought to light.

We enter a teashop and find ourselves in a vaulted crypt of the year 1230, which was discovered by accident in 1833, when the owner wanted more storage accommodation and set men to clear the ground, who soon found they had no need to excavate. It was probably the chapel of a small monastery.

The New Gate, which is certainly 300 years old, was shut up for a long time because a young man ran away with the mayor's daughter while she was playing in Pepper Street. Hence arose a local variation of the proverb about the stable door: 'When the daughter is stolen, then shut the Pepper Gate.'

Some of the old inns have scarcely changed at all during the lapse of centuries. 'Ye Olde Blue Bell' was licensed in 1494. The Yacht Inn is more modern. Dean Swift was detained there by a storm, and invited the church dignitaries to sup with him. But none of them turned up, perhaps dreading the sharp tongue of the author of 'Gulliver's Travels,' so he revenged himself by writing a rude rhyme on the window with his diamond ring:—

Rotten without and mouldering within.

This place and its clergy are all near akin.

Chester is specially fortunate in her recreation ground, known as the Roodee or Rood-eye, which means Island of the Cross. Once upon a time this cross fell on the lady of the manor and killed her while she was at her prayers. For this it was solemnly tried, convicted of murder, and drowned in the River Dee. But it came up with the tide, and the superstitious say it has since worked miracles.

Chester does not neglect modern activities and conveniences. She ranks as an important railway centre, has twelve square miles of land for potential factories, and thrives on such industries as flour milling, wire and tobacco manufacture, anchor and chain making, and boat-building.

#### STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1925.

| RECEIPTS.                                 |     | £   | s. | d. |
|---|-----|-----|----|----|
| Balance in Bank                           | ... | 62  | 17 | 1  |
| Affiliation Fees                          | ... | 13  | 17 | 6  |
| Sale of Publications (Nil)                | ... | —   | —  | —  |
| Stock, i.e., £50 14s. 9d. War Bonds, 1927 | ... | 4   | 9  | 4  |
| Stock, i.e., £50 War Bonds, 1928          | ... | —   | —  | —  |
| Total                                     | ... | £81 | 3  | 11 |
| EXPENDITURE.                              |     | £   | s. | d. |
| Gratuity at London                        | ... | 0   | 5  | 0  |
| C. W. O. Jerken (loss on Sales Account)   | ... | 2   | 5  | 6  |
| R. A. Young (Stationery, Postage, etc.)   | ... | 3   | 14 | 4  |
| 'Ringing World' (Printing)                | ... | 3   | 9  | 6  |
| Cash in Hand                              | ... | 3   | 18 | 2  |
| Balance in Bank                           | ... | 67  | 11 | 5  |
| Total                                     | ... | £81 | 3  | 11 |



**DEATH OF A WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER.****MR. JOHN BRADNEY'S CAREER.**

While sitting peacefully in his chair at Idsall Cottage, Penn Fields, near Wolverhampton, Mr. John Bradney breathed his last on March 30th, at the age of 75 years, and was laid to rest in Penn Fields Churchyard on April 3rd.

He began his ringing career at Shifnal—rather late in life—and, with the assistance of the late Mr. Rowland Cartwright, was instrumental in reviving change ringing in that noted tower of bygone days. He taught a band of youths, who, on February 22nd, 1906, were successful in ringing a peal of Grandsire Triples—their ages averaging 20 years, which was claimed to be a record at that time. His list of peals totalled 47, made up as follows: Grandsire Doubles 2, Triples 31 (conducted 2), Caters 4, Plain Bob Triples 2 (conducted 1), Bob Major 1 (composed by him and rung for the first time), and Stedman Triples 7. These were rung under the auspices of the Shifnal Albion Society, Salop Archidiaconal Guild, St. Martin's Guild (Birmingham), Hereford Diocesan Guild, Midland Counties Association, Worcestershire and Districts Association, Warwickshire Association, and the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. The list includes one of Grandsire Caters rung at Aston, Birmingham, on May 2nd, 1914, by veterans whose ages totalled 653 years and 10 months (an average of 85 years and 4 months). At the time it was claimed to be the oldest band to ring a peal on 10. Alas! only four of the band remain with us to-day.

The deceased, in his early life, was connected with a well-known firm of contractors in Wolverhampton, and supervised the laying of railway tracks and the construction of important buildings in various parts of the country. Latterly he was in business as a quantity surveyor in Birmingham and Wolverhampton—in the latter place up to the time of his death.

**CLEOBURY MORTIMER BELLS REHUNG.****RESTORATION OF AN ANCIENT HEREFORDSHIRE PEAL.**

In January, 1924, the authorities at Cleobury Mortimer Parish Church decided that something must be done to the bells, and wisely invited the Master of the Hereford Guild (Mr. C. Edwards) to make an inspection and report to the Parochial Council. On examination, it was found that all the bells were sound, but the framework and fittings were in a deplorable state, and the advice was 'have complete clear out and put in a new frame.' The bells were cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1757 (tenor 12 cwt.), and very little attention had been given since, as the bells had not been even quarter turned.

Estimates were obtained, and the work entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have made a most excellent job of it by erecting a new iron and steel frame about 15ft. lower in the tower than the original. The frame is placed on steel girders, securely braced all ways to the tower walls. The bells are all hung on the most modern principles, and run on ball bearings. The bells themselves were taken to the foundry, the treble recast, and the rest tuned and sand blasted, with the result that they are now a perfect and musical six.

There being no local ringers, the Guild Master was invited to take a band of ringers from Hereford for the reopening, which took place on May 7th. At the service there were quite 500 people present. The Bishop of Hereford was the preacher, and in his address dealt with the many secular and sacred uses of bells. Immediately after the dedication by the Bishop a few rounds were rung, and after the service the bells were set going to Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman.

The ringers were entertained to tea by the Vicar, about twenty sitting down. They had come from Ludlow, Chur, Bridgnorth and Bromfield, and the party included the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Hopesay), Mr. S. Roper, representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the Rev. G. W. Turner, secretary of the Hereford Guild.

After tea, the tower was again visited, and various methods rung until 7.45, when it was thought advisable to return home, as the weather was not on its best behaviour. Everyone was pleased with the excellent work that has been done by the bell hangers, and it is hoped that a local band will very soon be organised and become affiliated to the Guild, as the Ludlow district is quite ready to take them in hand.

**BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting was held at the picturesque village of Cawthorne, amid lovely weather, on Saturday, May 16th. Members attended from Barnsley, Darfield, Roystone, Hoylandswaine, Wortley, Wath, Horbury, Sandal, Shelley, Penistone, and members of the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued with slight intermission until 9.30 p.m., in a variety of methods, acceptable to learners and others. Tea was provided at the Spencer's Arms by Miss Heywood, who rendered yeoman service for the benefit and comfort of everyone at the meeting.

The usual vote of thanks was heartily given after the business meeting. Afterwards, the evening being warm, members assembled in cheerful groups to chat and listen to the sounds of the bells.

**TRAGIC END OF A CARDIFF RINGER.**

The Llandaff and Monmouth Association has lost one of its oldest and keenest members, in the person of Mr. W. B. Biss. On Thursday, May 14th, he took part in the usual practice at St. John's, Cardiff. The day following, whilst partaking of fish, a bone lodged in his throat. He was taken to Cardiff Hospital, and operated upon, but complications set in, and he gradually sank, and passed away on Wednesday of last week.

It was intended to ring a muffled peal on Sunday afternoon, but owing to a specially arranged service this could not be attempted. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) was, however, rung half-muffled for the evening service by the following: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, G. Large 3, J. W. Jones 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Coombes 8, F. Chamberlain 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****GRIMSBY DISTRICT AT ELSHAM.**

A Grimsby District meeting was held at Elsham on Saturday, May 16th, when members were present from Bigby, Barrow-on-Humber, Grimsby, Scunthorpe, Burton-on-Stather, and the local tower; Messrs. Howell and friends from Hull; the Rev. E. W. Carpenter (Kingerby), and the Rev. J. H. Park (Thornton Curtis). The handy peal of six were kept going during the afternoon in various methods, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Frith). Hymns were heartily sung, and the Vicar gave a most interesting address. Mr. Harold Rushby, of Grimsby, the district organist, presided at the organ. Tea was partaken of in the school, to which 31 members and friends sat down.

The President (the Rev. H. T. Parry) presided at the business meeting which followed.

Owing to the Ringing Master (Mr. E. S. Long) having left the district to reside at Sheffield, a new Ringing Master had to be appointed.—The President spoke of the loss which the district had sustained by Mr. Long's departure, and said it would also be a great loss to St. Andrew's company, Grimsby, where he was conductor.—Mr. C. W. Taylor proposed Mr. G. Blanchard, of Bigby, as Ringing Master.—This was seconded by Mr. C. Bird, and Mr. Blanchard was duly elected.—Eight new members from Scunthorpe, two from Bigby, two from Elsham and two from Burton-on-Stather were elected.

The Rev. J. H. Park, of Thornton Curtis, was elected as an hon. member, and spoke of the great task in front of him in getting a band together again in Thornton Curtis, where two or three years ago they used to have a good company. He thought it only right that he should set an example and join the Guild. He thanked Mr. E. Darnett and other ringers of Barrow-on-Humber for the pains they have taken in trying to teach some young men of the tower on their practice nights, and hoped they would get a band together in the near future.

The confirmation of the election of Mr. C. Bird, Mr. J. Almond, of Scunthorpe, and Mr. Cole, of Burton-on-Stather, was agreed to, and a collection for the Grimsby District Bell Fund amounted to 11s. 6d.

The Rev. C. Steele, Vicar of Scunthorpe, sent an apology for non-attendance.

The President, in welcoming the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, spoke of the great work which he had done for the Exercise for so many years on the Analysis Committee, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter said it gave him much pleasure to be amongst the ringers that day.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. C. H. Frith for arranging the meeting, for the service and address, and for the use of the bells; and to Mrs. Frith, the ringers' wives and friends for the splendid tea they had provided; to the president for presiding; and to Mr. Rushby for presiding at the organ.

Scunthorpe was selected for an extra meeting, to be held on Saturday, September 26th.

Members then adjourned to the belfry for more ringing, the methods including Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles, Kent and Bob Minor, which brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The next meeting is at Bigby on Saturday, June 6th.

**RINGING IN BELFAST.**

On May 17th, the team of ringers of St. Thomas', Belfast, journeyed to Lurgan, where there is a fine ring of eight bells by Taylor (1878), with tenor of 22 cwt. They rang the bells for morning and evening services. Only call charges were rung, but the young team handled their bells admirably. They are anxious to learn change ringing, and can manage Bob Doubles on handbells quite well, but have not yet got the rope sight for tower bells.

The following were the ringers: D. Ireland, J. Waring, T. Waring, W. Long, A. Abraham, F. G. Elliott, R. W. Adamson and N. Robinson. This is the first visit to Lurgan by St. Thomas' Society since the year 1913 or 1914. An invitation to Dublin has been received from Mr. G. Lindoff, and it is hoped that some will be able to accept.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**CROYDON.**—At the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, May 24th, for Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: \*J. Rumble, junr., 1, J. Rumble, sear., 2, G. H. Humphries 3, H. Skelt 4. A. W. Clark 5, J. Cawley 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, J. E. Cooper 8. \* First quarter of Stedman. — On

**NORTHLEACH, GLOS.** — On Sunday, May 24th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins., from Groves' Variation of Parker's 12-Part: J. C. Acocck 1, D. Hills 2, R. Westmacott 3, J. Mustoe 4, J. Sly 5, H. Barrett 6, C. Westmacott (conductor) 7, J. Cook 8.

**STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—At the Church of St. Giles for evensong, on Sunday, May 24th (Empire Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: G. Pedley, aged 13 (first quarter) 1, W. Clarke 2, E. C. Lambert 3, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, W. W. Bonham 6, W. M. Pedley 7, E. Yates 8.

**LAWTON, CHESHIRE.**—For evening service, on Sunday, May 24th, 1,008 Stedman Triples, in 35 mins.: E. Harper 1, W. Longman 2, T. Arrowsmith 3, G. Biddulph 4, W. Rigby 5, J. Wildblood 6, J. Booth (conductor) 7, R. Arrowsmith 8. Longest touch of Stedman by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

**ELTHAM.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Flowers 1, F. Fraser 2, C. Bines (first quarter) 3, P. Spice 4, R. Thompson 5, G. Huxley 6, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C., 7, F. J. Hurrell (first in the method as conductor) 8.

**SANDHURST, BERKS.**—On Sunday, May 24th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Payne 1, A. Doe 2, C. Barlow (conductor) 3, E. Barlow 4, G. Englefield 5, J. Moth 6.—For evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. Barlow 1, A. Doe 2, C. Doe 3, E. Barlow 4, G. Englefield 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6.

**LOWER REEDING, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, May 24th, Empire Day, at Holy Trinity Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 minutes, being 240 each of St. Simons, the Dream, Canterbury, Pleasure, Bob Doubles, and 300 Grandsire Doubles: J. Mitchell 1, R. Langridge 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hinds 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6. First quarter-peal by all the band, in five methods, except the conductor.

**EXETER.**—On Sunday, May 10th, for Divine service, at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, on the Minor 10, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 59 minutes, as follows: J. Arbury 1, J. Oke 2, T. Laver 3, W. Lethbridge 4, F. Murphy 5, J. Sandover 6, E. Gardner 7, C. Glass 8, F. J. Davey (conductor) 9, J. Harris 10. First quarter on the Minor Ten.—On Saturday, April 25th, in 55 minutes, at the same church, on the 'Thomas' eight, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Harris 1, F. J. Davey 2, T. Bartlett 3, T. Laver 4, F. Murphy 5, A. Mitchell 6, J. Sandover (conductor) 7, G. Bells 8.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.**

The spring meeting of the Witney and Woodstock Branch was held at Wootton on May 9th. There were 47 members and friends present, including representatives from the following towers: Woodstock, Kidlington, Tackley, Combe, Witney, Stonesfield, Bladon, Freeland, Wootton and Eynsham.

A service was held in the Parish Church, and a helpful address was given by the Rev. W. H. L. O'Rourke, M.A., Rector of Woodstock. Those present were entertained to a substantial tea, through the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. F. R. Marriott). The chair was taken by the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, chairman of the branch.—The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, and it was carried with enthusiasm.

The report and balance sheet were read by the Hon. Secretary, who stated that progress had been made both in honorary and ringing members. There was a balance of £20 10s. 7d. brought forward from last year.

Mr. Monk proposed, and Mr. W. Judge seconded, 'That the sum of five guineas be given to the Washbrook Memorial Fund.'—This was carried.

It was resolved that Mr. W. Judge should be the third representative on the Guild Committee.—Thirty-three new members were elected.—The Secretary stated that this was the largest number they had ever elected at one meeting.

The Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) addressed the branch, and congratulated them on the progress they had made. He expressed his pleasure that they had made a donation to the Washbrook Memorial Fund.

The General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) asked those present to try and see if they could not get the towers to do something for the memorial, seeing that many present could remember the good work Mr. Washbrook had done to improve change ringing, especially in that district.—The Guild treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright) added a few words.

A vote of thanks to the preacher and the Master concluded the meeting.

**NORTH BERKS BRANCH.**

The North Berkshire Branch held a very successful annual meeting at Drayton on Saturday, May 23rd, some 70 members and friends attending. The Vicar (the Rev. Littlewood) officiated at the service, assisted by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), who gave the address.

Tea was afterwards served in the Institute, and was followed by a business meeting. The secretary's report showed the branch to be in a flourishing condition, with some 175 members, 19 towers, and a balance in hand of £17.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert and Mr. A. J. Wright, having spoken on the claims of the Washbrook Memorial Fund, £4 was voted toward it by the Branch.

The meeting over, the tower was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge, were rung.

Abingdon, Milton, Stevenston and Sutton Courtney towers were open for ringing to the members, and many availed themselves of the opportunity to have a pull. Wallingford was selected for the next branch meeting, on September 19th.

**M.C.A. ANNUAL MEETING.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The letters you have recently published concerning the arrangements of the annual meeting of the M.C.A. at Leicester are welcome, inasmuch as criticism denotes interest. At this point, may I say the committee is willing, and indeed anxious, to arrange details to suit the members. The next annual meeting is a long way off, but it is not too early for those interested to express their wishes to their particular district committee, so that at the intervening quarterly meetings of the association suggestions may be considered, and the best possible arrangements made.—Yours truly, A. C. WRIGHT.

**THE BANNED BANNS BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your issue of the 15th inst., I read with astonishment an announcement by the Vicar of Addlestone, Surrey, that there will be no 'Banns Bell' rung during his incumbency.

In thus enforcing his own views of marriage, which, to say the least, may be infelicitous, he is abrogating a custom which probably dates back to Pre-Reformation times.

It is, undoubtedly, vandals of this kind who are responsible for the discontinuance of the curfew in so many places.—Yours, E. B. BARTER.

**SWINDON.**—On Empire Day, May 24th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,259 changes): C. J. Gardiner 1, A. Lawrence 2, S. Palmer 3, R. W. Hyner 4, A. W. Bond 5, R. Townsend 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, H. A. Hearl 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

## NOTICES.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at North Weald on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Melbourne on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. until 6.30 and after evening service. All ringers invited.—Chas. Draper, Local Hon. Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Sudbury District.—A meeting will be held at Assington on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Scott, Dis. Sec., Sudbury.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Walberton on Saturday, May 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The summer meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at the Lytton Arms. Tea 1s. 3d. each. Ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, May 30th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Hon. Dis. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held on Whit Monday, June 1st, at Northampton. Committee meeting in St. Giles' School at 11.15 a.m. Service in St. Giles' Church at 12 noon. Luncheon and business meeting at 1 p.m. at Valentine's Cafe, 36, Gold Street. Towers available: St. Peter's (8) and Kingsthorpe (6) from 10 to 11.15 a.m. only; All Saints (8) after lunch; St. Giles (10), St. Edmund's (8) throughout the day.—D. J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The Annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit Monday, June 1st. The bells of the Cathedral (10) available for ringing 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Sharow bells (8) available all day. Committee meeting at the Black Bull Hotel at 12.30. Services in the Cathedral 10 a.m. and 4.45 p.m. Lunch will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel at 1 p.m., members 1/6, non-members 2/6. Annual business meeting to follow.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting for ringing only will take place at Ambleside and Brathay on Whit Monday, June 1st. Bells (8) and (6) will be available afternoon and evening. Visitors welcome.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 1st. Service in the Cathedral at 12.15. Dinner at the Booth Hall at 1, followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. C. Edwards) in the chair. Tickets for dinner should be obtained by May 26th from district secretaries, or from the general secretary, Rev. G. W. Turner, Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—The annual meeting will be held in Plymouth on Whit Monday. Service at Charles Church 12 noon. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of Plymouth. Dinner in Charles Church Hall 1 p.m., followed by business meeting. Towers available at various times: Charles (10), Emmanuel (8), Plympton St. Mary (8), Plympton St. Maurice (8), Stoke (6).—Rev. E. V. Cox, Gen. Hon. Sec., The Vicarage, Exmouth.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—The 46th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit-Monday, June 1st. 11.30 a.m., Service in the Cathedral, with address by the Rev. J. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield. 12.15, meeting in Cathedral Hall. 1.30, Lunch at Hicks' Restaurant, High Street, price 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during the day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Great Baddow (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). No ringing permitted during service and meeting.—F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treas., 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Scarborough on Whit Monday, June 2nd, when the Parish Church bells (by permission of the Vicar) will be available from 11 a.m. The 6th and tenor have recently been quarter turned and hung on ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston.—H. Ferguson, 55, Mayville Avenue, Scarborough.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Portmadoc on Whit Monday. Service at St. John's Church 2.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present please notify Mr. P. Roberts, Cambria, Station Road, Portmadoc, as early as possible, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, near Chester.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, All Saints (8) on Whit Monday. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at North Shields and Whitley Bay. The bells of North Shields (10) and Whitley Bay (8) are available all day. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and dinner at 1 o'clock, at the Albion Grill, Saville Street, North Shields. Dinner 2s. to members, 4s. to non-members.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting will be held at Norwich on Whit Monday, June 1st. By kind permission of the Vicar, the ring of twelve bells at St. Peter Mancroft, and also, by permission of the Vicar, the ring of eight bells at St. John de Sepulchre will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at Messrs. William Grix, Limited, Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, at 1 p.m.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637). — Meetings will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on June 2nd, and Sunday, the 21st (6 p.m.); St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 4th; St. Magnus on the 11th and 25th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.**—The next meeting and the cup contest will be held at Norton, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 6th. The draw for the order of ringing will take place at 3.30 prompt. Tea and presentation of cup at 6 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield, not later than Tuesday, June 2nd?—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 2.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify me by June 4th. All welcome.—H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at Cheadle (R.C.) Church. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present please send word on or before June 2nd to Mr. A. W. Hall, 77, Queen Street, Cheadle, Staffs?—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing friends welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Alexander Café, to be followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Wednesday, June 3rd? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Dis. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**BRIGHTWALTON.** — The new treble bell will be dedicated on Saturday, June 6th. Service at 4. Preacher, Dr. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Collection for Bell Fund. Tea 4.50. All ringing friends welcome, but please notify me by Wednesday, June 3rd. — J. E. Hedges, Brightwalton, Wantage.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. H. Poole King. Tea 5 p.m. (6d. for members, 1s. for others). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Bourton (6), Zeals (6). Will those wishing to be present at the tea kindly let me know by June 1st?—R. E. P. Gorringer, Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster, Newton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 12.30 o'clock. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. — Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Somersham on June 6th. All wishing for tea (in the Church Room) are requested to write by June 2nd to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Berkhamsted on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 6th. St. Saviour's bells (8) available at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at Werry's Cafe, Stall Street, at 5.30. Ringing at St. Michael's at 6.30. Please let me know by Tuesday, June 2nd, if requiring tea.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham. Bells ready 2.30, also bowls and clock golf in Ncarage grounds. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., free to all who send in their names not later than Tuesday, June 2nd.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Wisbech, on Saturday, June 6th. Six bells. Good condition. Will those who intend to be present please let me know by June 1st? It is the wish of the Rector. Service, tea and business meeting.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. The annual branch meeting, tea and social has been arranged for Saturday, August 15th, at the Burnley Parish Church.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, June 6th (to coincide with 33rd anniversary of 16,608 Treble Bob Major). Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 4.45, at a charge of 6d. each. Please notify me by Thursday, June 4th, of intention to be present. Short business meeting to follow, at which the Vicar has kindly consented to preside. All ringers welcome.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30. The annual outing has been fixed for Saturday, June 27th, to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1, 1.25 and 2.7 p.m.; return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s. All members invited.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.



**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual cup contest on six bells will take place at Hoylandswaine on June 13th, commencing at 3.15 p.m. (draw at 2.40 p.m.). Secretaries and all other intending visitors kindly note that tea will be provided for all those notifying Mr. L. Wilkinson on or before Tuesday, June 9th. In view of the above event the usual monthly meeting will not be held in June.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 10th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea please write by June 10th to F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing from 3.20, and tea will be arranged, as usual, at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, June 9th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Will local secretaries and members please note? Further details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Southern District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 20th. Further particulars later.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Saturday, June 20th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. Business after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 17th? Everyone will be heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., Lynch, Berkeley.

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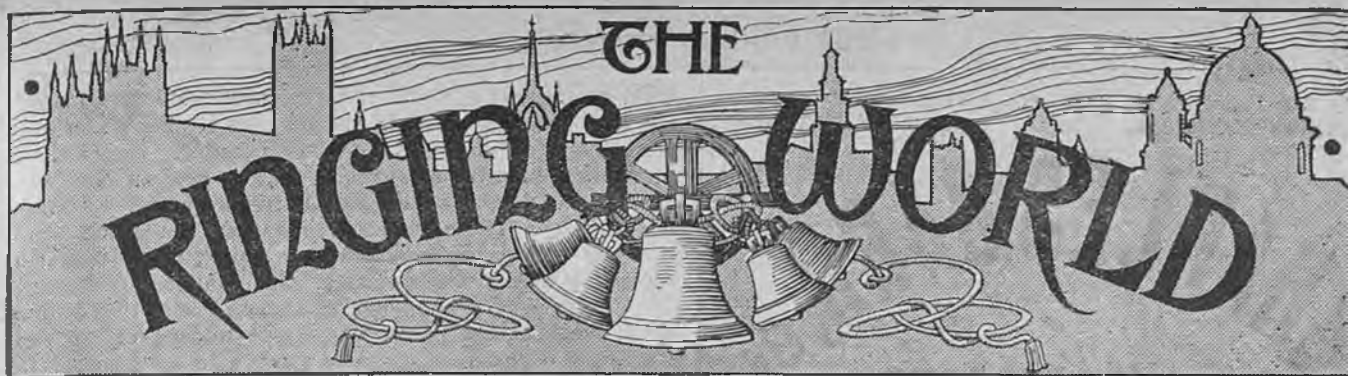
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The question of peal points and their value as an incentive to ringing, or a comparison of merit, is a constantly recurring one, and the annual publication of the Peals Analysis is generally the occasion for reviving comment. Does the allocation of points for peals serve any real purpose? Opinions are divided on this matter, but, under the present method of dealing with the points, it certainly seems that they carry no great weight as an indication of the relative merits of the performances, either in regard to individual peals, or to the work of an association.

In compiling statistics of this kind there are, of course, many features which cannot be calculated in arriving at a value to be represented by points, but which, nevertheless, are of importance in appraising the true merits of a peal. The only thing that is now taken into account is the presumed intricacy of the method and the length of the peal, and even so, despite a long-continued attempt some years ago to fix relative values, there is still only a more or less rough-and-ready method of allocating the points, by placing methods in groups. This allocation does, perhaps, approximate to justice; but, leaving out of account those considerations which must vary with every peal, such as the first in the method, or by the band, there seems to be opportunity to overhaul the present assessment of points. By those who have had the experience, it is unanimously held, we believe, that 'spliced' method peals are unquestionably of greater value than a peal entirely in one of the methods. Again, it is held by competent judges that 'double-handed' handbell peals should be given more points than tower bell peals in the same method. This latter point has been discussed before, and, if we remember aright, the Council decided against it, but it is worth reconsideration. There is no argument in saying that each ringer gets double the number of points for his performance, when the peal is rung on handbells, because, under the present system, the individual is not taken into account. It may be equally advanced that no account is taken of anything but the complexity of a method, but there is no question that there is an added complexity to the performance when one man rings two bells.

Another question is that of the existing allocation of points, and there are those who consider that some revision is necessary. To take two of the most commonly rung methods, for example. On paper, Grandsire may be as simple a method as Plain Bob, but given a band equally capable in either method, it is, we think, not above argument that they would lose more peals of Grandsire Triples than of Bob Major in an equal number of attempts, which

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would prove that the former is the more difficult to ring in actual practice. Yet in the analysis Grandsire Triples does not get as many points as Bob Major. Again, is it not fairly generally recognised that a peal of Stedman Triples is at least as difficult to ring as a peal of Stedman Caters? There are other instances which one could quote, but these are sufficient, we think, to show that a reconsideration of the points in question was necessary. The Council had really come to a stage where they had to decide whether the points should be revised or cut out altogether. The decision to do away with the peal points, by an overwhelming majority, shows how strongly the view has grown in recent years that peal points are in reality valueless.

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On Thursday, May 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in D.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. P. EVANS ... Treble | JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK J. BAILEY... .. 2    | GEORGE LARGE ... .. 7       |
| SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 3           | ERNEST COOMBS... .. 8       |
| FRANK J. BAILEY... .. 4        | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9   |
| JOHN DAVIES ... .. 5           | SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to William B. Biss, a colleague and fellow ringer of the above who, as already reported, died under such tragic circumstances.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble | * EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 6 |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 2   | JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 7  |
| JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 3 | E. HARRY STONELEY ... 8   |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 4       | JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 9    |
| EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5    | PERCY PRICE ... .. Tenor  |

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\* 50th peal. First of Kent Royal on the bells. By the above, the conductor has now called peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in the Kent Variation.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... .. 6   |
| *SIDNEY PROCTOR ... .. 2  | WALTER H. WOOD ... .. 7     |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3 | HORACE M. DAY ... .. 8      |
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**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

B. ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| GEORGE H. MARTIN ... .. Treble | HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5  |
| WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 2          | ALBAN E. SLATTER ... .. 6 |
| EDWARD DARE ... .. 3           | ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 7  |
| PERCY JONES ... .. 4           | GEORGE COOKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. COOKE.

First peal of Bob Major for all the band. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. Rung as an Empire Day peal.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| *A. BOULTON ... .. Treble | *GEO. KEMBALL ... .. 5    |
| *J. APPLETON ... .. 2     | THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 3  | † J. C. POLLARD ... .. 7  |
| F. BARBER ... .. 4        | R. LAUGHTON ... .. Tenor  |

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|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES MARSHALL ... .. Treble | JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5         |
| HARRY HOLDEN ... .. 2        | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6  |
| WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3      | C. ERNEST PERKINS ... .. 7  |
| JACK KENDALL ... .. 4        | WALTER MASTERS ... .. Tenor |

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*On Monday, May 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve 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.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HENRY HUTTON ... .. Treble  | HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 5         |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... .. 6   |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3    | C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 7     |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4       | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. PELLING.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

PENDLETON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, May 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble  | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 5      |
| SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... .. 2   | WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK J. STEELE ... .. 3 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 7        |
| JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ... .. 4 | HERBERT GREENHALGH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of H. Greenhalgh; also as a birthday compliment to S. Greenhalgh. F. J. Steele's first peal for 15 years.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On May 19th, 720 of Bob Minor: T. B. Kendall 1, F. Seagar 2, Mrs. F. Seagar 3, J. Broadley 4, H. Stott 5, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 6. First 720 in any method ever rung by a local lady ringer at Shipley

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM RENWICK ... .. Treble | CRCIL ROBINSON ... .. 5       |
| THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 2       | WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... .. 6  |
| *MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... .. 3 | WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... .. 7    |
| GEORGE KEMBALL ... .. 4        | THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

\* First peal in any method, and first attempt for a peal. First peal by lady at the Parish Church.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, May 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble | HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 5         |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2        | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6    |
| *MUS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. 3     | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7  |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 4       | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

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

\* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. V. A. Jarrett.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble | JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 5 |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2       | *GEORGE CHAPLIN ... .. 6  |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 3      | *JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7    |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4        | JAMES PAGETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\* Proposed a member before starting.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, May 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | GEORGE DURLING ... .. 5     |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 2          | *ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6       |
| ARTHUR G. MASON ... .. 3       | ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 7 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4        | DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor  |

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.

\* 300th peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,*

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES H. WALKLATE ... Treble | JOHN MALYAN ... .. 5         |
| THOMAS J. HOLL ... .. 2        | LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... .. 6 |
| WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 3      | HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7    |
| WILLIAM LITTLE ... .. 4        | FRANK BEESON ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

LEWISHAM, S.E.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. Treble | WALTER SMITH ... .. 5       |
| HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2    | ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 6 |
| JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 3           | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| GEORGE DURLING ... .. 4         | ISAAC EMERY ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' (Adapted).  
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                                   |                                   |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. Treble | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5         |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2          | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 6     |
| JOHN HAYES... .. 3                | JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 7            |
| GEORGE R. JONES... .. 4           | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER, SEN.

First peal as conductor.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF REAL SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEORGE HILL ... .. Treble      | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5   |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 2   | E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6 |
| EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 3        | PERCY PRICE... .. 7        |
| JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... .. 4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The composition has 240 78's in courses of four leads throughout, and rung for the first time. First peal of 'Real' Superlative by all the band. Mr. Geo. Hill hails from Penistone, and was elected a member before starting.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE MARRINER ... .. Treble | JOHN HOYLE... .. 5           |
| JOHN BRAMS ... .. 2           | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 6 |
| MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 3   | ALBERT HARMEN... .. 7        |
| HERBERT J. SKELT ... .. 4     | AMOS W. CLARK ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by AMOS W. CLARK.

\* First attempt on an inside bell in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES.

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble | GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 5    |
| JOHN WILKINSON .. ... 2    | THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. 6  |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3    | JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 7  |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4 | EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Arranged for Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland.

## WARFIELD, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL-THE-ARCHANGEL.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

ROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MISS V. ROBINSON ... .. Treble | F. LUSH ... .. 5          |
| E. WHITTINGHAM ... .. 2        | J. W. HIGGS ... .. 6      |
| H. MACKMAN ... .. 3            | J. R. MACKMAN ... .. 7    |
| MISS M. CROSS ... .. 4         | H. W. BOYLES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

\* First peal inside.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—In honour of the Duke of Connaught's 75th birthday, on May 1st, at St. Anne's Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Rose 1, Miss M. Nye 2, E. Haynes 3, H. Hunt 4, F. Ewens 5, B. Hawkins 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and 5th.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CLAUDE SNOWDEN ... .. Treble | WALTER ARNOLD... .. 5    |
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 2       | JAMES FLEURY ... .. 6    |
| ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 3     | SAMUEL WARNE ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4      | ARTHUR ROOT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

First peal by treble and tenor. First peal inside by the 7th. First in the method by the 5th. F. Claydon has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| * J. ROBINSON ... .. Treble | † J. GARDNER... .. 4       |
| † W. BETLEY... .. 2         | † B. TREVITT... .. 5       |
| † G. HISLOP ... .. 3        | † P. BOARDMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by B. TREVITT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor inside. Rung for the festival of Ascension.

## BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, New London, Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| * HENRY WARR ... .. Treble | * ERNEST CLARKE ... .. 4     |
| EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM... 2  | * HERBERT DEVENISH... .. 5   |
| † ARTHUR BRADLEY ... .. 3  | * HARRY BRADLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY BRADLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. Also first peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung on the eve of Empire Day.

## WOLVERLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4  |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 2         | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5  |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3             | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. CAMM.

## HAMPTON-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Consisting of seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble | RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 4   |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 2   | WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 5       |
| SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 3         | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

First peal as conductor. This is the first peal of Minor on the bells, and the band, through this medium, wish to thank the Rev. J. B. Colthurst for the use of the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on May 8th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Guest 1, C. F. Stott 2, J. Ormrod 3, J. E. Markland 4, R. Newton 5, A. Heywood (conductor) 6, W. Pennington 7, P. Crook 8.

## STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew.

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Kent, three 720's of Woodbine, and three of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| FREDRICK HINDES ... .. Treble | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 4         |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 2     | JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 5      |
| ERNEST H. BOSTOCK ... .. 3    | LEONARD H. BOSTOCK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

## SILVERDALE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. John.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's Kent, three 720's Oxford, two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. Treble | JOHN HELME ... .. 4       |
| THOMAS F. HEWERTSON ... .. 2  | JOHN W. HAYTON ... .. 5   |
| FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 3      | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 6 |

Conducted by W. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1887.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, May 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At 6½, HIGH STREET.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13½ in E flat.

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN SPARROW ... .. 1-2 | JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. 5-6  |
| WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4  | CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... .. 7-8 |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

Umpire: W. SEAR.

This, the first handbell peal in North Bucks, was rung at the home of the conductor's parents, on the occasion of their golden wedding.

## A TOUR TO SUFFOLK TOWERS.

On Sunday, May 24th, five members of the Essex County Association paid a visit to Suffolk. Arriving at Ipswich they were met by Messrs. A. and F. Bowell, who accompanied them to Wilby, where the bells have recently been rehung. Here they were met by Mr. J. Noller and Mr. T. Moyes. Before service, a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung by Fredk. Bowell 1, Joseph Bowell (Great Bromley, Essex) 2, T. Moyes (Wilby) 3, Ernest Eady (Thorpe-le-Soken, Essex) 4, Alfred Bowell (Ipswich) 5, Wm. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex) 6. Conducted by W. Nevard. Owing to illness near the church, it was decided not to go to Laxfield, but to go on to Dennington. Here the party were met by Mr. Wardley, and a good 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung by J. Noller 1, Alfred Bowell 2, Jos. Bowell 3, E. Eady 4, James Wardley 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. After dinner, a call was made at Bedfield, where the visitors were met by Messrs. F. Ling and P. C. Potter. A well-struck 720 of Kent Treble Bob was brought round by Percy C. Potter (Bedfield) 1, W. J. Nevard 2, J. Bowell 3, E. Eady 4, F. Bowell (conductor) 5, A. Bowell 6. The next call was at Creetingham, where some good 120's of Grandsire Doubles and 120 of Stedman Doubles were rung by the band, assisted in the Stedman by G. Wightman and Stephen Wightman. Arriving at Ipswich again, it was agreed that a very pleasant day had been spent.

## THE BELLS OF NORBURY, CHESHIRE.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have now commenced the work of restoration at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, and probably in about six months' time will complete the order for a new peal of eight, with tenor 13½ cwt.

On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, 720 Grove Delight, and for evening service, 720 Spliced, Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, and College Exercise were rung, and instead of the recessional at this service a 'farewell touch' of 360 Norbury Treble Bob was rung. The ringers were J. Fernley, J. Fernley, junr., W. Fernley, J. W. Hartley, H. Langley, J. P. Fidler, H. Hallworth, L. Clough, with Samuel Potts (probationer).

## SWANSEA &amp; BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

## FIRST ANNUAL RINGING COMPETITION.

On the eve of Empire Day, a ringing competition open to the members of the newly-formed Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held at Brecon. The ancient art of raising and falling church bells in peal and method ringing were encouraged by the offer of a challenge shield for the best team to complete a fixed task. No less than ten bands were drawn from all parts of the Guild's district to the parish of St. David's, Brecon, to take part, and the new ring of six bells were well rung throughout the day. No company had the misfortune to break down, and the judge's report resulted in the competitors being awarded points as under, the maximum obtainable being 240: Neath, 222 points; Gorseinon, 220; Talgarth, 204; Llanstephan, 201; Baglan, 214; Llangatlock, 216; Cadoxton 'A.', 214; Llanelly, 221; Cadoxton 'B.', 221; St. Mary's, Brecon, 231.

A cold luncheon was served in the Parish Hall, the Vicar of St. David's (the Rev. John Simon, R.D.), being in the chair, and supported by the Rev. T. R. J. Jones, and other clergy, Mr. S. T. Rackham (Master of the Guild), Mr. W. H. Fussell, Slough (who judged the competition), Mr. J. Hammond (the secretary for the Southern District), Mr. Charles Powell (hon. treasurer), Mr. T. J. Richards (churchwarden), and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells), nearly 100 ringers and friends enjoying the repast.

A hearty welcome was extended to the visitors, with the hope that they would enjoy their friendly rivalry and feel the benefit of their experience when they returned to their own towers.

The Guild is very much indebted to several gentlemen in Brecon whose generosity has enabled the Guild's hon. secretary to organise financially such undertaking—the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. Simon), Dr. T. P. Thomas, Captain J. D. D. Evans, Dr. W. R. Jones, Mr. R. W. Phillips, Dr. J. L. Phillips, and other friends.

The competition ended at 4 p.m., when tea was served, so that those coming from a distance could get home in good time. Mrs. Simon was present, and kindly distributed the awards, consisting of a challenge shield and certificates for the first three places. The former only passed over Llanfaes Bridge, and is now on view in the window of the conductor, Mr. W. Evans, saddler, of Ship Street, Brecon. Second and third places were obtained by Neath (Mr. J. Hammond, conductor), and Cadoxton 'B' (conducted by Mr. J. E. Bloxham, who tied in the raising and falling).

The judge gave an address to the company, and explained his difficult position to do justice to every man in the competition with impartiality and fairness. To this end he was locked in a private room alone (near the church) and registered the faults made during the contest, and in doing so created an interesting set of diagrams, which were open to the inspection of anyone who wished to question the verdict. He congratulated the teams on the average excellence of the ringing, that no damage had been done to the ropes and fittings during the day's proceedings, and no band had broken down, all of which proved how valuable a little encouragement to the bell ringer was.

A vote of thanks to the donors, to the chairman and Mrs. Simon, and the judge, closed the gathering.

The company could not disperse before enjoying the privilege of a pull on the bells of St. Mary's Church, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon E. A. T. Roberts), who visited St. David's earlier in the day.

It is due to the hearty co-operation of Dr. T. P. Thomas (who presented the shield for competition) that such a successful gathering was brought about, and this competition is the forerunner of others to follow annually. Dr. T. P. Thomas was heartily thanked for his generosity, and the hon. secretary was requested to convey the company's message to him.

The Guild is very much indebted to Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who at short notice undertook to judge the competition, for the very able and masterly way he adjudicated, and also for his comments on the day's proceedings.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the young band of local ringers for their valuable assistance in preparing the belfry, etc., and it is very encouraging to note that they are now getting quite accustomed to their bells. It was interesting to note also that the Baglan band included two lady ringers one of whom was a Bellringer by name.

During the luncheon interval, a collection was made towards the funds of the church, which is being rebuilt and enlarged, and this realised £2.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER. — For evensong, on Ascension Day, 720 Bob Minor: G. Clark 1, C. F. Otter 2, A. Hall 3, Jas. McCluskey 4, Jos. McCluskey 5, G. Jackson (conductor) 6. First 720 by 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, and first as conductor.—On Saturday evening, May 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Gardner 1, G. Clark (conductor) 2, G. Jackson 3, H. Arrand 4, H. Woodhouse 5, F. Clark 6, T. Revill 7, H. Trout 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of T. Byssouth, one of the local company.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## NORTHERN BRANCH AND CATHEDRAL BELL FUND.

The annual meeting was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, May 23rd, when, despite unfavourable weather, a good number of members and friends were present from the three districts. Among those who attended were the Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. G. Ladd (hon. secretary, Elloe Deaneries Branch), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. H. Walker (hon. secretary, Doncaster and District Society), and Mr. J. T. Reid (Redbourne, late of Sheffield).

The bells of the parish church were available during the afternoon and evening, when touches were brought round in various methods. Rounds were also rung to give the less advanced members an opportunity of having a pull.

Choral evensong was attended by about 60. The Rev. S. Walton, one of the assistant clergy, intoned the service, and Mr. Alan Stephenson, Mus. Bac. Oxon, presided at the organ. The assistance given by the choir-boys also added considerably to the brightness of the service.

A very homely address, including a hearty welcome to the members of the branch to Gainsborough, was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Morris). Subsequently, 73 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea, provided at the Co-operative Hall. The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch) took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. Canon Morris (president of the Gainsborough District), the Rev. S. Walton, and members of the committee. Other clergy present were the Revs. H. T. Parry (president of the Grimsby District), R. Boud, St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln; and C. H. Frith, Elsham. Apologies for absence were announced from the Revs. E. W. Carpenter (Kingerby), R. G. Fookes (Lea), and J. Barber (Stow), also from Mr. E. Dawber, Gainsborough. The general secretary's report for 1924 was adopted, and the balance sheet passed.

The Secretary, in his report, stated that although steps were taken to form a new district at Sleaford, in accordance with a resolution passed, the scheme had not succeeded as was at first anticipated, and has, therefore, been abandoned for the time being. Two new towers became affiliated during the year (Blyton and Broughton), and four honorary and 46 performing members had been elected, bringing the total up to 247, which was a slight increase on the previous year. Twenty-three peals were rung by the branch.

The President congratulated the district secretaries upon the excellent work which had been done during the past year, and the whole of the officers were re-elected on bloc.

The following new members were elected: Mr. G. H. Hill, Gainsborough, honorary member; Messrs. G. Webb, Brigg and B. Baldwin, Elsham, performing members; and Mr. H. Walker, Doncaster, non-resident life member.

## CATHEDRAL BELLS MEMORIAL FUND.

Mr. W. H. Lloyd moved, and Mr. J. Canham seconded, the following resolution: 'That the sum of £20 be taken from the funds of the Northern Branch, and be paid into the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund as the first result of the "final effort" being made by the Northern Branch to complete that fund.'—As an amendment, Mr. H. Torr proposed, and Mr. J. Dixon seconded, that the sum be £10. At this stage, the Rev. H. T. Parry stated that at a recent meeting of the Grimsby District the members commented upon the diminishing balance of the Northern Branch funds, and were in opposition to the resolution.—As a second amendment, Mr. C. W. P. Clifton proposed, and Mr. G. Chester seconded, that the sum of £5 be granted, reference being made to the forthcoming appeal from St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, and very probably a further appeal from Navenby in the near future. On being put, the second amendment was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks were passed as follows: To the Rev. Canon Morris for the use of the bells and his instructive address; the Rev. R. G. Fookes (Lea) for the use of the bells; the Rev. S. Walton, Mr. A. Stephenson (organist), the choirboys, Mr. W. E. Mawditt (sexton), and to Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding at the meeting.

These having been duly responded to by the Vicar of Gainsborough and the President, the business concluded, after which some of the members returned to the parish church for further ringing, while others journeyed to the village of Lea, two miles distant, for a pull on the ring of six in that tower. The most praiseworthy ringing of the day consisted of a course of London Surprise Major in the afternoon, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major, also a short touch of London Surprise Major in the evening.

During the day, members were present from the following towers: Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Lincoln (Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches and St. Peter at Gowts), Bigby, Brigg, Elsham, Stow, Scothorne, Welton, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Branston, Blankney, Scotter and Corringham, in addition to the local company.

**WILBURTON, CAMBS.**—On Saturday, May 16th, a quarter-peal (1,440 changes), consisting of 360's of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob: R. Knight 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, F. Warrington (conductor) 3, F. Thurbon 4, H. Sharp 5, G. Few 6.

## A DOUBLE DOUBLE-CENTURY.

Fluky, it was between 19 and 20 years after the captain rang his first peal that, the 'colt' scored his first. Within the next 2½ years he had added another 99; inside the succeeding two years, the one-time pupil and tutor stood in the circle together for Cambridge Royal, having each to his credit 99. The peal was going strong, but one hour and 10 minutes from 'go' being called, down it came, forming neat circles on the floor, with a nice fluffy end. You do not start again the same day at St. Martin's, so 'go' Cambridge was called on the Monday following. No mishap this time, rounds coming up according to plan in 3 hours and 29 minutes, and the critics, who, the writer thinks, were waiting to celebrate the double double century, said it was the finest last course in a peal they had ever heard.

The 'jam' was measured out according to their expectations of a possible and correct celebration, having in mind also that it was the bob caller's 100th peal in that role. The writer apologises, but the 'jam merchants' must blame the law or the gentleman who keeps open house for all, for turning us all out in the damp. One thing is very certain, the culprits will not ring their 300th peal together, so a golden opportunity was missed by not applying for an extension.

## F. H. DEXTER'S 200 PEALS.

|                                 | Rung. | Conducted. |
|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Minor: 2 methods                | 1     |            |
| Grandsire Triples               | 12    | 6          |
| Stedman Triples                 | 25    | 20         |
| Bob Major                       | a 12  | 3          |
| Kent Treble Bob Major           | 7     | 2          |
| Double Norwich Major            | b 24  | 5          |
| Superlative Surprise Major      | 15    | 7          |
| Cambridge Surprise Major        | c 25  | d 13       |
| Real Superlative Surprise Major | 1     | e 1        |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major    | 2     | 1          |
| Bristol Surprise Major          | 10    | 3          |
| London Surprise Major           | 12    | 8          |
| Grandsire Caters                | 5     | 2          |
| Stedman Caters                  | 21    | 15         |
| Bob Royal                       | 1     |            |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal           | 3     | 2          |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal        | 18    | 9          |
| Princess Mary Surprise Royal    | 1     | 1          |
| Leicester Surprise Royal        | 1     |            |
| New Cambridge Surprise Royal    | 1     | 1          |
| Stedman Cinques                 | 1     | 1          |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus         | 1     |            |
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus      | 1     |            |
| Total                           | 200   | 100        |

a includes 13,440; b, 6,240; c, 12,896 (record); d, 7,008; e, 10,408 (record).

## HAROLD J. POOLE'S 200 PEALS.

|                              | Tower Bells. |       | Handbells. |       |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------|------------|-------|
|                              | Rung.        | Cond. | Rung.      | Cond. |
| Minor: 2 methods             | 1            | —     | —          | —     |
| Cambridge Surprise Minor     | 2            | 2     | —          | —     |
| Grandsire Triples            | 1            | —     | —          | —     |
| Stedman Triples              | 22           | 12    | 5          | 4     |
| Grandsire Caters             | 2            | 1     | —          | —     |
| Stedman Caters               | 9            | 1     | 12         | 7     |
| Stedman Cinques              | 2            | —     | 4          | 4     |
| Kent Treble Bob Major        | 3            | 1     | 1          | 1     |
| Bob Major                    | a 1          | —     | —          | —     |
| Little Bob Major             | 1            | —     | —          | —     |
| Duffield Major               | 1            | —     | —          | —     |
| Double Norwich Major         | 4            | 1     | —          | —     |
| Cambridge Surprise Major     | 40           | b 19  | —          | —     |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major | 2            | —     | —          | —     |
| Superlative Surprise Major   | c 26         | 10    | —          | —     |
| London Surprise Major        | 18           | 11    | —          | —     |
| Bristol Surprise Major       | 16           | 11    | —          | —     |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal        | 2            | 1     | —          | —     |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal     | 18           | 8     | —          | —     |
| New Cambridge Surprise Royal | 1            | —     | —          | —     |
| Princess Mary Surprise Royal | 1            | —     | —          | —     |
| Leicester Surprise Royal     | 1            | 1     | —          | —     |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus      | 1            | —     | —          | —     |
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus   | 3            | 1     | —          | —     |
| Total                        | 178          | 80    | 22         | 16    |

a Includes 13,440; b, 12,896; c, 10,400.



**ROYAL VISIT TO BARKING.**

On Tuesday, May 19th, on the occasion of their Majesties the King and Queen visiting Barking to open the electric power station, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 46 minutes on their arrival: A. C. Hardy 1, W. Beard 2, F. C. Russell 3, H. E. Parker 4, R. Fenn 5, G. V. Faulkner 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, H. Holgate 8. As their Majesties were leaving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: R. Fenn 1, W. Beard 2, F. C. Russell 3, H. E. Parker (conductor) 4, A. C. Hardy 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, C. Fenn 7, R. Molton 8.

**SUFFOLK GUILD****SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT HADLEIGH.**

Many successful district meetings have taken place at Hadleigh in the past, but the palm must be given for the present to the meeting which was held on May 9th. The local company, it is true, was poorly represented, but this is due to the fact that it is almost entirely composed of men who are engaged in retail business, and, therefore, were occupied in somewhat less musical if more profitable methods. Visitors came from Ipswich, Sproughton, Hintlesham, Yeltham, Cornard, Assington, Polstead, Manningtree, Lavenham, Bildeston, Shelley, Stoke-by-Nayland and Sible Hedingham.

The Rector of Hadleigh, Dean Carter, presided at the meeting, which took place in the ancient Guildhall in the Churchyard. He referred to the forthcoming visit to Hadleigh of the Archbishop of Canterbury, on June 22nd, and asked for volunteers to ring on that occasion, as the local men were engaged in business. Many names were immediately given in to the district secretary, Mr. T. G. Reed.

In the belfry, owing to the numbers present, only short touches were indulged in, but the methods were many and varied, from rounds (to oblige a very young hand), Plain Bob (Minor and Major), Oxford and Kent (Minor and Major), Double Norwich, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, to Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major. All these rolled home in splendid style, the only 'casualty' of the day being an attempt at a piece of London Surprise Major, which somehow or other came 'unstuck,' to the disappointment of all, but better luck next time!

**HOW HONG KONG LOST A PEAL OF BELLS.**

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Referring to the remarks of Mr. J. E. Sykes as to the difficulty of ringing a peal in Hong Kong, this would be quite a simple task, were bells and ringers available. From the middle of October to the middle of March, the colony enjoys climatic conditions second to none the world over. Throughout these five months, the temperature hardly ever exceeds that of an English summer average, the humidity is low, and picnics and tennis parties may be arranged months ahead, as it hardly ever rains. During the remainder of the year, the climate is very hot and damp.

While I was resident in the colony in 1920-1, I interested a leading business man, who was a keen supporter of the Cathedral, in the project of putting a peal of bells in the tower. There are four of Mears' bells, hung dead, there at present, and I obtained an estimate from him for a peal hung for ringing. But for the 2½ months which necessarily elapsed while the letters were in the post, I fully believe Hong Kong would now be the proud possessor of the only ringing peal in the Far East. But in the interim, my friend, who had quite made up his mind to see the thing through, experienced heavy financial losses, in common with many other business people, through the slump which began throughout the Far East in 1920.—Yours truly,

HOWARD FREEBORN.

The Dell, Little Chalfont, Amersham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.**

A district meeting was held at Sawston on May 23rd, ringers being present from Somersham, Histon, Cambridge, Barley, Trumpington, Fulbourn, Chatteris, Ickleton, Royston, Castle Camps, Stapleford, and the local band. Ringing took place from 3.30 until 6 o'clock, when the association's form of service was held in the church conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. R. Nattrass. Tea was provided at the White Lion, followed by the business meeting.

Willingham and Barrington were suggested for the place of the next meeting, but Willingham was finally decided upon.

At the suggestion of the secretary, it was decided to visit the three five-bell towers at Balsam, West Wrating, and Weston Colville on Tuesday evening, 26th May.—After the meeting further ringing took place.

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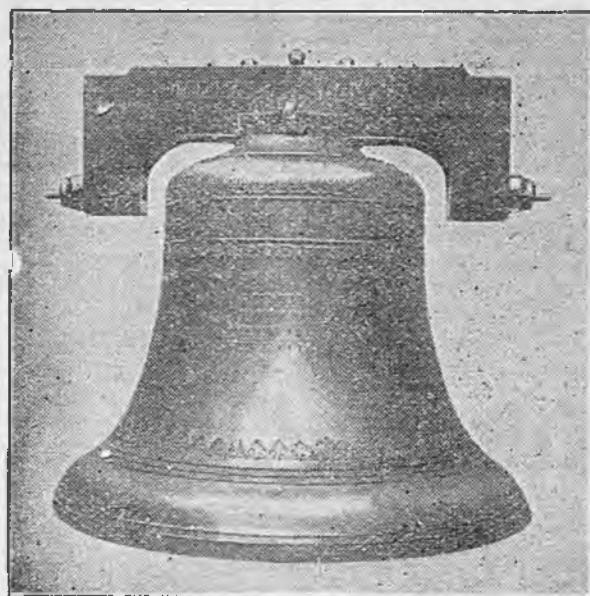
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of Stedman Triples rung more than a hundred years ago was that at Shifnal on June 5th, 1819, by St. Martin's Youths.

A handbell record was made at Pudsey on June 5th, 1911, when a peal of 13,440 Bob Major was rung in 7 hours 7 minutes.

The famous peal of 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Debenham on June 6th, 1892, in 10 hours 32 minutes. This is still the record length in the method. Debenham, in 1880, was the scene of two long lengths of Kent Treble Bob Major, the first 7,296, and the second 10,272.

The Chester Guild rang a record length of 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram on June 8th, 1906, in 9 hours 40 minutes.

June 9th is the anniversary of the peal rung at Christ Church, Philadelphia, in 1850. It was conducted by Henry Haley, of the College Youths, who, with others, including James Hewett, of the Cumberlands, was in America on a handbell ringing tour. The tenor was rung by two men, R. Dodds, a one-legged man, ringing it for 2 hours 15 minutes, and J. Davey finishing off the peal.

Two of Yorkshire's representatives on the Central Council arrived at Chester on Sunday with eighteen other members of the association to look after them.

The busiest man in Chester over the holiday was Mr. E. W. Elwell, the hon. secretary of the Chester Guild, and the Reception Committee, who did not spare himself in his efforts to make the visit of the Council, both officially and individually, a most enjoyable one. With the enthusiasm of youth he combines a charm of manner which won all hearts.

We regret to record the death of the wife of Mr. York Green, of Cambridge, and the sympathy of the Exercise will go out to him in his bereavement.

## 5,024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By A. J. PITMAN (PORT TALBOT, GLAM.).

| 234567         | B | M | W | H       |
|----------------|---|---|---|---------|
| 352647         | x |   |   |         |
| 427365 (4th's) |   |   |   |         |
| 436527 (In)    | — |   |   |         |
| 562347         |   | — | — |         |
| 635427         | x |   |   |         |
| 452367         |   | — | — |         |
| 534627         | y |   |   |         |
| 642357         |   | — | — |         |
| 527346         |   |   | — | (4th's) |
| 235647 (In)    |   |   |   |         |
| 36245          | x |   |   | 3       |
| 64352          | x |   |   |         |
| 45362          |   |   | 2 |         |
| 56423          | x |   |   | 3       |
| 62534          | x |   |   |         |
| 42635          |   |   | 2 |         |
| 23456          | x |   |   | 3       |

This peal is produced from Mr. J. W. Parker's three-part courses. First rung at Loughborough Bellfoundry, conducted by H. J. Poole, on May 14th, 1925.

## GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Swindon Branch was held at Purton on Saturday, May 23rd, there being a good attendance. The early arrivals found there was a set of ropes to go up before a start could be made with ringing, but this little difficulty was soon overcome, and the bells were raised in peal soon after 3 p.m. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. R. B. Harrison), to whom Mr. E. Bishop moved a hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality, and for the use of the bells. He also thanked the ladies for waiting at table.

One new member was elected, after which a few touches were rung on the handbells.

A short service in church was followed by further ringing. Touches of Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Plain Bob and, and a few rounds and Doubles for the beginners, were rung. The following towers were represented: Swindon (Christ Church and St. Mark's), Blunsdon, Stratton, Rodbourne Cheney, Woolton Bassett, Faringdon, and the local band.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX. — On Thursday, April 30th, in 49 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: George A. Hughes 1, E. Leversuch 2, S. Hoare 3, C. Dyke 4, G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, J. Milner 7, L. Weare 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

### TUESDAY'S MEETING AT CHESTER.

#### PEAL POINTS TO GO.

The 33rd annual meeting of the Central Council was held in the Refectory at Chester Cathedral on Tuesday, and was attended by 73 members, Canon G. F. Coleridge (President) being in the chair.

The proceedings opened with prayer, offered by the Dean, who then welcomed the Council to the Cathedral.

The minutes of the last meeting, having been published in 'The Ringing World,' were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were read from the Revs. C. E. Matthews, A. H. P. Boughey, C. C. Cox, E. W. Carpenter, F. J. O. Helmore, H. Simpson, Tyrwhitt Drake, Maitland Kelly, C. C. Marshall, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Ald. R. B. Chambers, Messrs. W. Wilson, J. T. Rickman, J. Carter, Barton, C. E. Borrett, T. E. Metcalfe, E. H. Lewis, T. H. Taffender, G. Bolland and C. R. Lilley.

At this point the Bishop of Chester visited the meeting, and offered a generous welcome to the Council. He spoke of the ringers' share in the work of the Church in the endeavour to bring all into the fellowship of the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

The President, in thanking the Bishop and Dean for their welcome and the Precentor for his presence, said this was only the second time in the history of the 37 or 38 meetings of the Council they had been welcomed by a Bishop and Dean. Only at Salisbury, two years ago, had they had a similar welcome.

Arising out of the minutes, Canon Baker asked what had become of the resolution passed last year with regard to urging upon Advisory Committees of the various dioceses the desirability of having a member who was an expert in bells.

The Hon. Secretary said all he had been able to do was to publish a letter in 'The Ringing World,' asking the various hands to get their representatives on the Parochial Church Councils, and so, by getting representatives on the various other bodies, eventually get a member on to the Advisory Committees.

Members spoke of what had been done, or, in some cases, left undone, in their own dioceses, and eventually it was resolved to send a direct letter to the secretary of the Advisory Board in each diocese.

The statement of accounts, as already published, was adopted.

The Hon. Librarian presented his report, which showed a small falling off in the sales of publications.

Arising out of his report, it was agreed to repurchase the copies of 'The Preservation of Bells,' held by Canon Elsee, to sell leaflets of corrigenda to the three sections of the Collection of Peals at 2d. the set, and authorised the librarian to obtain copies of the 'Bell News' for the years 1912 to 1915.

It was pointed out that the stock of some of the publications of the Council were almost exhausted, and the Hon. Secretary proposed that, in view of the increased cost of printing, the remaining copies be sold at an advanced cost of 50 per cent., and this was agreed to.

It was resolved that the 'Council's Rules and Decisions' should be revised, and the revision will be submitted at the next meeting.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported for the Peal Collection Committee. The work on Treble Bob Major had been completed, and he asked for directions as to what should be done with the material collected. Later, Mr. Richardson reported that the committee had consulted, and Miss Parker had kindly undertaken to type the remainder of the collection, so that it could be placed in the Library with the other typed volumes (hear, hear). The committee did not make any recommendation as to printing a selection of the peals, and it was decided to bring the collection up to date by including peals published since the first sections were compiled.—The report was adopted.

There was no formal report before the Council from the Literature Committee, but the verbal reports of the individual members were accepted.

The Rev. H. L. James reported that the Methods Committee were now in a position to go on, and, in the course of the year, to print a selection of some 70 or 80 of the collection of Plain Major Methods.—The report was accepted.

The report of the Analysis Committee, already printed in our columns, was proposed by the Rev. A. T. Beeston.

At the suggestion of the committee, the Council gave an instruction that in future the names of individual conductors and the number of peals they have rung be omitted from the analysis.

A discussion took place on the question of peal points, and it was eventually decided by a large majority that in future points be omitted from the analysis.

The report was then adopted.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was forwarded by Mr. E. H. Lewis. In this it was stated that experiments in the welding of cracks in bells were being made.—The report was adopted.

After the luncheon interval the Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the report of the Records Committee, which incorporated two years' records of new methods rung, and the new progressive lengths.

The Hon. Secretary reported for the Science Museum Exhibit Committee. Matters were, he said, held up because at present the floor and wall space at the Museum was not yet available.—The report was accepted.

A lengthy report upon the revision of nomenclature was presented by Mr. G. B. Burton, and, after discussion, it was decided that the report should be published, so that it might be considered at the next meeting, the committee being thanked for their report, which dealt with a very controversial subject.

This concluded the reports of committees, and, on the motion of the President, all the committees were thanked for their services.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Cards of Instructions on the upkeep of bells had been printed. It was resolved that a copy should be sent to all Archdeacons in England and Wales, requesting them to bring it to the notice of their respective Rural Deans; and to hon. secretaries of guilds and associations, with the request that they will bring it before their district secretaries, and, by this means, introduce it to all belfries.

Mr. E. W. Elwell proposed the following motion, which was seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried:—'That, considering the future possibilities of Radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of "Bell-chiming" occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of bell ringing, and, further, to request the committee to bring to the notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.'

Alderman Pritchett moved: 'That this Council, as a general rule, disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten.'—The Hon. Secretary seconded, but there was an overwhelming vote against the resolution.

On the motion of Mr. W. A. Cave, it was resolved that on Page 13 of the Rules and Decisions in the paragraphs headed (a) 'on nine and eleven bells' (b) 'on eight, ten or twelve bells' the words 'in any one method' be omitted. This was decided on, on account of the new developments in ringing peals in spliced methods.

The Council resolved to meet next year at Ipswich.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn referred to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. He said they had actually £115 15s. in hand. They wanted £160 or £170, and out of the sum already subscribed £90 9s. had come from members, towers or branches of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. He appealed to societies who had not yet subscribed to acquaint him with what they proposed to do, so that he might report to his Guild at the annual meeting that the money was in hand and the work could proceed.

Mr. Young gave notice that at the next annual meeting he would move 'that the time has now arrived when the so-called scientific or Simpson tuning is in the best interest of the Exercise.'

This concluded the business, and the proceedings closed with votes of thanks to the Bishop and Dean of Chester, to the President for presiding, and to the Chester Guild for their arrangements.

Later some of the members attended Evensong in the Cathedral, and, with their friends, were entertained to tea by the Chester Guild. Afterwards many of them inspected the Cathedral, under the guidance of the Dean.

In the evening a large party assembled at the Grosvenor Hotel, where a social was held. In recognition of his services in conveying such a large number of the visitors on the Eaton Hall railway, Mr. H. W. Wilde was presented with a pair of silver candlesticks.

### THE SOCIAL SIDE.

Excellent arrangements for the entertainment of the Council had been made by a committee of the Chester Guild, composed of the Rev. C. A. Clements (Master), Mr. E. W. Elwell (hon. secretary), Rev. A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. H. W. Wilde and J. W. Clarke, who received great assistance from Messrs. W. Seance, R. Sperring and J. Swindley.

Members of the Council began to gather in Chester on Sunday, when quite a number arrived in the city from various parts of the country. As usual, a party of Yorkshiremen—not all of them connected with the Council—made it the occasion of an excursion, and their headquarters, the Stafford Hotel, was the scene of a considerable gathering in the evening. Earlier in the day various towers were visited for Sunday service ringing, and many got as far afield as Wrexham, where a fine peal of ten bells hangs in one of the most noble bell towers in Great Britain.

On Monday ringing at the Cathedral, with an inspection of this edifice, occupied many ringers the better part of the morning. The magnificent pile, upon the restoration of which vast sums have been spent in the last half century, was visited during the day by thousands of people, and the manner in which the crowds were provided for by the Cathedral staff, from the Dean downward, and the manifestations of the work carried on, were proof in itself that the venerable building, which has grown from a Monastic church of the Benedictines, is a living centre of Church life.

Some of the visitors scored a peal at the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls, and early in the afternoon a party, numbering about 70, including many ladies, assembled at the Blossoms Hotel prior to an excursion by motor launch on the River Dee to Eccleston and Eaton

Hall. They had the privilege of being shown over the Duke of Westminster's famous mansion and the beautiful gardens, and what interested them not least was the tiny railway, which runs through the grounds, and which was laid down by the late Sir Arthur Heywood. The engines and rolling stock were made at Sir Arthur's workshop at Duffield, and, although on this occasion the haulage was undertaken by a petrol engine, the original steam locomotive was inspected with much interest. There are some miles of track, and over this the visitors were taken in two parties in the miniature carriages, the engine driver being another well-known ringer, Mr. H. W. Wilde, who is responsible for the upkeep of the railway, and whose kindness was much appreciated. Some of the party afterwards visited Eccleston Church to ring, and then made their way back to Chester, some having to 'foot it,' on account of the heavy Bank Holiday traffic on the river.

At the Blossoms Hotel an informal social was held in the evening.

### HENRY HOBART, OF BILDESTONE, SUFFOLK.

The following memoir on the career of the old Suffolk ringer, who attained to some fame in his day, was written by the late Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford, and came into the possession of his son, Mr. T. Slater, with many other ringing papers.

#### A MEMOIR BY THE LATE SAMUEL SLATER.

The subject of this memoir was a distinguished campanologist; he was born at Bildestone on April 22nd, 1800, and began to practise the art of change ringing at a very early age. When only a boy, his father, who was then parochial schoolmaster of Bildestone, and a good six-bell ringer, made a stage for his son to stand on in the belfry so that he might be able to reach the tuft of the rope, and in this way, when only a boy, he rang the second bell in Bildestone steeple to his first 720 of Bob Minor. At the time he weighed only four stones, and the bell seven cwt. He took a great delight in the art of bell ringing, and soon became a proficient, having the gift of a superior ear. After he grew to manhood he used frequently to visit various towns for ringing purposes, and rang in four hours his first long peal on January 14th, 1819, on the Stowmarket Church bells, this being a 6,160 Bob Major. His brother Thomas also rang in the same peal. This was composed and conducted by John Elmer. His second and third peals were Bob Major; one of 6,224, and the other of 6,336 changes on the same bells, conducted by John Elmer and John Naunton, of Ipswich, respectively.

About this time, Mr. Hobart, junr., was appointed parochial schoolmaster of Monk's Eleigh, which post he held for some time. Through negligent habits he was, however, soon dismissed, and he then removed to Hadleigh, and found employment in a stonemason's yard, where he did the lettering of gravestones, etc., being an expert in such work. Here he resided for some time, and upon hearing that the Redenhall (Norfolk) company had rung a peal of 8,000 changes on their own bells of Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1828, he got up a band shortly afterwards in order to try and supersede this Redenhall peal in number of changes. On the Hadleigh Church bells (tenor 28 cwt.), a peal containing about 9,000 changes of Bob Major, the composition of one David Boys, a native of Hadleigh, was attempted, but after ringing about 7,000 changes, and being at work about four hours, one of the band was so much fatigued that they had to give over. The ringing was, as far as it went, conducted by Joseph Lewis, of Bramford. Soon after this, Mr. Hobart returned to his native town, and took a lively interest in ringing matters, and organised a band. In 1841 they scored a 5,040 in seven Minor methods on Bildestone Church bells, the methods being as follows: Bob Minor Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, New London Pleasure, Morning Exercise and Cambridge Surprise, Mr. Hobart himself ringing the tenor bell, and also conducting the peal.

The writer recalls his saying that at the time of ringing this peal he could sing every change of each 720 as rung, and on being spoken to after the peal, offered a wager of £5 that he would sit down and sing or 'champ' every change before a competent judge. He had now become a proficient in the art, and was well known as an excellent ringer by several Metropolitan ringers—one then celebrated. I have heard him talk of W. H. Burwash; but in one respect none could equal him in Suffolk, as he could recite touches of various Minor methods with his voice giving to each bell its proper place and time, and the writer has also heard him sing, or as he used to call it, 'champ' touches of Treble Bob Major.

To verify this, I now give an extract from the diary of the late Mr. John Carr, of Waltham Abbey, dated Lavenham, September 14th, 1846: 'Mr. Hobart sang three leads of Treble Bob Major—a very clever man: he also rang two bells behind me in a course of Treble Ten, and thus ended one of the most pleasant evenings that I ever knew.' On September 14th I passed through Bildestone, the town where Mr. Hobart resides, and Mr. Hobart was quite capable of taking down the course ends of a peal while being rung. His next two peals were rung at Hadleigh, both Bob Major: one was the 5,003, composed and conducted by the late William Garrard, senr., of Ips-

wich. The other was the 6,000 by the late Mr. John Marven, farmer, of Copdock. This was conducted by Mr. John Pettit, of Hadleigh, who was 50 years old that day. Pettit, who was then landlord of the 'Eight Bells' of that town, got the band together to try this peal, promising them one guinea and a good dinner if the attempt was made, and two guineas if the peal was rung. This promise, I have heard, was carried out to the very letter.

Hobart's next peal was Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5,120, at Stowmarket, when he himself was fifty years old. On this occasion he rang the third bell, and conducted the peal. This is recorded as the first peal in this method on those bells. His last peal was John Reeves's 5,600 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 1853, when he rang the tenor and conducted the peal. This was on the far-famed bells at Lavenham. This peal, he has informed me, was rung at the third attempt. One was lost in the last 500, and once the ringer of the sixth bell had to give over when more than 5,000 changes had been rung. Lastly, he rang the 4th bell, and conducted four 720's in the year 1867 on the Hitcham Church bells in two hours, the methods being Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and New London Pleasure.

After that he did little ringing. He visited Lavenham regularly on the anniversary of their bells, June 21st, and Hadleigh on Coronation Day. In his time he also attended several prize ringing contests, notably those at Ardleigh, Essex, and Polstead, Suffolk, etc., with his Bildestone band, and generally carried off the prize. As Mr. Hobart spent most of his later time in his native town, he was located in a district not suited for peal ringing. This will account for his not ringing a larger number of peals. He generally rang the tenor bell, and although only a spare man, weighing but nine stone and a half, he did it with perfect ease. For a great many years of his later life he followed the occupation of walking postman from Bildestone, through Hitcham, Brettenham to Thorpe Morieux, a distance of fourteen miles walking for each day, and filling up the middle of the day working with the wheelwrights of the village. When over 70 years of age, he informed the writer of the fact that he had never known what a day's illness was, but had worn spectacles 40 years. He died on Wednesday evening, June 14th, 1871, in the 72nd year of his age, after the only (three days') illness of his life. As a last tribute of respect to his memory, muffled peals were rung at Hitcham, Stowmarket, Lavenham and Monk's Eleigh. Mr. Hobart had a brother named Thomas, a ringer, as I have stated above, and they rang together for several years, but in 1836 Thomas removed to London, and joined the London Society of Royal Cumberland Youths.

### RINGING AT TRURO CATHEDRAL.

On Sunday, May 17th, the Truro ringers were delighted to receive a visit from Messrs. C. R. and J. E. Lilley, of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. At the Cathedral, where there is a fine peal of ten (tenor 33 cwt.), 168 and 34 Grandsire Triples were rung in the morning: C. Anderson 1, J. E. Lilley 2, W. Arthur 3, E. S. Sleeman 4, W. H. Southard 5, C. R. Lilley 6, W. Sleeman 7, A. S. Roberts 8, R. Pascoe 9, J. Anderson 10 (9, 8, 10 covering). In the afternoon, before evensong, 504 and 112 Grandsire Triples by eight of the above. The conducting was shared by Messrs. W. H. Southard and C. R. Lilley. In the evening, before service at Kewyn Church, Truro, 336 Grandsire Triples: A. Matthews 1, A. F. Knight 2, H. M. Smeath 3, C. M. Thomas 4, C. R. Lilley 5, E. C. Freund 6, J. E. Lilley 7, J. T. Guiley 8. After service, 168 and other short touches of Grandsire Triples.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at Castle Donington by members of the Loughborough district, numbering about twenty. A substantial tea was kindly given by Major Dalby, who came and expressed his interest in change ringing. The Major was warmly thanked for his kindness, and thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Minor.

The next meeting is fixed for Shepsted.

SELBY.—On Sunday, May 17th, at Selby Abbey, 759 Grandsire Caters, on the occasion of the christening of the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Denn, and grand-daughter of the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D., Vicar of Selby Abbey: J. W. Hall 1, R. Fenton 2, W. A. Hall 3, T. Morgan 4, H. S. Morley 5, E. Storr 6, F. Cryer 7, G. W. P. Fenton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, T. Strudwick 10.

TOTTENHAM.—For Divine service, on May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Springham 1, H. Barnett 2, H. W. H. Strickland 3, S. Crabbe 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Bilton (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

EXETER.—For Sunday evening service, on May 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Davey 1, J. Hasgood 2, A. Monkley 3, T. J. Stokes 4, C. Routley 5, A. H. Goad 6, J. Wrin (East Grinstead), conductor, 7, W. Bailey 8.



## CLAYTON COMPOSITE CATERS.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

I venture to bring before the Exercise this composite method for Caters, believing that, if it is given a fair trial, the advanced ringer will prefer it to Stedman. It is on similar lines to the Triple Methods published in diagrammatic form some time ago, but has the advantage that peals may be obtained by ordinary Stedman bobs and singles.

It retains the valuable features of Erin in keeping the heavy bells well together, and at home every 54 changes. In the course, they fall naturally into three different orders, i.e., 978, 897 and 789, giving varied music throughout, and instead of the monotonous repetition of the same slow work, it has two slows and one quick. An examination of the diagram will show that the front work, while presenting very little more difficulty, is much more interesting than Stedman, and it should appeal to those who at present have little to choose from on nine bells. It may be practised on seven bells, but will not give 5,040 changes, and it will not run on 11 bells.

## THE METHOD.

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|                  | 462819375  |
|                  | 642183957  |
|                  | 624819375  |
|                  | 264183957  |
|                  | 246819375  |
|                  | 428691735  |
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|                  | 824967153  |
|                  | 842691735  |
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| 2nd Division end | 958371462  |
| 3rd Division end | 365214978  |
| 4th Division end | 276849315  |
| 5th Division end | 817593246  |
| 6th Division end | 541632897  |
| 7th Division end | 694728531  |
| 8th Division end | 739185624  |
| 9th Division end | 123456789  |

\* Ordinary Stedman Bob and Single made by 7th's place between these two rows.

## A PEAL OF 5,508.

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| 541326 |           | — | — | — |
| 146325 |           | — | — | — |
| 425316 |           | S | — | — |
| 215346 |           | — | — | — |
| 145326 |           | — | — | — |
| 546321 |           | — | — | — |
| 431256 |           | S | S | — |
| 351246 |           | — | — | — |
| 524136 |           | — | — | — |
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Repeated.

Reduced to 5,022 if the first three courses are omitted in one part by commencing with a bob at 8 only, which brings up the fourth course end.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.—On Monday, May 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. Blackburn 1, A. Blackburn 2, A. Marshall 3, T. Scott 4, E. Betts 5, R. Goddard 6, J. Banks 8, F. Hodgson (conductor) 9. First quarter-peal for all except tenor.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Monday evening, March 23rd, at the Parish Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: \*T. Patrick 1, \*W. Harrod 2, H. Chinnery (conductor) 3, B. Harrod 4, A. Keeling 5, \*W. Stafford 6. To celebrate the birthday of Mr. A. Howard, one of the sidesmen. \* First 720.

## PHANTASMAGORIA OF CONSTRUCTITIS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I did arrive home yestereen to ye conjugal hearth expecting to be awaited by ye Beste of Spouses with slippers atost, and ye patriarchal throne drawn to ye cheering blaze, but, alas! did discover ye goode Dame immersed in ye perusal of a recent publication on 'ye solution of ye science of dreams,' and ye causes thereof. I did timorously inquire ye reason for such patient study, and did but elicit ye information that ye good Dame had, as is her wont, been reading ye recent copies of our own particular 'Who's who' journal, and had become so mystified by all ye mazes of figures and explanatory notes thereon, and that she had perforce come to the conclusion, after perusing her 'Enquire Within Upon Everything,' that her Book of Dreams could afford a solution to the problem. I did at once assure ye goode Dame that she was 'barking up the wrong tree,' as all these screeds were facts, not fancies, and were choice morsels culled from the ablest brains of what we did arrogantly term our Noble Art. 'But,' quoth She, 'if they are all facts and all able brains, how is it that the one doth belie and deny the others, to be in his turn decried? And how can it be that all these brains are the most able of Your Art, if these vaunted brains cannot understand one another's facts?' I did, at once, explain that the brains did exist, as was it not a declared and well-proven fact that Nature abhors a vacuum; and that all these argumentative epistles were necessary to arrive at ye truth, and were all straightforward lines of argument. But ye goode Dame did remind me that dear old Euclid had remarked something about two straight lines continued to infinity could not expect to meet, but that I had the small consolation that even as when rogues fall out honest men get their own, so might it apply that when experts disagree the seekers after truth might gain something of a concrete nature to console them, an they did not object to scramble amid the concrete matter with which the Experts did bombard one another. But as ye date had arrived when ye Gathering of ye Wise Ones did occur, perhaps they would come to a decision, especially as it is to be held in ye Antient and Walled City of Chester, and she did opine that, an they did not agree would be as well to shut the gates, and the 'camp' would be complete, an she held Tyler's office. However, I did remind her that many would not be there to debate or vote, as the case mote be, and that the good old sparring match could be continued till ye Wise Ones did again have their week-end out, and that if ye goode Dame could offer no better solution she had better leave it to ye Council.

Council forsooth! ye Council and ye Exercise will fall back on ye old saw that ye proof of ye pudding will be in ye eating thereof, that ye proof of whose writings are true, and theories sense would be in ye ringing and general acceptance thereof. But to end it all 'twould do great good, an ye experts did hold classes like ye good Mr. Cave was holding to educate ye masses, so that their grey matter would be discriminative enough to pick out the wheat from ye tares, and then of a truth would posterity benefit, even though ye present generation did languish a decade or so, and suffer ye brickbats thrown from one to the other the while ye poor rank and file dismally parade through the line of fire every Friday.

SAMIWELL PEPPERY, BART.

## HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## NORTHERN DIVISION.

At the little Gothic church, in the centre of the beautiful park at Knebworth, the association held its summer meeting on Saturday, May 30th. The new Rector (the Rev. W. V. Mason) heartily welcomed the ringers, and conducted a short service, with an address. He afterwards accompanied them to the Lytton Arms for tea and meeting, over which he presided.—It was agreed that the next meeting should be held at Barkway, owing to illness near the church at Barley.—The Rector was unanimously elected an hon. member, which he very cordially appreciated, inviting us to the Rectory another year to tea. Unfortunately the meeting was not well attended, owing to the Whitsun holiday; however, for quality of ringing and the methods rung, it was considered well worth while.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Sonning Deanery Branch held a combined ringing practice at Twyford on Saturday evening, May 16th. About 30 members were present, and visitors from the East Berks Branch and Reading were very welcome, as was also Mr. H. Bungay, who was staying in the district. The following towers of the Sonning Branch were represented: Wokingham, Sandhurst, Wargrave, Hurst, Waltham and Twyford. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

We learn with regret of the departure of Mr. Mackman, of St. Laurence's, Reading. He has been of great help in teaching the art to the younger members of the branch. He departs with every good wish for his success in his new sphere.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Empire Day, May 24th, at Isleworth, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Beckensale 1, T. Beadle 2, W. H. Hollies 3, J. Milner 4, E. F. Cole 5, W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, A. Sheard 8.

**BLETCHLEY.**—For evening service, on May 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Sear 1, H. Sear 2, W. Mead 3, J. Mead 4, J. Marks 5, F. Sear 6, W. Ayre (Heinel Hempsted, conductor) 7, H. V. Sear 8. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

**GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 24th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Sharp 1, J. Woodyatt 2, L. Clay 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, W. Lewis 5, W. Edgington 6. It is 38 years since T. Bullock rang his first 720 in the same method in the same tower on the same bell.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Empire Day, at St. Illtyd's Church, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples; for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: A. C. Jones 1, T. Petty 2, J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8. \* Longest length on an inside bell by the ringers of the 2nd and 6th.

**SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), on Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, in 47 minutes, with 4, 6 and 8 covering: W. Richards 1, C. Millard 2, W. G. Moon 3, A. Speed 5, F. D. Rickards (conductor) 7, G. Bishop 4, F. J. Nicholls 6, H. F. Moon 8. First quarter for ringers of 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th.

**BARKING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes) was rung in 48 mins.: F. C. Russell 1, H. E. Parker 2, G. L. Joyce 3, F. Faulkner 4, R. Fenn 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, C. Fenn (conductor) 7, A. C. Hardy 8. First in the method by ringers of 2nd and 3rd.

**PORTISHEAD.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 17th, a quarter-peal, to celebrate the christening of the son of Mr. Williams, a ringer of this band: Miss G. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, A. Nisbet 4, — Goldstone 5, Miss Orchard 6, W. Gillingham 7, W. Colburn 8.

**SWANMORE, HANTS.**—On Sunday, May 17th, for morning service, a 720 of Oxford Single Bob Minor: W. Linter, junr., 1, E. Jacobs, junr., 2, W. Allen 3, W. Linter, senr., 4, H. Ainsley 5, Roy Linter (conductor) 6.

**FEERING, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Rev. A. F. Curtis, formerly Vicar of the parish for 12 years.

**ACTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Boucher (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Lankester 2, C. Brown 3, Miss Hawksworth 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Fardon 6, Robt. Holloway 7, A. E. Smith 8. Also rung as a welcome to Mr. J. R. Mackman and his son Howard among his old friends again.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, and to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. J. Le Clercq, one of the local ringers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 minutes: J. Read 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Prior 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. — Also on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service and in celebration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Read 1, G. Upshall 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

**BOLTON, LANCs.**—On Sunday, May 10th, at the Holy Trinity Church, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Cutsforth 1, T. Barlow, junr., 2, F. Abbott 3, R. P. Heald 4, T. Barlow, senr., 5, R. Newton (conductor) 6, P. Crook 7, A. Burton 8. Arranged for Mr. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, May 10th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: A. Cutmore 1, G. W. Frayne 2, R. C. Pidgeon 3, H. G. Miles 4, P. L. Miles 5, A. N. Selby 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, C. W. Roberts 8, A. F. Harris 9, E. G. Locke 10.

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Sunday, May 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Morley 1, L. Squires 2, A. C. Rose 3, J. J. Cawdell (conductor) 4, F. S. Thompson 5, A. Buck 6, W. C. Manscombe 7, A. Spicer 8.

**CRANLEIGH.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Charman 1, Mrs. R. Whittington 2, W. Charman 3, H. Tidy 4, A. Charman 5, R. Whittington 6, H. Charman (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, L. Warner 8.

**Palm Sunday, April 5th, 1925,** for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: \*A. Voysey 1, \*J. Rumble, junr., 2, G. H. Humphries 3, J. Rumble, senr., 4, J. Talbot 5, J. E. Cooper 6, D. Cooper (conductor) 7, H. G. Pratt 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**STANMORE.**—Middlesex County Association.—On Thursday, April 30th, at St. John-the-Evangelist, Stanmore, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: G. A. Hughes 1, \*E. Leversuch 2, S. Hoare 3, C. Dyke 4, \*G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, J. Milner 7, L. Weave 8. \* First quarter-peal.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**TORQUAY.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday evening, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins. (composed by Mr. James George): F. Allwood 1, Mrs. F. T. Gover 2, S. H. Ward 3, P. J. Laxton (first quarter) 4, Rev. E. S. Powell 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, F. E. Parnell 7, A. Pope (first quarter) 8.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, to celebrate Empire Day, on Saturday, May 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. N. Burdock 1, Mrs. W. R. Melville 2, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3, W. T. Beeson, junr., 4, H. Burdock 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, C.Q.M.S. G. Gilbert, R.E., 8.

**THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.**—On Saturday afternoon, May 23rd, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: P. Steggalls 1, E. Youngs 2, A. J. Berry 3, A. E. Austin 4, F. Hayward 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. Rung to oblige Mr. A. J. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambs.

**BOCKING.**—On Saturday, May 23rd, for Confirmation, by the Lord Bishop of Colchester, at the Parish Church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Webb 1, H. E. Hammond 2, W. H. Dyson 3, G. Melbourne 4, F. Ely 5, J. Redgwell 6, H. B. Hammond 7, C. H. Howard (conductor) 8.

**BURNHAM-ON-SEA.**—On Wednesday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Evans (conductor) 1, A. Routley 2, F. Iley 3, W. Rossiter 4, F. J. Page (Manchester) 5, W. Worgan 6, G. Chamberlain 7, W. Russell 8.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for Ascension Eve service, on Wednesday, May 20th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Harris 1, C. N. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, G. W. Steere 4, H. Burdock 5, W. R. Melville 6, C.Q.M.S. G. Gilbert, R.E., 7, A. H. Pulling (composer and conductor) 8.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Wednesday, May 20th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Birch 1, J. Withers 2, F. C. Ames 3, W. Dean 4, F. Banton 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringers of the treble, 2nd and 5th; and on the bells by a local band.

**UXBRIDGE.**—On Wednesday, May 20th, for practice, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Miss G. Baker 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, J. H. Lucas (first inside) 3, Miss P. M. Moss 4, G. Gutteridge 5, F. Corke 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys 8.

**SAWBRIDGEWORTH, HERTS.**—On Thursday, March 19th, on the bells of St. Mary's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Saban, senr., 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. Saban, junr., 4, W. Morris 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. Tarling 7, S. White 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. H. J. Tucker.

**ELLESMERE, SALOP.**—On Monday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, — Miller 3, A. Haynes 4, A. Allen 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Arranged for Mr. Miller, who hails from Wellington, Salop, and conducted by T. Butler, senr., while standing out. Also on April 27th, with T. Butler, senr., taking part instead of Mr. Miller, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by T. R. Butler; and on May 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), commencing and finishing with 'Queens,' conducted by T. Butler, senr. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Biggs.

**SOUTH WIGSTON.**—On Monday, May 18th, at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Burton 1, A. Bell 2, J. Clarke 3, R. Jelley 4, L. Willars 5, E. Jelley (conductor) 6, S. Cheney 7, W. Tyres 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the conductor.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Wednesday, May 13th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, J. E. Lilley 2, C. Lee 3, J. Griffiths 4, Jim Evans 5, W. T. Goodfellow 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, John Evans 8.

**MELKSHAM, WILTS.**—On Saturday, May 9th, at the Church of St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. Walters 1, G. H. Archard 2, J. Francis 3, W. West 4, A. West 5, R. H. Legg 6, W. R. Baxler 7, E. Rodford 8. Conductor, W. West. First quarter-peal on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Taylor.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.**—On May 8th, as a birthday compliment to Miss L. Thoday (donor of treble bell), a quarter-peal of Rob Minor (1,320 changes): H. C. Frohock 1, N. Robinson 2, C. H. Frohock 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, B. Huckell 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. A peal was to have been attempted, but owing to illness near by, this had to be left to a future date. Owing to the position of this church, peals here are restricted at all times.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Ascension Day, April 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: E. Day 1, G. Croft (conductor) 2, T. Scott 3, F. Bacon 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hara 6, L. Fidler 7, H. Day 8.

**PUTNEY LONDON.**—On Tuesday, April 14th, on the occasion of the Easter vestry, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Cassel 1, J. Herbert 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Worsley 4, C. Moody (first quarter-peal of Stedman inside) 5, T. Rolton 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, W. Williams (first quarter-peal) 8.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, the 21st (6 p.m.); St. Magnus on the 11th and 25th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting and the cup contest will be held at Norton, near Sheffield, on Saturday, June 6th. The draw for the order of ringing will take place at 3.30 prompt. Tea and presentation of cup at 6 o'clock.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The next meeting will be held at Lutterworth on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing 2.30. Tea 5. All welcome.—H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Ringing friends welcome. — Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netley on Saturday, June 6th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Alexander Café, to be followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Dis. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BRIGHTWALTON.—The new treble bell will be dedicated on Saturday, June 6th. Service at 4. Preacher, Dr. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Collection for Bell Fund. Tea 4.50. All ringing friends welcome.—J. E. Hedges, Brightwalton, Wantage.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stourton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, the Rev. H. Poole King. Tea 5 p.m. (6d. for members, 1s. for others). Meeting to follow. Other towers available: Bourton (6), Zeals (5).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster, Newton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available from 12.30 o'clock. Service in church at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Parish Room at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6. — Walter Hughes, Branch Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Somersham on June 6th. —Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next meeting will be held at Berkhamsted on Saturday, June 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bath on Saturday, June 6th. St. Saviour's bells (8) available at 3.15 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, 1s. 3d. per head, at Werry's Cafe, Stall Street, at 5.30. Ringing at St. Michael's at 6.30.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held on Saturday, June 6th, at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham. Bells ready 2.30, also bowls and clock golf in Vicarage grounds. Service in church 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Newton, Wisbech, on Saturday, June 6th. Six bells. Good condition. Service, tea and business meeting. — H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, June 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. The annual branch meeting, tea and social has been arranged for Saturday, August 15th, at the Burnley Parish Church.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Meeting will be held at Debenham on Saturday, June 6th (to coincide with 33rd anniversary of 16,608 Treble Bob Major). Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Parish Room at 4.45, at a charge of 6d. each. Short business meeting to follow, at which the Vicar has kindly consented to preside. All ringers welcome.—W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30. The annual outing has been fixed for Saturday, June 27th, to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1, 1.25 and 2.7 p.m.; return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s. All members invited.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing from 3.20, and tea will be arranged, as usual, at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

DEVON GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. each. Numbers for tea must reach me by Tuesday, June 9th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (10)—available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 10th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual cup contest on six bells will take place at Hoylandswaine on June 13th, commencing at 3.15 p.m. (draw at 2.40 p.m.). Secretaries and all other intending visitors kindly note that tea will be provided for all those notifying Mr. L. Wilkinson on or before Tuesday, June 9th. In view of the above event the usual monthly meeting will not be held in June.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea please write by June 10th to F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Harrold on Saturday, June 13th. Bells at 2.30. Tea at 5. — L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Wye on Saturday, June 13th. Tea will be arranged. Bells available at 2.30 p.m.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 13th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill, Highecockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, June 13th. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head at Cooke's Cafe, Carolgate, for those who notify D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, not later than June 10th. Short service from 4.20 to 4.50 p.m. will be held in the Parish Church, East Retford. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, June 13th, on which date there is to be a fete in the historic grounds of Raby Castle, in aid of the fund for the new peal of eight just installed. Will anyone intending to be present at tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 10th?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The first general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Will local secretaries and members please note? Further details later.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Saturday, June 20th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. Business after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 17th? Everyone will be heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) ready early. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, the 18th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Expecting a good attendance of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 68, Beaumont Road, Bournville, not later than Wednesday, June 17th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) open for ringing from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. It is important that those intending to be present at tea (at a moderate charge) should advise Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than the 16th inst.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available throughout afternoon and evening. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head, for all who notify Mrs. E. Knight, Carlton-in-Cleveland, Stokesley, not later than Thursday, June 18th. Business meeting immediately after tea. Annual subscription now due. All ringers cordially invited.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—The 302nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 12 o'clock. Lunch at 1 o'clock. Bells available all day from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome. Will those who wish to attend lunch kindly notify the secretary by the 23rd?—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 Tea (1s.) and meeting to follow. Please let me know by June 17th all who require tea. Nearest Stations, Cuffley or Potters Bar, from King's Cross or Broad Street, or bus from High Barnet to Potters Bar.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.



**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, June 20th, with the idea of forming a Branch in that district. Short service in Parish Church at 4 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards. Will any ringers interested, who intend to be present, please inform General Secretary by Wed., June 17?—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

**LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).**—The annual meeting will be held at Clent, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting, at which election of officers will take place. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names of those desiring tea should be sent to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, not later than Wednesday, June 18th.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The Annual general meeting will be held at Reading, on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

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#### MEDIÆVAL BELLS.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I should like to thank 'Irenæus' for the information, re old bells, published in 'The Ringing World' of March 13th, also Mr. J. R. Jeram in the issue of April 3rd, and others who have contributed to the subject since my report of the Eythorne Bell Dedication on January 9th.

My sole object was to arouse some discussion. The particulars I sent were given me in writing, and I had no reason to think they were others then accurate, but examination of the bells reveals neither founders' name nor date on the two old bells. The shields are as Mr. Jeram states, and in addition to 'Nomen Magdalena Campana,' the words 'Jevet Melodie' appear. The church is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. I am endeavouring to obtain more definite information re date and founders' name, and will write again if successful.

F. ELLIOTT

(Late of Eythorne).

#### FROM BOSTON, U.S.A.

An enjoyable gathering was held at Old Glossop on Saturday, May 16th, to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A. (formerly of Manchester), who are now on a visit to this country. Numerous touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, Mr. Newton having the pleasure of taking a rope with everyone present. Later a social evening was spent at the Queen's Arms Hotel, at which the ringers were joined by their wives and other friends. Songs and handbell ringing passed the time merrily away, and 'the health of Mr. and Mrs. Newton' was heartily honoured, with good wishes expressed for their safe return.

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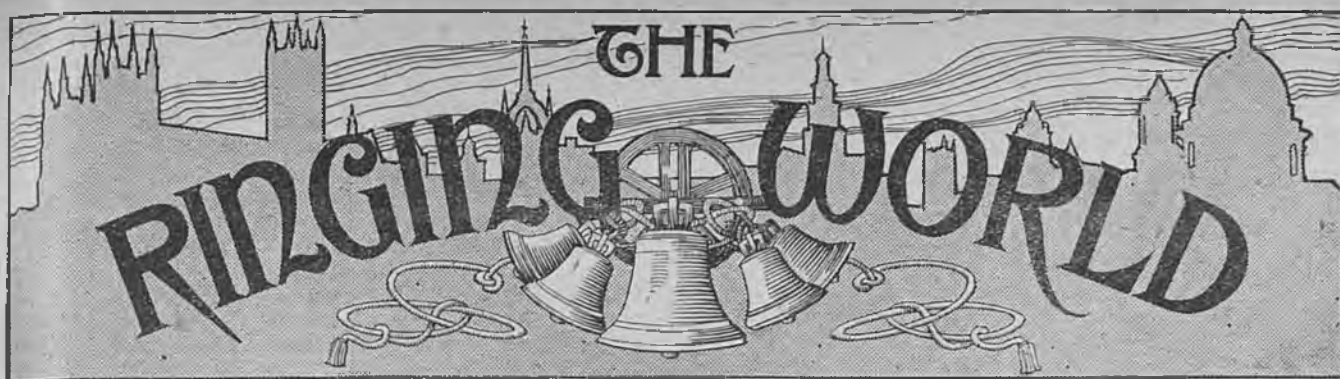
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### CHESTER REFLECTIONS.

Another meeting of the Central Council has come and gone, and all who had the privilege of attending at Chester will look back on the proceedings with nothing but the happiest recollections. Apart from the very enjoyable social features which distinguished this year's gathering above many others, the business meeting itself was one of considerable interest. It was not without its humorous interludes, as will be seen by those who peruse the report of the proceedings as it appears in our columns, but this spice of merriment helped to temper the business and relieve it of that dulness which not infrequently has marked the meetings in the past.

Except in the case of the Literature and Press Committee, there was a definite report from each of the numerous committees set up by the Council, and in the case of the Peal Collection Committee and the Methods Committee there was a statement of actual work completed, after a long absence of any apparent progress. We use the word 'apparent' advisedly, because the work of these committees is really stupendous in its detail, and it is only the finished product which the Council and the Exercise see. The great work of the Analysis Committee is obvious to all every year, and we think a considerable number of ringers will fully approve of the Council's action in relieving them of a large amount of work by abolishing peal points for the future. Another of the committees which put in substantial work during the year was that appointed to deal with method nomenclature and the Council, in this knotty problem, took the only reasonable course open to them by deferring discussion until the report has been seen in print. In this connection it might be mentioned that it would be well if all the committees with reports of a controversial nature would publish them beforehand, as failure to do so can only result in postponement of a decision for at least a year.

Only one of the motions down for discussion brought any opposition, and that was with regard to the augmentation of peals of eight to peals of ten. We doubt if Alderman Pritchett, who moved it, was really as serious as he would have us believe, and his proposal was actually laughed out of court. Many members must still be wondering whether he was not gently 'pulling the leg' of the Council. At any rate, the motion added to the merriment of the proceedings, which, throughout, were characterised with the best of good taste and feeling. One other word is necessary, and that is to compliment the Chester Diocesan Guild and its special committee upon the manner in which they made the arrangements, both for the success of the meeting and the enjoyment of their visitors.

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## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEEN PARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... 7          |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2     | HENRY T. WILSON ... 8        |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... 3        | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 9     |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 4          | C.S. M.JR. J. BENNETT ... 10 |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... 5       | REUBEN SANDERS ... 11        |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6       | RICHARD E. WILSON ... Tenor  |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... 7       |
| *EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2  | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 8  |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 3         | *EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 9 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4      | HAROLD W. CLARKE ... 10   |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5     | REUBEN SANDERS ... 11     |
| WILLIAM W. COLES ... 6      | WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor     |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Cambridge Maximus. First peal of Maximus on the bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| ROBERT J. DAWE ... Treble | GEORGE W. STOKES ... 6  |
| ALFRED J. TURNER ... 2    | *WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 7 |
| *MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... 3   | CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 8  |
| FRANK BENNETT ... 4       | HARRY PARKES ... 9      |
| *GEORGE H. SHUKER ... 5   | JOHN DEARLOVE ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Royal. Mr. Turner has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble | *WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 6 |
| FREDERICK ROGERS ... 2     | FRANK BENNETT ... 7     |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 3      | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8    |
| *HARRY PARKES ... 4        | JOHN DEARLOVE ... 9     |
| *STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 5   | KEITH HART ... Tenor    |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 15 lb.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ROBERT J. DAWE ... Treble | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6   |
| *MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... 2   | JOHN JAY ... 7            |
| CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 3    | HARRY PARKES ... 8        |
| FRANK BENNETT ... 4       | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 9      |
| *WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... 5   | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM BOOTH.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal of Treble Ten.



ST. LAWRENCE, THANET, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES ... 6   |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 2            | C.S.MJR. J. BENNETT... 7 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT... 3         | HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 8 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4         | EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 9 |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... 5          | REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.  
First peal on the ten bells.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| HARRY PAGE... Treble   | FREDERICK LASBURY ... 6 |
| FREDERICK BAILEY ... 2 | JAMES CROSS ... 7       |
| GEORGE LARGE ... 3     | TOM PAGE ... 8          |
| GEORGE CROSS ... 4     | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9  |
| SIDNEY DAWE ... 5      | WILLIAM PAGE ... Tenor  |

Composed by JAMES WOOD. Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

First peal of Kent Royal for all, and first peal of Kent Royal for the association. First attempt on ten bells for G. Cross and W. Page.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(RAILWAYMEN'S PEAL.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| FRANK J. BAILEY... Treble | † LEWIS WRIGHT ... 6    |
| JOHN BULLEN ... 2         | ALFRED PARNELL ... 7    |
| CHARLES GREEDY ... 3      | WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... 8  |
| JOHN W. JONES ... 4       | FRED CHAMBERLAIN... 9   |
| ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 5    | * BERT WEAVER ... Tenor |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters on an inside bell.  
The whole who took part are employees of the Great Western Railway Company.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,  
AT THE TOWN HALL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 52 cwt.

|                         |                                |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN... Treble | WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 6        |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 2  | EDWARD CAUNCE... 7             |
| JOHN WILKINSON ... 3    | CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 8         |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4  | FREDERICK PAGE... 9            |
| ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5   | T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. T. Groombridge, of Chislehurst, Kent, who was elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of this peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHN WHEADON ... Treble    | WILLIAM SPICE ... 5       |
| PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM ... 2 | C.S.MJR. J. BENNETT ... 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3     | EDWARD A. G. ALLEN... 7   |
| HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 4   | CHARLES WINSOR ... Tenor  |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 5 |
| JOHN A. COLE ... 2          | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6      |
| ISAAC G. SEADE ... 3        | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7    |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS... 4        | ALFRED H. POLLING ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ALFRED H. PELLING.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST W. TIPLER ... Treble | JAMES GEORGE ... 5        |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2   | JOSEPH B. FENTON ... 6    |
| ALFRED G. GRANT ... 3       | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7 |
| JOSEPH A. FENTON ... 4      | WALTER MALINS... Tenor    |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble. Also to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. F. J. Herbert, a local ringer.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| † A. LAING TAYLOR ... Treble | * PERCY WILFORD... 5      |
| JOHN APPLETON... 2           | THOMAS METCALFE ... 6     |
| ROBERT LAUGHTON ... 3        | † WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 7 |
| CECIL ROBINSON ... 4         | ALFRED J. RING... Tenor   |

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES.

Conducted by WM. AINSWORTH.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the tenor.  
† First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and rung as a compliment to Col. W. H. A. Wharton, through whose generosity the bells were rehung.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHN J. MAWBY ... Treble | * HARRY CHAMBERS ... 5   |
| LEONARD J. WYMAN ... 2   | ARTHUR BELLAMY ... 6     |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... 3       | GEORGE BASFORD ... 7     |
| NORMAN THOMAS... 4       | WALTER PERKINS ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. Bigley to Miss R. Palmer.

ELTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| FRANK FRASER ... Treble | ROBERT THOMPSON ... 5        |
| ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 2 | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 6  |
| JIM HURRELL ... 3       | WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ... 7   |
| GEORGE DURLING ... 4    | ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Gladys Eleanor Mary Simpson to Walter James Cripps; also as a birthday compliment to Robert Thompson, the ringer of the 5th.

## NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Treble | *FREDK. A. SALTER ... .. 5    |
| *LAWRENCE CHADBEURN ... 2     | *GEORGE WEST ... .. 6         |
| RICHARD HAYES ... .. 3        | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 7      |
| NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 4    | FREDK. W. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples. R. Hayes and Allen F. Bailey were elected members before starting the peal.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. Treble  | *GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. 5 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2   | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 6  |
| *CHARLES R. BELTON ... .. 3 | *PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 7  |
| *THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 4  | THOMAS ATKINS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. ATKINS.

\* First peal of Major. First peal on eight bells as conductor.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *EDWARD G. GRINDELL ... Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5    |
| †ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 2     | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 6    |
| WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. 3      | *THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 7    |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 4       | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal inside in the method. Rung as a compliment to E. G. Grindell (a former member of the Debenham band), on the occasion of his silver wedding.

## TENTERDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| MRS. BAKER ... .. Treble   | KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5    |
| ROBERT EDWARDS ... .. 2    | CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 6    |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 3 | WILLIAM WENBAN ... .. 7    |
| HARRY BAKER ... .. 4       | CHARLES TRIBE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WENBAN.

First peal of Stedman by ringer of the 5th. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

## LIVERPOOL.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| THOMAS C. LARKEY ... Treble | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 5    |
| JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 2     | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 6    |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3     | CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. 7  |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 4   | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. The only previous peal, one of Grandsire Triples, was rung in this tower on December 19th, 1885. The bells were recast and rehung by J. Taylor and Co. live years ago.

SWINDON.—At St. Mark's Church, in honour of Empire Day, 720 Plain Bob, for evensong: G. Lawrence 1, T. Ricketts 2, H. Halton 3, S. Hopper 4, H. Wheeler 5, A. Heath (first 720 as conductor) 6.

## LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

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

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JONATHAN PRESTON ... Treble | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5 |
| HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 2    | RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. 6   |
| *GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3   | GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 7     |
| WILLIAM H. BALL ... .. 4    | GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... Treble | T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5    |
| WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 2     | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 6    |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3       | WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 7     |
| EDWARD BARNETT, SEN. ... 4   | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

The above were elected life members before starting.

## WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... Treble   | GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5       |
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 2   | GEORGE WILSON ... .. 6       |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3 | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7   |
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4   | JAMES C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

## MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... Treble | ARTHUR RIDYARD ... .. 5   |
| *MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... 2   | WALTER W. WOOLSTENCROFT 6 |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 3   | ALLEN H. BAILEY ... .. 7  |
| MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... 4   | THOMAS JONES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Mrs. R. F. Deal. \* First attempt for a peal of Stedman.

## TICHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, June 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ROBERT G. BLACK ... Treble | FRANK KIRK ... .. 5            |
| *MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD 2  | FREDERICK J. TITE ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 3    | HARRY SALTER ... .. 7          |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 4      | FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First attempt for peal on eight bells.

## SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| *GEORGE PIPER ... Treble  | ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5   |
| EDWARD W. BRAY ... .. 2   | HARRY PARKES ... .. 6   |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3    | ROBERT J. DAVE ... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM R. DRAGE ... .. 4 | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by KEITH HART.

\* First peal in a Treble Bob method.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5 |
| WALTER T. BENNETT ... .. 2    | ALFRED T. FOULTON ... .. 6  |
| ALFRED W. DAVIS ... .. 3      | ROBERT E. SOMMERS ... .. 7  |
| JOHN CLARK ... .. 4           | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2      | FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 6         |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3     | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7     |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4      | T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble  | CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 5     |
| ALFRED SMITH ... .. 2         | HENRY ADCOCK ... .. 6        |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. 3 | RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7      |
| CHARLES BAKER ... .. 4        | TOWNSEND ADCOCK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

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

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES MARSHALL ... .. Treble | JOHN LLOYD ... .. 5         |
| HARRY HOLDEN ... .. 2        | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6  |
| WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3      | CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7 |
| THOMAS WILLIAMS ... .. 4     | WALTER MASTERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

All are members of the local band. Rung in honour of the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... .. Treble | JAMES MARTIN ... .. 5          |
| JOSEPH WAGHORN SEN. ... .. 2   | JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 6        |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 3      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7     |
| EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 4         | T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor |

Composed by JAMES PLATT.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

The ringer of the second is in his 83rd year, and he was heartily congratulated by the rest of the band on the way he rang throughout the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. Treble | GEORGE WILSON ... .. 5         |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2          | ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 3          | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 7       |
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4        | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN BOOTH ... .. Treble   | JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 5     |
| FRED RIGBY ... .. 2        | WILLIAM E. AUSTIN ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 3 | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 7     |
| JOHN R. TAYLOR ... .. 4    | JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (196). Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Treble  | CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 5      |
| † FREDERICK LEESON ... .. 2 | JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 6       |
| LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 3  | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7           |
| GEORGE POUND ... .. 4       | * HARRY TOLHURST ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

† First peal, and first attempt on a bob bell. \* First peal.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. Treble | JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5          |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2          | C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6    |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 3         | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 4    | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. Treble | * J. E. MARKLAND ... .. 5   |
| FRED ABBOTT ... .. 2          | WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... .. 6 |
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 3     | * JOHN POTTER ... .. 7      |
| HARRY FRANCE ... .. 4         | † JOHN W. KAY ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the 22nd anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Markland, to whom the band tendered their heartiest thanks for their generous hospitality after the peal.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble | FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 5    |
| * GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2       | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6     |
| WALTER BARRETT ... .. 3         | * RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7   |
| WALTER MOBBES ... .. 4          | ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal in the method.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer 1, A. M. Stacey 2, H. J. Hunnisett 3, A. J. Moore 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, W. A. Hunnisett 8. This quarter-peal, composed by L. Stillwell, contains 72 bobs and singles, and was the conductor's 100th quarter-peal in the tower.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

*On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| STANLEY W. COPLING ... Treble | CHARLES S. SPURGEON ... 4    |
| HECTOR DENNISON ... 2         | ARTHUR A. CORBY ... 5        |
| ROBERT A. WARMAN ... 3        | FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

\* First peal, and was proposed a member of the Guild prior to the peal. This is the first peal to be rung on these bells, and first in seven methods by all the band.

RATRY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| *ALBERT R. CHANTRELL ... Treble | CHARLES ALLSOP ... 4    |
| †CHARLES PRIESTNALL ... 2       | TOM CHANTRELL ... 5     |
| JAMES H. SPENCER ... 3          | ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal. † First peal on 'inside' bell.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *WILLIAM N. COOPER ... Treble | †CHARLES W. RIDGEWAY ... 4  |
| HAROLD C. ROBINS ... 2        | WILLIAM F. T. SWALLOW ... 5 |
| CYRIL C. RIDGEWAY ... 3       | WALTER AYRE ... Tenor       |

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal and first attempt; he rang his first 720 a fortnight previous. † First peal inside. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. L. Finch, M.A.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS HARPIN ... Treble | MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4     |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2  | HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 5     |
| HARRY TYSOE ... 3        | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King.

FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                        |                          |
|------------------------|--------------------------|
| HARRY PROUT ... Treble | WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4   |
| REGINALD BECK ... 2    | THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5  |
| RONALD BECK ... 3      | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH. — On Sunday, May 10th, at the Church of St. Augustine, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, viz.: 720 St. Clement's, 360 Double Court, 180 Plain Bob: P. Banyard (first quarter) 1, Miss Phyllis Hare 2, Miss Kitty Moore 3, Miss Annie Dale 4, Miss Cecil Hepburn 5, H. Hoare (conductor) 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Isham.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

MARKET HARBOUROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, May 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,*

AT NO. 1, DINGLEY TERRACE, MARKET HARBOUROUGH.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of twenty-eight 120's Grandsire Doubles, and fourteen 120's Bob Doubles.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| C. ARTHUR MANNERING ... 1-2 | J. CHESTER ... 4         |
| *R. MARGE ... 3             | FRANK WALLINGTON ... 5-6 |

Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING. Umpire: F. CLARK.

\* First peal. First handbell peal by all. All are members of Market Harborough Parish Church band.

LAVENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,*

IN THE TOWER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's called differently.

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| C. G. PRYKE ... 1     | L. POOLSON ... 4   |
| S. H. SYMONDS ... 2-3 | A. SYMONDS ... 5-6 |

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal by C. G. Pryke, of Preston.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The deferred meeting of the Western District was held at Berkhamsted, in glorious weather, on Saturday last, when about twenty members were present from the towers in the district, and Iyer Heath. A meeting in an adjoining district did not spoil the attendance, although their numbers would have increased by five or six had another date been chosen.

The methods rung were Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major. Triples sounded the best—if best it can be called, with a 6th cracked from crown to lip. How the inhabitants can put up with that 'row' is beyond the comprehension of the writer.

In the absence of the Rector, through illness, the short service was taken by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake (Wigginton), newly appointed to that living (another district's loss, but our gain), who gave a very fine, instructive, pleasing address, from a ringer to ringers.

Tea and meeting followed the service. After the inner man had been attended to, the Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake was unanimously voted to the chair. One new honorary member (Mr. W. L. M. Benson) was elected. Tring was chosen for the next place of meeting, on Saturday, July 25th.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells; the Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake for his splendid address; the organist for his services; and Mr. F. Norris (who has climbed those belfry steps for 51 years) for the local arrangements.

As no further business required attention, the members again adjourned to the tower, where they were joined by Mr. A. R. MacDonald and Mr. 'Bert' Langdon, the latter of whom added to his experiences by ringing on seven bells and a 'wooden one.'

Will all ringers round this end of Herts, and adjoining counties, please note the Tring date, so that there may be a good meeting?

W. A.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

WESTERN DIVISION AND ANNUAL MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Walberton on May 30th, 24 members being present from Arundel, Angmering, Aldrington, Chichester, Heene, Lyminster, Warnham, Shoreham and West Tarring, together with Mr. and Mrs. Bayley, of Fareham. The company were met and welcomed at the church by the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Hunter). After several touches in various methods had been rung, the company made their way to the tearooms, and were joined by the Vicar, who afterwards presided at the business meeting.—One new member was elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Warnham in August.

A discussion arose as to the desirability of holding the annual general meetings of the association always at Brighton, and the members present wish it to be known that the majority in the Western Division are in favour of it always being held there, preferably on Whit Monday.

After votes of thanks to the Rev. W. G. Hunter for presiding and granting the use of the bells, to which the Vicar responded, the members again paid a short visit to the belfry, previous to making their way back to Arundel, where some very good practice in Triples and Major ringing brought a very enjoyable half-day's trip to an end.



**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

The Whitsun meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch was held at Moulton on Saturday, June 6th, ringers being present from Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Donington, Bicker, Deeping St. Nicholas, Market Deeping, and the local company. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave an excellent address on 'The brotherhood of man,' who took for his text, Psalm cxxxiii. 1. The organist and choir attended, and their services were much appreciated by the members.

Ten was provided by the ladies of the parish, in the Village Hall, to which about 40 members and friends sat down, including the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston) and Mrs. Sturton.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Long Sutton, in October. Further ringing was indulged in, and included Cambridge and a course of London Surprise.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.****DEBENHAM LONG PEAL VETERANS.**

A meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Debenham on Saturday, June 6th, and was attended by about 30 members, representing the towers of Ipswich, Ufford, Otley, Witnesham, Helmingham, Framsden, Creetingham, Earl Soham, Framlingham, Laxfield, Worlingworth, Cotton, Stoke Ash, Thornham and Wetheringsett, in addition to the local band. Some good touches in the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, and tea was served in the Parish Room. The Vicar of Debenham (the Rev. E. C. Oakley) joined the members at this function, and presided at the short business meeting which followed. In a happy speech, he welcomed everyone, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to meet them all, and to hear the bells being rung so well. He also specially referred to the presence there that day of the four surviving members of the band who rang the long peal of Treble Bob Major on Debenham bells on Whit Monday, 1892, and hoped they would be spared to be able to visit the scene of their splendid performance on several future anniversaries.

The Vicar gave practical proof of his interest in ringing matters by becoming an honorary member of the Guild.—Two performing members were also elected, and the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding; also to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tea.

Further ringing was then indulged in, and the bells were kept going until 9.30 p.m., the methods rung being Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, Yorkshire and London, also several touches of Stedman Triples.

**RAILWAY CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS.**

A correspondent writes: The idea suggested by Mr. C. T. Coles of a railwayman's peal, on the occasion of the centenary celebrations, was first suggested by Mr. R. B. Robinson, of Shildon, as far back as 1920, and arrangements are being made to carry this into effect. The band will probably be drawn from ringers now employed on the original line covered by the old Stockton and Darlington Railway (Shildon and Darlington to Stockton). The peal most probably will be rung at Shildon (where some of the original stone railway sleepers may still be seen), which has largely been left out of the official programme, as the procession is to start at Stockton and finish at Darlington (the home of No. 1 and No. 25 Engines). Peals will also be arranged by the Darlington and Stockton ringers, in addition to the all railwaymen's peal (Yarm, the place where one of the promotion meetings was held, only possesses two bells). Mr. R. B. Robinson's address is 54, Albert Street, Shildon, near Darlington.

**SPLICED UNION & GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.**

5,040, by A. J. PITMAN.

The first spliced peal of Triples—Union and Grandsire—was rung at Bridgend on May 16th, as already recorded in our peal columns. The composition is as follows:—

| 234567 |   | Continued    |
|--------|---|--------------|
| 472356 | 2 | 573246 3     |
| 264735 | 2 | 735246 4     |
| 572364 | 1 | 467523 2     |
| 375426 | 5 | S 534267 1   |
| 563742 | 2 | 725634 1     |
| 275463 | 1 | 467325 1     |
| 762354 | 4 | S 354267 1   |
| 437562 | 1 | 473526 2     |
| 674523 | 3 | 364752 2     |
| 576342 | 5 | 273564 1     |
| 765342 | 4 | 762435 4     |
| 367254 | 5 | 357246 2     |
|        |   | P L 324657 1 |

Repeat five times, omitting first call in parts 2, 4, 6. With 2, 3 or 4 in the hunt, Union is rung. With 5, 6 or 7 in the hunt, Grandsire is rung. Grandsire Singles are used.

First rung at Bridgend, Glamorgan, on May 16th, 1925, conducted by the composer, but without notification of the change of method.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is a scheme afoot to recast the famous peal of ten, which used to hang in the tower of St. Michael's, Coventry, but which were taken down some years ago, into a carillon of 14 bells, and to hang them as a fixed carillon.

We don't know whether it is too late, but we suggest the Central Council might do something here to endeavour to get this scheme reconsidered.

Coventry bells have the reputation of being one of the finest rings of ten in the country, and, we are informed, with a little tuning could be made, to fit into a carillon without going into the melting pot. Moreover, if a restoration scheme is to be carried out, cannot the Towers and Belfries Committee get to work and show the Coventry folks how these ten bells might be hung for ringing with safety to the fabric?

On arrival at Loughborough Foundry to attempt two peals last Saturday week, it was found that one of the bells was minus a stay. This put the 'wind up' some of the band, but the indomitable R. Harry S. said, in his characteristic way, 'I'll ring it.' This he successfully did to both peals, and now thinks he ought to be 'mentioned in despatches,' for this is the first time he has rung two peals in half a day on a bell minus a stay!

The peal of Double Norwich Major rung at St. Luke's, Brouley, on May 28th, and which was Mr. I. Emery's 300th peal, was specially arranged by him so as to allow Mr. Barnett to conduct it, as Mr. Barnett conducted his first peal many years ago—more, in fact, than either of them care to remember.

Mr. James George, of 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham, writes to thank Mr. Cornelius Charge for his remarks in the 'Ringing World' of May 22nd with reference to the Bob Royal composition. He gives up all claim to the peal.

One hundred and ten years ago to-day, what is believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Maximus rung out of London, was brought round at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

Forty years ago to-morrow, the first peal was rung on the bells at Winchester Cathedral. This was Grandsire Triples, and was conducted by F. E. Dawe.

On June 13th, 1743, 6,720 Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham, Kent, in 4 hours 31 minutes.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells was rung on June 15th, 1851.

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY SOCIETY.

### CANON NOLLOTH'S LECTURE AT MAGDALEN COLLEGE.

At Magdalen College, on Friday, June 5th, Canon H. E. Nolloth, D.D., gave a very interesting lecture to the society on 'Bells: their ancient history and modern developments.'

The lecturer gave a brief but lucid survey of the history of bells from the earliest times, illustrating his remarks with quotations from early and contemporary writers.

He then proceeded to lay great emphasis on the remarkable improvement which had taken place in bell hanging and tuning in the last thirty years or so, and he gave an interesting account of the pioneer work of Canon Simpson and Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, in their endeavours to tune bells so that their harmonies should be perfect. One of their aims was to improve the hum note and to eliminate the fourth—the curse of large bells.

The tenor at Beverley Minster was cited by the lecturer as being a bell with perfect harmonies.

Canon Nolloth next spoke of the important and responsible work of ringing the bells for service. He quoted the words of a lifelong and enthusiastic ringer, who said that he always considered that the service had begun when the bells began to ring, and that the ringing in which he took part was always preceded by prayer.

In concluding his lecture, Canon Nolloth stated that a special ringers' seat, in some suitable part of the church away from draughts, ought to be specially reserved in every church where there was a band of ringers.

At the conclusion of the lecture, the President of the Society (the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D.) gave Canon Nolloth a very hearty vote of thanks for his stimulating and instructive lecture, and assured him that all present were very grateful to him for placing his expert knowledge at the disposal of the society.

## PRESENTATIONS AT NELSON.

On Wednesday, May 27th, Messrs. R. Hartley and H. Entwistle, of the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, were each presented with a silver cigarette case by the ringers of St. Philip's Church, Nelson, Lancs.

Since the installation of the bells some eighteen months ago, they have attended practically every practice night to give instruction to the local band. This service has called for a large amount of patience and self-sacrifice, which has been highly appreciated.

After the presentation by the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Eyles), a motion that they be made honorary members of the belfry, was carried unanimously.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

### BISHOP OF CHESTER'S WELCOME.

At the meeting of the Central Council, at Chester on Whitsun Tuesday, the Associations were represented as follows:—  
Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. A. A. Hughes and T. Faulkner.

Bath and Wells Association: Mr. A. E. Coles.  
Bedfordshire Association: Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.

Chester Diocesan Guild: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. E. W. Elwell, H. Fairclough and J. Ashmole.

Devonshire Guild: Rev. E. S. Powell.

Dudley and District Guild: Mr. S. J. Hughes.

Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guilds: Messrs. W. Story and W. H. Barber.

Ely Diocesan Association: Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Essex Association: Messrs. W. J. Nevard, G. R. Pye and E. Butler.

Gloucester and Bristol: Messrs. W. A. Cave, E. Bishop and E. Guise.

Kent County Association: Messrs. T. Groombridge and E. Barnett.

Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.

Lancashire Association: Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. H. Chapman, J. R. Taylor and W. E. Wilson.

Lincoln Diocesan Guild: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, and Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association: Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Bolton.

London County Association: Mr. A. D. Barker.

Middlesex County Association: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier.

Midland Counties Association: Messrs. Pryce Taylor and A. Coppock.

North Wales Association: Mr. A. J. Hughes.

Norfolk Guild: Messrs. A. Coleman and G. P. Burton.

Oxford Diocesan Guild: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin, Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and J. Evans.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild: Messrs. F. Wilford and J. J. Jutson.

Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.

St. Martin's Guild: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

Salisbury Diocesan Guild: Rev. F. L. Edwards and Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

Stafford Archdeaconry: Messrs. W. Knight and T. J. Elton.

Suffolk Guild: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.

Survey Association: Messrs. C. F. Johnston and C. Dean.

Warwickshire Guild: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.

Winchester Diocesan Guild: Messrs. G. Williams and A. H. Pulling.

Worcester and Districts Association: Messrs. T. J. Salter and W. Short.

Yorkshire Association: Messrs. P. J. Johnson and J. Cotterell.

Hon. members: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, H. W. Wilde, J. Griffin, J. George, J. W. Parker, J. A. Trollope and E. Alex Young (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The Dean of Chester opened the meeting with prayer, and in the course of his welcome to the members, he said he hoped we should recover presently the notion in England that the Cathedrals did not belong to a group of old gentlemen, but really were the Mother Church of each Diocese, the Bishop being the head of it, the Dean and Chapter trustees, and the Cathedral belonging to everybody. That Cathedral was the one great building in the county that really belonged to everybody. We were at last beginning to feel that it did. He was glad to see that the great Cathedral of Canterbury, which ought to lead them all, had now posted on its doors a notice—more magnificently printed than they in Chester put on their doors five years ago (applause). He was told in Canterbury four years ago it was quite impossible to throw the Cathedral open: it was all right for a little cottage, but a great place like Canterbury would never be able to throw itself open to the public. He was only hoping the great Metropolitan Cathedral of the North would not stick, and he so stodgy that it would not come in at the tail end. After the Dis-solution, Chester Cathedral fell into evil plight as far as money was concerned. The Dean and Canons were only able to carry on by selling their big bell. That big bell now was hanging, he thought, in the tower of Conway Church. It was sold from Chester Cathedral. It was a sign of better days that two years ago in Chester they made their tower safe and sound, and now they could once more ring their bells. They welcomed the Council very much, and hoped they would have a very happy Council meeting.

### THE BISHOP'S WELCOME.

The Lord Bishop, who arrived a few minutes later, said he was only discharging what seemed to him a very natural debt to discharge when he came there, and that was to thank them for all they were doing for the church. Wherever one went now, one was conscious of the enormous improvement in that part of church work which they represented. The bells were more beautifully rung than

ever, there was more reverence among the bell ringers, and all felt they were among the true workers of the church. There used to be bell ringers who, some of them, kept out of the church. He felt now they were heart and soul working together for the glory of God and the welfare of the holy church. He bid them a most hearty welcome to Chester. He thought they could not have been at the Cathedral on Monday without feeling pretty clearly what it was they were out for. They really were out to try and make people feel the Cathedral was really and truly the central house of God in the Diocese, to which all were welcome, and in which they hoped all would find themselves at home. For those present on Monday it must have been a rather reassuring experience. They had the place full from morning to evening, and it was a delightful crowd to be among. One seemed to find them almost pathetically grateful for the sort of freedom which they enjoyed in God's house. He was specially glad, because he felt that in all this they had the true sympathy of those whom the Council represented. They heard small bells and great bells, but this art of change ringing was theirs alone. He thought it must give them extra pleasure to cultivate what all along had been a traditional English art.

The President (Canon G. F. Coleridge) said he needly hardly assure them how deeply the members of the Council, with some of whom he had been associated 37 years, appreciated the kindness of the Lord Bishop in welcoming them. The Council had met 37 or 38 times, and this was only the second occasion on which they had been welcomed by the Bishop and Dean of a Diocese. Up till two years ago no notice was taken of the Central Council meeting, except by Sir Arthur Heywood on the occasion of the triennial London meeting. At Salisbury, two years ago, when they met in the Chapter House, the Bishop, Dean and Archdeacon welcomed them. That day in Chester they had the Bishop, Dean and Precentor (applause).

The Bishop and Dean then left the meeting.

### REPRESENTATION ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

Canon Baker, referring to the minutes of the last meeting, asked what happened with reference to the resolution urging the appointment on each Diocesan Advisory Committee of a person with a knowledge of bells and bell ringing. Was the resolution sent to the Secretaries of the Diocesan Conferences?

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young) said he thought the best way of meeting the resolution was to put a letter in the 'Ringing World,' which he did early in the year, pointing out the desirability of ringers getting representatives elected on the Church Parochial Councils, and thus eventually, through the various stages, get a representative on the Advisory Committee. That was all he felt he could do.

Canon H. J. Elsee said what was wanted was to reach the Diocesan authorities in each case. The Parochial Councils had very little to do with Advisory Committees, except when they applied for a faculty themselves. He was not quite sure a request from a Diocesan or County Association would receive the same consideration as one from that Central body. He thought some application of that sort was to be made in the name of the Council to the Advisory Committee in each diocese.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said in the Winchester Guild the Rev. C. E. Matthews was on the Advisory Committee for the diocese.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he believed no such Advisory Committee existed in the London diocese.

Mr. F. Wilford said in the Peterborough Diocese they had not known which was the right way to go to work. They had made several inquiries, but they had not known what procedure to adopt. They were anxious it should be done, and that they should have a representative.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said the Chester Guild had taken the matter up with the authorities, but it was rather hanging fire at present.

Canon Baker pointed out that the Advisory body consisted of experts appointed by the Chancellor of the Diocese to advise on applications for faculties, and what they (the Council) wanted was that they should have a representative who could represent the point of view of the ringers, and who knew something about bells. In the case of his own diocese, the committee had come to some extraordinary conclusions. If a letter was sent to the Secretary of the Diocesan Conference he would pass it on to the Advisory Committee.

The Rev. H. Drake said that in the diocese of St. Edmundsbury their difficulty was, that, although they had made application and had the senior Archdeacon supporting them, they had not been able to get a member on the Advisory Committee. He thought if they could get the support of the Central Council it would help them greatly. He thought there would be no difficulty in each association secretary getting the information as to the Advisory Committee, and sending on a letter from the Council to the right quarter.

The hon. secretary undertook to send out a letter at the earliest opportunity.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer presented the balance sheet for the year, as already printed. It was adopted, on the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, members of the Standing Committee, who had carried out the audit.

The Hon. Secretary said no associations had dropped out, but he was glad to say Sussex had rejoined them, and they had also got as a new association, the Swansea and Brecon Guild (hear, hear).

#### THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Librarian's statement of accounts showed receipts amounting to £8 4s. 3d. from the sale of publications, and expenditure of £10 9s. 8½d., leaving an adverse balance of £2 5s. 5½d.

In his report, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said: "The sale of publications has not been quite so good as it was in the previous year, the number sold being 250, as against 265. The sum realised by the sales, £8 4s. 3d., of which £2 6s. 10d. came in from the "on sale or return" account as against 9s. only in the previous year. This account was much helped by one gentleman who sent an order for one pound's worth of books to be disposed of in one way or another: an example that might be followed with advantage. One return came to hand after the account had been made up, and the amount 3s. 4d. will be carried forward. It cost the Council £2 5s. 8d. to effect these sales. The popular work again was the "Collection of Minor Methods," which promises well for the sale of Major Methods when published. Having declared that "On the Preservation of Bells" was out of print, I was, in November last, offered at cost price a matter of 30 copies by Canon Elsee. I bought 24 copies as a speculation for the Council, and reinstated the book in the advertisement notice, and have since sold 13 copies. If the Council wishes I will buy up the remainder. It would be well to consider the bringing up to date the book, "Rules and Decisions of the Council," as the last entry therein is dated 1903. The Corrigenda of the three books, "Collection of Peals," is now completed, the last being only recently finished. This means that the peals in these books are now proved. The thanks of the Council are due to the following: Revs. H. L. James, H. S. T. Richardson, E. S. Powell, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde. The results of their work have appeared from time to time in the "Ringing World," and are now printed in leaflet form. There should be a ruling of the Council as to the disposal of these. It has been represented to me that whereas the Council possesses a complete Press record from 1871 to the present day, it has not those numbers of "Bell News" when that paper and the "Ringing World" were running together. I should like to know whether the Council wishes me to try and obtain these numbers, namely, 1912-1915, inclusive."

The Council resolved that the Librarian should repurchase the copies of "On the Preservation of Bells," now in the hands of Canon Elsee.

The Standing Committee having recommended that the Corrigenda to the Collection of Peals should be sold at 2d. for the set of three leaflets, this was agreed to; it being pointed out that anyone sending for a new set of the books would receive the Corrigenda free of charge.

The Librarian was authorised to obtain and have bound the issues of "The Bell News" for the years 1912 to 1915.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out that some of the publications of the Council were either out of print, or nearly so. As treasurer, he noticed that their balance did not progress much, and that they were getting a little loss on their sales. On the other hand, when they wanted to reprint they would find that the cost of printing had considerably increased, and he thought the Council should consider the advisability of increasing the charge of the present stock by, say, 50 per cent. It would be something towards meeting the extra cost when they had to reprint.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said they should approach the matter carefully. One got the impression that it was difficult to maintain the circulation of the Council's publications, and while they might rashly decide to increase the charge for the publications, they might find that it would result in the circulation falling off. He felt that all the while they could carry on without increasing the cost to the members of the Exercise it would be advisable to do so. It ought not to be the special function of the Council to make a profit on these things.

The Hon. Secretary's suggestion was carried by a large majority.

It was resolved, on the recommendation of the Standing Committee, that the Council's "Rules and Decisions" be brought up to date, and submitted for approval by the Council at the next meeting, the task being entrusted to the Literature and Press Committee, with the hon. secretary, it being understood that the Methods Committee would, in the meantime, revise their portion of the matter.

(To be continued.)

#### THE HON. SECRETARY'S MOTION.

By the accidental omission of a few words from the notice for next year's meeting, given by the hon. secretary, the motion, as reported last week, conveys the wrong sense of what was intended. Mr. Young's notice was in the following terms: "That the time has now arrived when the Council should consider whether the so-called scientific or Simpson tuning is in the best interest of the Exercise."

#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

##### ANNUAL MEETING AT CHELMSFORD.

The 46th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, when there was a large gathering of members from all parts of the county, and evidence was afforded of the flourishing condition of the association. Service was held at the Cathedral in the morning, Canon Lake, Sub-Dean, officiating. The ringers' service was used, and the lesson was read by the Master of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard, Braintree. The address was given by the Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchlingfield, from the text, "Partakers of the heavenly calling." The preacher dwelt on the vocational aspect of bell ringing as part of church worship, and said if that view were kept in mind by the ringers it would increase the interest in their honourable calling. It was of the highest importance that fact should be recognised, because it was of the essence of Christian work. Ringing was also skilled work, and the ringers were craftsmen on the human side. A good deal of technical skill was needed to properly ring bells. Upon an ancient bell, dated 1781, in Finchlingfield Church, there was an inscription, "Music is medicine for the mind." The ringing of bells for church service had a stimulating and helpful effect, because the bells conveyed a message, and if from any cause the bells were silent, there was a feeling of depression, and it was felt that something was wanting.

The annual meeting followed at the Cathedral Hall, where Mr. C. H. Howard presided, supported by Canon Lake, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, the Rev. H. Jordan, and Mr. E. J. Pilstow, hon. secretary.

##### THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master presented his report, which stated that the membership was 1,031, against 1,037, a slight reduction. Ninety had dropped out by deaths and lapses, and 84 had joined. The names of all in arrears of contribution had been struck out. Numerous district meetings had been held, and the attendances showed an increase, with an average of about 40. They had lost by death Mr. C. Wendle, an honorary member; Mr. C. Bearman, aged 85 years, who was present at the formation of the Association at Whittle in 1879; Mr. W. J. Sadler, a regular service ringer at Braintree for many years; and Mr. E. Wightman, a ringer and composer of repute, and at one time an officer of the Association. Fifty-one peals had been rung during the year. The majority of the methods rung were of a high standard. The small number of peals in the simpler methods rather indicated that there was little inclination on the part of the less advanced members to aspire to peal ringing. An occasional peal attempt gave an opportunity to improve the quality of the striking. It would be well if more embraced those means. It was pleasing to note that the conductors of higher methods readily responded to any invitation to assist younger members to ring their first peal. At Great Baddow the peal of eight had been recast, and the bells hung in an iron frame. The reputation of this tower, as containing the most unmusical peal in the county, was thus removed. The bells for their "go" and sweetness of tone compared very favourably with any for their weight in the diocese. The work at Rayleigh had been brought to a very successful completion. The 5th and 6th, two Pre-Reformation bells, were retained. The 6th, which was rather poor in tone, was to be hung in the tower arch as a specimen of mediæval casting, and a new one had been added in its place; the old 5th was to be refound, and the other bells recast and tuned to it, and all hung in a new iron frame. The dedication was fixed for June 21st. The six bells at Wethersfield have been refound and rehung in a new timber frame, with ball bearings. The tone of the bells was very much improved. The ring of four at Little Baddow was to be rehung. It was hoped that two trebles would be added to make a ring of six, but this project had been abandoned. Financially, the Association was in a very sound position. The total income was £61 9s. 6d., and the expenditure £42 11s. 1d., which enabled £20 to be placed to reserve, carrying forward £28 1s. 4d. The reserve fund now stood at £102 7s. 7d.

##### MASTER AND SECRETARY RE-ELECTED.

The report was adopted, and Mr. Howard was re-elected with enthusiasm.—The Master said he was obliged to the members for this renewal of confidence, and it would be a pleasure to carry on the work. The Association was getting to a very large way in the county, and the services of the Association were sought wherever there was a possible restoration of bells. The restorations which had been carried out during the past two years would not have been done in such an efficient way but for the Association, which offered advice and assistance. Only those who knew Great Baddow bells in the old days could appreciate what had been accomplished in the restoration (hear, hear). The Master added that that was his 40th year as a member of the Association. He was elected in 1885, when Mr. Cockey was secretary, and he had attended every annual meeting save one since (hear, hear). He hoped to attend many more (applause).

The Master proposed the re-election of Mr. Pilstow, Saffron Walden, as hon. secretary, and said he had proved a very able successor to the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre.—The proposition was carried unanimously.



ly, and Mr. Pitslow, returning thanks, said it would be his pleasure to carry on the duties of the office. The general committee was elected as follows: Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Messrs. W. Lincoln, T. Faulkner, F. Dench, the Master, secretary, district masters, secretaries and auditors. Peal committee: Messrs. F. Pitslow, T. Faulkner, G. R. Pye, W. Keeble; auditors, Messrs. G. W. Faulkner and W. H. Theobald. Mr. G. A. Black retired from the latter office, and the Master, in proposing a vote of thanks, stated he had rendered useful service to the association for 13 or 14 years. The Rev. O. Gosney, North Weald, was elected an hon. member, and Mr. J. Walden, All Saints', Maldon, was elected ringing member.

The Master reported that the Washbrook Memorial appeal had been announced in the 'Ringing World,' and the association had been asked to subscribe. Mr. Washbrook was a great ringer in his day, and most of the Ringing Associations and Guilds had associated themselves with his memorial. The general committee had considered this, and recommended that it would be desirous to make a grant from the funds of the association.—Mr. W. Keeble said he had rung with the late Mr. Washbrook, and regarded him as the greatest ringer that ever lived.—Mr. Keeble proposed three guineas be voted from the funds of the association.—Mr. F. Dench seconded this, and the Master, in supporting, said he agreed with what had been said about the late Mr. Washbrook.—The proposition was carried unanimously.

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GOOD SERVICE.

The meeting considered the granting of life memberships to members of advanced age who had been subscribing 20 years.—On a vote there were 16 in favour and 18 against a resolution to confer honorary membership on all men over 65 with 20 years' continuous subscription.—It was agreed nem. con. that the association should make life members of those who had rendered good service.—It was decided to invest a further £50 from reserve in War Stock, the interest to form a fund to aid bell restorations.

The Master read a letter from the Rev. Canon Papillon, a former Master of the Association, who is over 80 years of age, congratulating the association on its flourishing condition, and wishing the members a successful meeting.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed thanks to Canon Lake for the use of the Cathedral, and to the Rev. H. Jordan for his eloquent and helpful address.

Canon Lake, in reply, said there had been formed a Central Advisory Committee in the Diocese of Chelmsford, and any proposed alterations, either to churches or bells, had to come before that committee, which had to see that nothing injurious either to churches or bells was done. He (Canon Lake) suggested two years ago that the Master of the Essex Association should be on that Diocesan Committee, to give the members the expert knowledge he had upon matters of bells. Mr. Howard was elected, and he had proved the greatest help and influence to the committee. The restorations of the Baddow and Rayleigh bells had been greatly helped by the expert knowledge of Mr. Howard, the Essex Master (hear, hear).

The Rev. H. Jordan also replied to the vote, and the members adjourned for luncheon, the Master presiding.

The members then made up hands to ring in the various towers in the neighbourhood, where permission had been granted to ring. A large number visited Great Baddow to try and hear the recast ring of eight, and were highly pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells. Loud praises were expressed of the efficient manner in which Messrs. Taylor and Co. had carried out their work. Excellent touches of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandfire Triples were brought round during the day.

**GREAT BADDOW.**—On June 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandfire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Payne 1, W. Rice 2, H. Dawson 3, H. Bush 4, H. Allen 5, A. Richell 6, George Green (conductor) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. This quarter-peal was rung on the 12th anniversary of Dr. Spencer Phillips' wedding.

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The Rev. R. C. Thursfield moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the clergy of Northampton for so kindly placing the various peals of bells at the disposal of the ringers during the day, and to the Vicar of St. Giles' for conducting the service, and giving the address.

The Rev. A. M. Johnson (St. Edmund's), in responding to the vote, said how pleased the clergy were to welcome the members of the Guild to Northampton, and spoke of the excellent services rendered to the church by his own ringers, who were always ready to support him in every way.

Later, the Vicar of St. Giles' (the Rev. C. J. Watkins) unveiled a peal tablet in St. Giles' belfry, in connection with a peal of Stedman Caters rung as a welcome to him on coming to Northampton.

During the day, touches were rung in most of the standard methods by mixed companies, and some very good ringing was enjoyed by the large number present.

#### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Northampton on Whit Monday, and despite the many other attractions in the district, there was a large number of ringers present during the day. The Guild form of service was used at St. Giles' Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Watkins), who preached a very helpful and encouraging sermon. Mr. F. Willford (Master of the Guild) read the lessons.

Lunch was taken at Valentine's Cafe, and was followed by the annual business meeting. Mr. F. Willford (Master) presided, and amongst those present were the Rev. J. P. Freud (President, Northampton Branch), the Rev. J. O. Hichens (President, Guildborough Branch), the Rev. E. C. Thursfield (President, Kettering Branch), the Rev. E. C. Channer (Northampton), the Rev. C. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), the Rev. A. M. Johnson (Northampton), the Rev. J. White (Pitsford), Messrs. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), D. J. Nichols (secretary), R. G. Black (Kettering), T. Tebbutt (Northampton), F. Barber (Wellingborough) and W. Bott (Guildborough), branch secretaries, C. Chown (Sheffield), A. H. Ward and J. Brainer (Derby), W. J. Sharp (Towcester), J. J. Jutson (Peterborough), etc.

The Chairman referred sympathetically to the illness of the Very Rev. A. H. Page (Dean of Peterborough, and President of the Guild), who was taken ill during a service at the Cathedral on the previous day.—He moved that a letter of sympathy be sent, and this was carried.

Apologies for absence were received from the Dean of Peterborough (President), the Mayor of Northampton, Archdeacon Greaves (Finedon), the Rev. C. Grady (Garton Mauditt), the Rev. E. J. Atkins (Isham), the Rev. C. J. Watkins (Northampton), the Rev. L. S. Clark (Poolebrooke), Mr. Owen Parker (Higham Ferrers), and Mr. S. F. Millward (Northampton).

The secretary's report and statement of accounts were unanimously adopted, and the secretary was heartily thanked for his services.

##### A SUCCESSFUL FIRST YEAR.

The secretary's report (the first under the auspices of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild) stated that 63 peals were rung during the year in a variety of methods, which shows that a steady improvement is being made in regard to methods rung, the most notable achievement being the peal of Bristol Surprise Major at Irthlingborough. Thirteen ringers rang their first peal, 39 rang their first peal in a new method, ten their first on eight, and four on ten bells. Twenty-one ringers conducted peals, three of whom called their first peal. Messrs. T. Tebbutt and M. Hobbs both rang their 100th peal, as a result of hard and continuous work for several years, particularly among the five and six-bell ringers. That the incentive of peal ringing is an inducement for improved striking is a well-known fact, and members should see that the standard in peal ringing is also maintained in the provision of good and regular ringing for Sunday Services. There are 81 towers in union with the Guild, with a total membership of 592, being 65 honorary and 527 ringing members. All the branches are in a satisfactory financial position, although some incurred a slight loss on the year's work owing to extra expenditure which will not occur again. The total receipts amounted to £34 19s. 9d., and the expenditure to £5 9s. 6d., but that did not include the cost of printing the annual reports. A sum of £11 19s. 9d. was added to the Belfry Repairs Fund, after making a grant of three guineas to Yelverton, the balance in hand being £44 19s. 6d. In reviewing the work of the Guild during its first year, the most remarkable thing is the manner in which the branches have settled down to 'local government,' which is due to the very excellent and untiring efforts of all the branch officers. The worthy Master had been a source of inspiration of the whole Guild. He had attended more than thirty meetings during the year, and done much to help in making the Guild a real and living body of active church workers.

The officers were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year, as follows: President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough; Master, Mr. F. Willford Northampton; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Wilson, Isham; secretary, Mr. D. J. Nichols, Kettering; auditor, Mr. S. F. Millward, Northampton.

##### BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

On the motion of the Master, seconded by Mr. F. Hopper, it was unanimously decided to grant 10 guineas to St. Sepulchre's, Northampton, in connection with the rehanging of the peal of eight bells in that tower.

A proposition to grant 5 guineas to St. John's, Peterborough, for work in connection with the bells, was deferred.

On the recommendation of the committee, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Guild at Northampton.

Mr. W. Rogers informed the meeting that he was making very satisfactory progress in an effort to add two new treble bells to the peal of 10 at St. Giles' Church, and appealed to all ringers to give the scheme for providing a peal of 12 in Northampton their hearty support, when called on to do so.

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## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EGHAM.—On Sunday, June 7th, for Hospital Church parade, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Burley (first quarter) 1, H. J. Chaffey 2, J. B. Hessey 3, A. Hiscock 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, W. Sewell 7, S. G. Armstrong 7, A. Perry 8. Also a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. B. Hessey, of Chertsey.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, June 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 53 mins.: F. W. Goddard 1, R. W. R. Pieton 2, W. E. Oakley 3, G. Seaman 4, E. M. Elliott 5, J. Milner 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8. Messrs. Goddard and Milner were on a visit from Isleworth.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, June 7th, for evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, H. J. Hazell 2, F. J. Cook 3, F. G. Gleeves 4, E. Wakeling 5, C. W. Woolley 6, G. E. Crisp 7, C. W. Cook (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major by E. Wakeling.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 24th, Empire Day, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,302 changes) from the first part of Holt's Original: F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. C. Cuss 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, H. C. Bond 5, R. Hayes 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. Edwards 8.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes, composed by R. E. Deal): F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, R. Hayes (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. C. Cuss 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, W. H. Hayward 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Hayward 10.

CARSHALTON.—On Sunday, May 24th, for evensong, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 39 mins.: J. Galver (first quarter-peal) 1, A. H. Bundle 2, G. W. Heather 3, F. E. Darley 4, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 5, J. Avery 6. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th are of the new local band, and 4th and 5th from Beddington.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 24th, at St. Leonard's Church, Streatham, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. E. Harcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, J. W. Chapman 4, Miss F. E. Orr (conductor) 5, C. W. Roberts 6, T. Welbourne 7, S. Gardner 8. First quarter-peal as conductor by Miss Orr, and rung in honour of Empire Day.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 24th, for morning service, and in honour of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: R. Tyler 1, J. Day 2, G. Spencer, senr. 3, C. Nash 4, G. Spencer, junr., 5, F. Nash 6, J. T. Kentish 7, W. Nash (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major by all except the ringers of 7th and 8th.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's R.C. Church, Norfolk Row, on Sunday, May 24th, in recognition of Empire Day, also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, from Holt's Original), in 49 mins.: J. Tuke 1, C. Harrison (conductor) 2, T. Sarel 3, C. Lake 4, T. O'Hara 5, J. Evinston 6, R. Harrison 7, H. Hurst 8.

UGHTFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, May 24th, for evening service, two 120's Grandsire Doubles, rung in whole bells, in 22 mins.: J. Ellison (conductor) 1, H. Ellison 2, W. H. Ellison 3, J. Shropshire 4, T. Arrowsmith 5, R. H. Faulkner 6.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT NETLEY.

A well-attended meeting was held last Saturday at Netley, the glorious weather adding to the enjoyment of the gathering. Nearly 30 members and visitors were present from Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Havant, North Stoneham, Netley, Portsmouth (St. Thomas' and St. Mary's), Ringwood, Southampton and Swanmore, also the Master (Mr. G. Williams) and general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger). A short but enjoyable service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Henty-Summers) officiated, the Guild's form of service being used. An excellent tea was provided at the Alexandra Cafe, the company being joined by the Vicar of Netley, who also presided at the business meeting. Several full members and probationers from Havant were elected, which was most gratifying. It was with regret that the district accepted the resignation of Mr. W. Tate, as chairman of the district, and a member of the Central Committee, to which the Master made reference. Mr. C. J. Fray (Curdridge) kindly consented to fill the vacancy on the Central Committee, and Mr. R. J. Stone (Portsmouth) was elected chairman of the district.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting at Alverstoke on August 22nd next, due notice of which will appear in the 'Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. Stone, was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, the organist, and all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success.—In reply, the Vicar said his only regret was that the Guild had not visited Netley for six years until that day, and he hoped their visits would be more frequent in the future. After the meeting, the members returned to the tower until 8.30 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the ringing included rounds for the beginners and all the standard methods, and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

## WORCESTERSHIRE RINGER'S WEDDING.

## PRESENTATION TO SOUTHERN DISTRICT MASTER.

Two Worcestershire ringing families were united by the marriage on Thursday week of Mr. Joseph D. Johnson, eldest son of Mr. F. and Mrs. Johnson, of Hinton-on-the-Green, and Miss Ethel G. Hemming, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Hemming, of Hampton, near Evesham. The bridegroom is himself one of the most prominent ringers in the Worcestershire Association, and became quite famous as a boy by taking part in handbell peals with his father and sister. Since then he has conducted some noteworthy performances for the Worcestershire Association, and is now Ringing Master of the Southern Branch. The bride's father has been hon. secretary and treasurer of the Southern Branch of the Association since its formation in 1911, while he is also chairman of the Parish Council, and a school manager.

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Hampton, and the service was choral. The Rev. D. FitzMaurice officiated, assisted by the Rector of Hinton (the Rev. V. C. Blythe), and the Rev. J. S. Stallard (Vicar of Hallow), the last named giving the address. The bride was attired in ivory silk marocain, with an overdress of silk lace, and she carried a bouquet of arum lilies and carnations. There were four bridesmaids, Misses W. and Joan Hemming (sisters of the bride), and Misses R. and Rosalie Johnson (sisters of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of mauve silk marocain and silk lace, and carried bouquets of mauve and pink sweet peas. Mr. F. Johnson (brother of the bridegroom) acted as best man.

After the service a reception was held at the Parish Room, upwards of 70 relations and friends being present. The health of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by the Rev. J. S. Stallard, supported by Mr. FitzMaurice and Mr. Blythe, and was heartily drunk. The bridegroom briefly replied. A presentation followed which had been subscribed for by bands of ringers from the following towers in the Southern Branch of the association: Ashchurch, Badsey, Braden's Norton, Bretforton, Cropthorne, Dumbleton, Eckington, Elmdy Castle, Evesham, Fladbury, Hampton, Hinton, Little Comberton, Norton, Overbury, Pershore, Stanton and Toddington, and also Mr. J. R. Newman (secretary of the association). A committee was appointed, comprising Messrs. C. A. Binyon (Badsey), H. Middleton (Norton) and J. Hall (Bretforton) to take the matter in hand. These were present at the reception to make the presentation. An oak antique bureau had been chosen, and in presenting this Mr. Binyon said that Mr. Johnson, having the honour of being Ringing Master of the branch, was well known to all ringers in the district, and the very ready response to the appeal showed how very much he was respected among them.—Mr. Johnson, in acknowledging the gift, said he hoped to take the first opportunity of thanking the members of the branch personally. The presents, which numbered upwards of sixty, were most useful. The happy couple left later for Weymouth, en route for Jersey, where the honeymoon is being spent. Needless to say the bells rang out merrily during the afternoon and evening.

## NEW TREBLE AT BRIGHTWALTON.

The new treble bell at Brightwalton, Berks, increasing the ring to a peal of six, was dedicated at a special service on Saturday last by Dr. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. After the formal dedication, the local band rang a short touch of Bob Doubles, and the Archdeacon gave an address.

A large company then sat down to tea in the schoolroom, their wants being attended to by the ringers' mothers and wives. Afterwards, the bells were kept going till 8.30, in Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob Minor and Treble Bob Minor. The following towers in the Newbury branch were represented: Beadon, Bucklebury, East Ilsley, Compton, Newbury, Thatcham and Yattendon, also Englefield in the Bradfield branch, and Milton in the North Berks branch. The cost of the new bell is £63, and it was dedicated free of debt.

## BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have received instructions from the chairman of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds (Mr. W. Knight) to notify all C.E.M.S. ringers that ringing will take place at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, on June 14th, at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m.; June 15th, 7.15 p.m.; St. Mary Redcliffe Church; 7.30 p.m., on Tuesday, June 16th, St. James' Church; service ringing on June 14th, time as St. Stephen's. Ringers visiting Bristol at any time may obtain particulars of Sunday Service ringing and practices by applying direct to—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE, Hon. Secretary.

39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

HORNSEY.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on May 24th, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. Hlee 1, E. G. Hibble 2, A. Putland 3, A. Howell 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, the 21st (6 p.m.); St. Magnus on the 25th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 16th; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 13th. Ringing from 3.20, and tea will be arranged, as usual, at 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at Uplowman on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at S. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual cup contest on six bells will take place at Hoylandswaine on June 13th, commencing at 3.15 p.m. (draw at 2.40 p.m.). In view of the above event the usual monthly meeting will not be held in June.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Melksham on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea. — F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Harrold on Saturday, June 13th. Bells at 2.30. Tea at 5. — L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting for combined practice will be held at Brockenhurst on Saturday, June 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday, June 13th. The bells of St. Michael's (6, tenor 12 cwt.) will be available after 2.30. Will members intending to be present please advise Mr. R. Parkinson, 1, North View, Colliery Row, Fence Houses, who will arrange for tea (1s. 3d. per head)?—R. L. Patterson (vice-president), G. S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Staindrop on Saturday, June 13th, on which date there is to be a fete in the historic grounds of Raby Castle, in aid of the fund for the new peal of eight just installed.—A Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Saturday, June 20th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. Business after. Will those requiring tea please let me know by the 17th? Everyone will be heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) ready early. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. per head. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, the 18th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Expecting a good attendance of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Northfield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. B. Cartwright, 68, Beaumont Road, Bournville, not later than Wednesday, June 17th?—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) open for ringing from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. It is important that those intending to be present at tea (at a moderate charge) should advise Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than the 16th inst.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available throughout afternoon and evening. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head, for all who notify Mrs. E. Knight, Carlton-in-Cleveland, Stokesley, not later than Thursday, June 18th. Business meeting immediately after tea. Annual subscription now due. All ringers cordially invited.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, June 17th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 Tea (1s.) and meeting to follow. Please let me know by June 17th all who require tea. Nearest Stations, Cuffley or Potters Bar, from King's Cross or Broad Street, or bus from High Barnet to Potters Bar.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, June 20th, with the idea of forming a Branch in that district. Short service in Parish Church at 4 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards. Will any ringers interested, who intend to be present, please inform General Secretary by Wed., June 17?—R. T. Hibbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

**ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.**—St. Clement Danes, Strand.—Annual outing on Saturday, June 20th. A charabanc will leave St. Clement Danes Church at 1.30 p.m. for a tour in Kent. Ringing at three towers during the journey. Tea at Shoreham. All members desiring to attend must send their names to the hon. sec. by Wednesday, June 17th. Fare and tea 5s.—F. W. H. Serghison, Hon. Sec.

**LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.**—The ringing anniversary will be held on Saturday, June 20th. Tower open 2 p.m. All old and new ringing friends cordially invited (cycles west door).—A. Symonds.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 4.45, followed by meeting. Those requiring tea notify me by June 16th.—R. R. Lewis, South Bar, Banbury.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 20th. Those intending being present for tea please notify me by June 16th.—S. Hopper, 2, Florence Street, Swindon, Wilts.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Shilton, near Coventry, on Saturday, June 20th. Will all requiring tea please inform Mr. R. Parker, Shilton, Coventry, not later than the 16th?—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available after 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**ERITH PARISH CHURCH.**—The official opening of the bells will take place on Saturday, June 20th, at 3 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. W. M. Browne), at 5.30 p.m. Will all those ringers requiring tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 17th? All welcome.—F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

**LADIES' GUILD (Midland District).**—The annual meeting will be held at Clent, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting, at which election of officers will take place. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names of those desiring tea should be sent to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, not later than Wednesday, June 18th.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Handley on June 20th. Tower open 3, service 4.30. Members requiring tea please notify by June 16th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Gargrave on June 27th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m. (8, tenor 16 cwt.). Tea will be provided in Parochial Hall, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. each to all who notify Mr. W. H. Birt-whistle, West Street, not later than Tuesday, June 23rd. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopgood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, June 27th. 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.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members are asked to come, if possible, to the annual outing on June 27th to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1.15 and 2.7 p.m. Return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, for those who notify Mr. D. Finn, Brabourne, by the 23rd.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Guildford and Yorktown Districts will hold a combined meeting at Yorktown on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Hawley bells will be available after the tea.—E. Raddon and J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—The 302nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 12 o'clock. Lunch at 1 o'clock. Bells available all day from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome. Will those who wish to attend lunch kindly notify the secretary by the 23rd?—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present please notify me by June 24th.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on Saturday, July 4th, the draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify, not later than June 30th, L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.



**LADIES' GUILD.**—The Annual general meeting will be held at Reading, on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

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#### NEW PEAL AT BURBAGE. FIVE BELLS INCREASED TO EIGHT.

The dedication of the new peal of eight bells at St. Catherine's Church, Burbage, Leicestershire, took place on Saturday, May 23rd, the ceremony being performed by the Archdeacon of Loughborough. Five bells originally hung in the tower, and these have been recast and three new ones added, making a splendid octave (tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp). The inscriptions on the new bells are:—

Treble bell: 1 ring to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Emily Robinson, who departed this life 25th May, 1910, given by Edwin Norman Robinson, Samuel Robinson and Catherine Mabel Robinson, 1925.

7th bell: To the Glory of God, in memory of the men who worshipped in this church, who fell in the Great War, 1914—1918, 1925.

Tenor bell: 1 ring to the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Keturah Robinson, who departed this life 20th August, 1924, given by Edwin Robinson, 1925.

The original inscriptions have been reproduced on the other bells. After the dedication, a few rounds were rung while the Archdeacon and officiating clergy and churchwardens were returning to their seats. The first touch consisted of 280 Grandsire Triples by J. S. Hutchby 1, G. Pudley 2, E. Morris (conductor) 3, E. Rivett 4, W. Perrins 5, J. F. Clarke, junr., 6, H. Broughton 7, J. Oldham 8. Immediately afterwards, all visiting ringers, numbering about 60, and also 600 subscribers to the cost of the bells, were entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. R. D. H. Pughe) and Mrs. Pughe. Tea over, the bells were soon pealing forth to the tune of Cambridge, Superlative, etc., everyone being quite pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which quite uphold the high reputation of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

#### SUFFOLK GUILD.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Sudbury District was held at the Park, Assington, on Saturday, May 30th. Members attended from Ardleigh (Essex), Cornard Lavenham, Long Melford, and the local band. The bells of St. Edmund's Church were kept going during the afternoon and evening to touches of Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

This gathering proved a most successful practice meeting, some excellent help being given to some of the local men, one member from Ardleigh ringing his first 720 of Plain Bob, another from the same place, and one from Long Melford ringing their first touch (360) of Double Court.

An encouraging feature was the securing of four of the local men, also one ringer from Bures as Guild members.

After partaking of light refreshments at the Shoulder of Mutton Inn, the tower was again visited, and various touches rung. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. F. Banham for the use of the bells; also Messrs. D. Elliott and the local men for the hearty welcome they extended.

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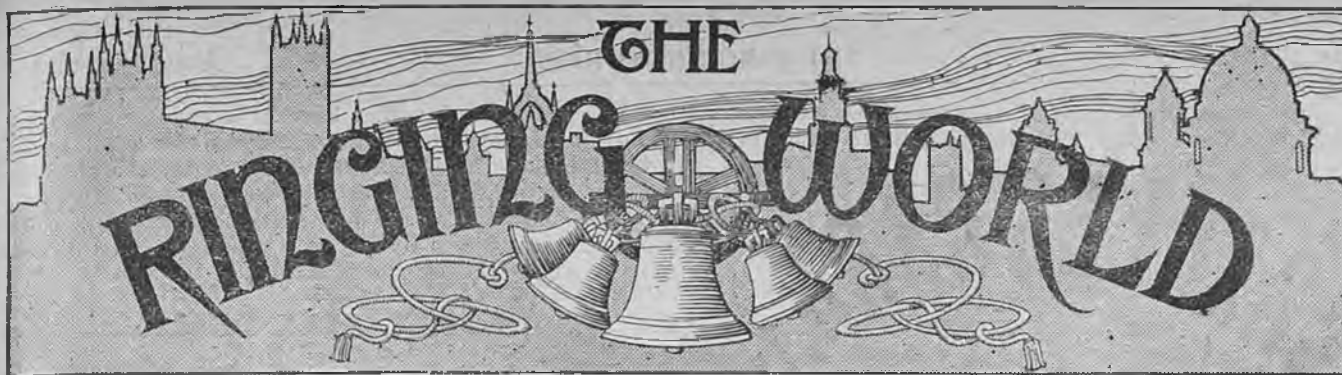
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### COVENTRY'S FAMOUS BELLS.

Are the famous bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, now the Cathedral Church of the new diocese, to be lost for ever to ringing? The question is prompted by the announcement that it is proposed to recast them into a carillon of 14 bells, as we briefly intimated in our last issue, and unless something is done quickly one of the finest rings of ten bells in the world will disappear, to give place to a lighter set of bells of extremely limited capacity for tune playing. It is a difficult matter for outsiders to intrude themselves into the domestic affairs of any church, but here, we think, the Central Council might with justification endeavour to induce the Coventry people to hold their hand until further investigation has been made.

The position at Coventry is a unique one. Towards the end of the eighteenth century apprehensions as to the stability of the beautiful steeple, led to the bells being taken down and rehung in a wooden frame rising from the ground and unconnected with the steeple walls. When the church was restored in 1885 the western arch was thrown open and the bell cage, being considered unsightly, was ordered to be removed, and with it the bells had also to go. They were last rung exactly forty years ago this month, and, after being stowed away for a time, were re-erected in the Octagon, where they have since hung dead for chiming. From time to time schemes for the building of a separate campanile have been mooted, but have never matured, presumably for want of funds.

In the forty years which have passed since the bells were rung, however, great advances have been made in the engineering side of bell hanging, and it seems to us that there is opportunity here for a reinvestigation of the ability of the tower to carry the bells at a low level; or, if this project should be impracticable, to raise once more the question of another campanile. To melt up this grand old peal of bells seems almost like sacrilege, when the only object is to get out of them four more. We believe that with a little tuning to bring the bells into line with present day scientific ideas, these ten bells would be as fine as any in the land, and if eventually they are to fulfil no greater purpose than to be played upon by mechanical means, it is still to be hoped they may be preserved, and any extension of their number provided by entirely new metal. While one admires the generosity which has prompted a parishioner to defray the cost of the present proposals, there is very little information available as to whether any consideration has been given to a scheme to restore the bells to their original purpose, or whether any independent advice was sought. We

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admire carillons (when they have sufficient scope) as very beautiful instruments, but as ringers we must guard against the sacrifice of bells, which might otherwise be rung in English fashion, to a desire for mechanical tune playing. Admittedly, the position at Coventry is unusual, but before it is too late we hope something will be done to get the scheme, at least, reconsidered.

### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ARTHUR PRINCE... .. Treble | GEORGE WALKER... .. 7         |
| *GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2   | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 8     |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 3  | ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 9       |
| FREDERICK DICKENS ... .. 4  | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 10       |
| ALBERT WALKER ... .. 5      | JOHN NEAL ... .. 11           |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6   | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

\* First attempt for a peal on twelve bells. Mr. Arthur Prince hails from Bath.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Treble | WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7      |
| JOHN PERRY ... .. 2            | EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 8    |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3        | BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 9     |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 4      | THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 10   |
| *NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON... 5     | WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 11 |
| JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6      | WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... Tenor  |

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Elton. \* First attempt for a peal on twelve, and hails from Nottingham.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt. in C sharp.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| FRANK JINKS ... .. Treble | JOHN HALL... .. 6            |
| JAMES HEMMING ... .. 2    | FREDERICK JORDAN ... .. 7    |
| HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 3   | †JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. 8    |
| HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 4  | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9   |
| *HAROLD STREET... .. 5    | JEFFREY G. HEMMING ... Tenor |

Composed by FRED G. MAY.

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

\* First peal of Caters away from the tenor. † First peal of Caters away from treble. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. D. Johnson on the occasion of his marriage to Miss E. G. Hemming, the daughter of the conductor, on the previous Thursday; it was also the conductor's first peal of Caters as conductor.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED JOHNSON... .. Treble | SAMUEL MOORE, SEN... .. 5   |
| HUGH YARWOOD ... .. 2       | THOMAS WILKINSON ... .. 6   |
| JOHN AUSTIN... .. 3         | ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 7       |
| REV. W. R. INGHAM ... .. 4  | JOSEPH ASHMOLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

J. Austin hails from Gloucester, and was elected a member previous to starting.



## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 5  |
| JOHN HAYES... .. 2            | EDWARD V. RODENBURST... 6    |
| JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 3     | JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 7       |
| GEORGE W. JONES ... .. 4      | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This peal was specially arranged for Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, with the band which rang his record length of Treble Bob Major.

## BETCHWORTH, SURREY.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, June 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| HARRY DYAS ... .. Treble  | JOSEPH MILNER... .. 5        |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2 | SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 6    |
| AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 3    | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7        |
| ERNEST BREIT ... .. 4     | *RICHARD NEWMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal.

## MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURANCE,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. Treble | JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 5   |
| JOHN HENRY SWINFELD ... 2      | EDWIN HARRY STONELEY ... 6 |
| MAURICE SWINFELD... .. 3       | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7      |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4        | JAMES PAGETT ... .. Tenor  |

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

The composition is now rung for the first time. \* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells on this occasion.

## FARNES, SURREY.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *PHILLIP STRATTON ... .. Treble | FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 5 |
| HARRY BARRETT ... .. 2          | RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 6   |
| ERNEST H. COOK ... .. 3         | CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... 7  |
| †WILLIAM C. STACEY... .. 4      | JOHN WILMOTT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES F. W. HUNT.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. the King.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in F.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. Treble | THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5      |
| ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 2       | DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6         |
| JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 3     | AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 7         |
| HARRY DYAS... .. 4             | FREDERICK W. CHORLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by JEFFERY R. GAMMON.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to J. R. Gammon, whose first peal it was as conductor.

## GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5      |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2      | JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6         |
| WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 3   | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7      |
| ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 4        | WILLIAM HIGGINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

Mr. Prince is from Bath, and Mr. Hollier is a secretary of the Middlesex Association. Believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

## FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S No. 2 TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5        |
| ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 2        | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6    |
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3     | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7      |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4      | REGINALD L. INCE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON Treble | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 5     |
| *FREDERICK S. PRICE... .. 2 | HENRY HARRISON ... .. 6      |
| *JOHN C. DICKENS ... .. 3   | JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 7     |
| ALLAN R. HICKTON ... .. 4   | *PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

\* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. First spliced peal in the county of Nottingham. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Johnson, who is a ringer at the above tower.

## FINCHINGFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWARD P. BOCKINGHAM ... Treble | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2      | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6     |
| ERNEST RUNTER ... .. 3          | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7       |
| WALTER ARNOLD... .. 4           | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. H. BARRETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the 56th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, of Romford. Also as a birthday compliment to F. Claydon. At the conclusion of the peal, the band were kindly entertained by Mr. E. Runter, to whom they tender their thanks.

## BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *CHARLES R. BELTON ... Treble | †WILLIAM H. CLARKE... .. 5 |
| †ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 2      | *J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6 |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 3      | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 7   |
| †WILLIAM COPE ... .. 4        | JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mrs. G. Elliott, grandmother of one of the local ringers, who was interred, previous to the peal, at the Belgrave Cemetery. This is the first peal in the method on the bells since they were rehung. \* First peal of Triples, and first peal of Stedman. † First in the method. ‡ First peal with a bob bell in the method.

## NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| PERCY O. LAFLIN ... .. Treble | *JOHN EATON ... .. 5      |
| *HARRY WILLIAMS ... .. 2      | CHARLES WEBB ... .. 6     |
| *JOHN WITHERS, JUN. ... .. 3  | JOHN NEAL ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM BALL ... .. 4         | JOHN WITHERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by P. O. LAFLIN.

\* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since they were recast by Taylor and Co. Twenty-first birthday compliment to ringer of the 3rd.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HOWARD FREEBORN ... .. Treble | JACK JUDGE ... .. 5            |
| FRANK R. COOMBS ... .. 2      | WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6         |
| FRANCIS TAYLOR ... .. 3       | WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7       |
| HARRY TOLLEY ... .. 4         | WILLIAM H. THORNE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES H. WEBB ... .. Treble  | *ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... .. 5 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 2      | ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 6  |
| †MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... .. 3 | GEORGE S. MORRIS ... .. 7   |
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 4     | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

## CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, June 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores 12 callings.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... .. 5      |
| JOHN BOURNE ... .. 2         | *FRANK BOURNE ... .. 6            |
| JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 3      | GEORGE R. HANKS ... .. 7          |
| ALBERT MORRIS ... .. 4       | WILLIAM BEAVER, SEN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal.

## HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5  |
| ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 2     | THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... .. 6  |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3         | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 7   |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4       | THOMAS WM. LAST ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal of New Cambridge by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 8th.

## MELKSHAM, WILTS.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES BILBY ... .. Treble | FRED LAMBETH ... .. 5       |
| RONALD BECK ... .. 2      | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 6 |
| *WILLIAM WEST ... .. 3    | WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 7  |
| JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 4    | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by WM. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Major.

## ACTON, LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 10, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *HOWARD MACKMAN ... .. Treble | ROBERT HOLLOWAY ... .. 5      |
| ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 2     | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6    |
| RUBY HAWKSWORTH ... .. 3      | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7      |
| JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 4     | J. WILLIAM FRUIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in this method, and 'just a nipper.' Arranged with great pleasure for Mr. George H. Cross.

## REDENHALE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble | EDWIN GOATE ... .. 5       |
| JOHN SOUTER ... .. 2            | FRANK COPEMAN ... .. 6     |
| WALTER BARRETT ... .. 3         | CLEMENT MORE ... .. 7      |
| FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 4        | DAVID ELLIOTT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. E. BULWER. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

## HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LENARD.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| WM. STANNARD ... .. Treble | G. LILLEY ... .. 5      |
| C. STANNARD, JUN. ... .. 2 | J. CHINNERY ... .. 6    |
| A. HAMMOND ... .. 3        | WM. GOODSHIP ... .. 7   |
| F. LEVITT ... .. 4         | WM. WATSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WM. STANNARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, and was his first peal. His age is 16 years.

## NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| BEN JARMAN ... .. Treble      | WALTER AYRE ... .. 5             |
| *W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 2 | HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH ... .. 6 |
| HARRY WOOD ... .. 3           | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7         |
| FREDERICK HUNT ... .. 4       | LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

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

## WEDDING BELLS.

On Sunday, May 31st, at the Parish Church, Bicester, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Evans 1, H. Hatfield 2, W. Scarrott 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, E. A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8.—On Tuesday evening, June 2nd, the ringers had a pleasant little meeting, when Mr. E. A. Clifton, secretary of the local branch of the Guild, was presented with a clock on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Hatfield.—On Wednesday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in honour of the occasion: Miss F. A. Rowe (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Evans (first quarter-peal with a working bell) 2, W. Scarrott 3, H. Hatfield 4, B. Cox 5, F. Neale (conductor) 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8.

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THE LADIES' GUILD.  
(CENTRAL DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MISS P. UPSHER ... .. Treble | MRS. A. D. BARKER ... .. 5    |
| MRS. A. W. CLARK ... .. 2    | MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 6      |
| MISS F. E. ORR ... .. 3      | MISS E. K. PARKER ... .. 7    |
| MISS E. E. CHAPMAN ... .. 4  | MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by Miss E. K. PARKER.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES:**

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 5  |
| ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 2   | WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6      |
| JAMES FLEETY ... .. 3      | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7      |
| *ROBERT FLEETY ... .. 4    | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. Treble | JAMES HUNT ... .. 5           |
| *ALEXANDER EVANS ... .. 2      | EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 6     |
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3       | *GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 7 |
| PERCY MERRISON ... .. 4        | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. HUNT. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal in the method, for whom it was arranged. First in the method as conductor.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb. in F.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM ELDRED ... .. 5     |
| ERNEST POPPY ... .. 2           | WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 6       |
| *CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 3        | WALTER ASHEY ... .. 7       |
| HUBERT DAY ... .. 4             | WILLIAM RUMSEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the above musical ring of eight bells.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble | GEORGE WILSON ... .. 5         |
| FRANK L. FISHER ... .. 2        | CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3           | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. 7     |
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 4        | ERNEST H. DUNNETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *JOHN W. LINES ... .. Treble | †JOHN KING ... .. 5            |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 2        | WALTER PERKINS ... .. 6        |
| GEORGE LINES ... .. 3        | JAMES WARD ... .. 7            |
| GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 4      | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

\* First attempt for a peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES-THE-GREAT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| JACK HONEY ... .. Treble  | JOHN MONK ... .. 5        |
| JACK JUDGE ... .. 2       | WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6    |
| MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7  |
| GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 4  | RICHARD KEEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the Bishop of Oxford (Dr. H. M. Burge), who passed away on June 10th.

NORTHOP, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION AND  
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. EUGRAIN AND PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES:**

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2        | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 6      |
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3     | EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7   |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 4      | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHT. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This is the 2nd peal on the bells, the only other having been one of Double Norwich in 1909. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and his kind hospitality after the peal; and Mr. Williams for having everything ready.

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

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. Treble | *WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 5 |
| *WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2          | HARRY PRICE ... .. 6        |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3               | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 7    |
| *HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 4       | JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob; also the first in the method on the bells. J. Lloyd's 50th peal, and rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. F. A. Smith.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

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

On Thursday, June 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

Being seven extents.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| *EWART ANDREWS ... .. Treble | HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 4          |
| *MISS AMY JOHNSON ... .. 2   | *JAMES BRADLEY ... .. 5           |
| JOHN HALL ... .. 3           | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. J. D. Johnson and Miss E. G. Hemmings.

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:**

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4  |
| JAMES R. NEWMAN ... .. 2        | ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 5     |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3         | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. CAMM.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.  
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores ten different callings.

|                            |                       |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| *C. COLINSON ... .. Treble | †C. TIPTON ... .. 4   |
| J. W. HARDWICH ... .. 2    | W. R. NASH ... .. 5   |
| W. G. BENIAMS ... .. 3     | A. NASON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

\* First peal, aged 14. † First peal inside. Rung to celebrate the wedding, at Pontypridd, of Mr. A. R. Harrison, a member of the local band. Ringers of treble, 2nd and 4th, members of local band; 3rd, 5th and tenor hail from Ludlow.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's, Oxford Single, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK HINDS ... .. Treble | LEONARD BOSTOCK ... .. 4    |
| GEORGE VERNON ... .. 2        | ERNEST H. BOSTOCK ... .. 5  |
| JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 3    | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung as a farewell to F. Hinds, who is leaving for Australia.

CASTLE BROMWICH, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Friday, June 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *GEORGE F. GARRISON ... Treble | FRED PRICE ... .. 4         |
| *EDWARD LARGE ... .. 2         | ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 5 |
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 3       | WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Minor. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his hospitality after the peal.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 12, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-LODE.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 10 six scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lb.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *GEORGE WASLEY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 4   |
| FRANCIS H. HAYWARD ... 2     | THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM C. WASLEY ... .. 3   | JOSHUA STEPHENS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

\* First peal.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Three 720's Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| FRANK TERRY ... .. Treble   | PERCY BRETT SMITH ... .. 4        |
| ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... .. 2 | T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 5     |
| CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... .. 3  | T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all. A birthday peal for Percy Brett Smith and Miss L. Brett Smith. Rung after meeting short for Major.

WILBY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday evening, May 21st, after Divine service, 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor was rung by the following: Thos. Noller (Wilby) 1, Chas. Oakes (Wilby) 2, Thos. Moyes (Wilby) 3, David Cracknell (Wilby) 4, W. J. G. Brown (Laxfield, conductor), 5, John Noller (Wilby) 6. First 720 by Thos. Noller and David Cracknell.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BIRMINGHAM.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5067 CHANGES;**

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| FRANK E. PERVIN ... .. 1-2  | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5-6 |
| FRANK W. PERRENS ... .. 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7-8   |
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9-10    |                            |

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

Referee: OSWALD J. HUNT.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.**

CONTEST AT NORTON.

The above society held a monthly meeting at St. James' Church, Norton, Derbyshire, on Saturday, June 6th, when a tower bell contest, judged on the merits of good striking, in the best Sunday Service touches, was held for the Society's silver cup, which is a splendid trophy. The towers represented at the meeting were North Anston, Burnley, Beighton, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Norton, Killamarsh, Rannoor, Sheffield Cathedral, All Saints' and St. Maries, Staveley, and Treeton. The competitors for the cup were: Sheffield Cathedral, St. Maries and All Saints', North Anston, Killamarsh and Ecclesfield. At the conclusion, North Anston was declared the winners, after having given a capital display.

Thanks to the generosity of the Vicar, the Rev. G. W. Hall, M.A., the visitors, numbering 125 members and friends, were entertained to tea on the lawn, under ideal conditions, after which the general meeting took place, the Vicar presiding. The assistant hon. secretary (Mr. T. E. Lee) acted in the unavoidable absence of the secretary (Mr. Chown).

The Vicar extended a hearty welcome to the society, and reminded them that the object of the Guild was to fulfil a very useful purpose in Church work, viz., to call the public to worship God; and in assembling together, as they then were, in their freemasonry, to enjoy the fruits of their labour.

During the course of the meeting, the Vicar presented the trophy to Mr. C. F. Fowler (captain of the North Anston team), who received an ovation from the company.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, for the use of the bells, proposed by Mr. F. Willey (All Saints'), and seconded by Mr. Potter (Burnley), was carried unanimously.—The Vicar, responding, brought the meeting to a close. The rest of the day was spent in games and tower bell ringing; also in touches on the new handbells recently procured by the company.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch took place at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 6th, when the weather was gloriously fine. The attendance was not so great as usual, but a representative gathering was present, the following towers being represented: Blechley, Beachampton, Chicheley, Emberton, Fenny Stratford, Simpson, Stony Stratford, Stoke Goldington, Olney, and the local tower. The bells are a fine peal of eight, and various methods were rung. The members attended service, when the Guild's form was used, the address being given by the Rev. J. L. Dove, of North Crawley (Rural Dean), which was very interesting, and called for a special vote of thanks from the meeting.

Tea was held in the Parish Room, where between 50 and 60 sat down, arrangements having been made by the local ringers. After tea, the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. L. Moxon, of Newport Pagnell, chairman of the branch, presiding. — The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) presented the balance sheet, which was considered very satisfactory.

Subjects relating to the general working of the branch were discussed, and the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) spoke on various matters, including the Central Council meeting at Chester. — Mr. Wright (treasurer) and the General Secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) passed a few remarks on the general position of the Oxford Guild, and the secretary made an earnest appeal to the representatives of the towers in North Bucks for a subscription to the Washbrook Memorial Fund.—A grant was made from the North Bucks Branch funds of £3 3s.

The tower was again visited for further ringing, the methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

**SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.**

A combined ringing practice was held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 13th, but only ten members attended, from the following towers: Wokingham, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence, and Sandhurst. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman, Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.



**DEATH OF AN EASTBOURNE RINGER.**

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Thomas Deadman, who succumbed on Saturday, May 29th, at the Leaf Hospital (following an operation). He had been in ill-health more or less during the last 18 months, and this had kept him from following his favourite pastime.

Although not a great method ringer, Mr. Deadman had rung about 35 peals on the tenor, and was always regarded as a good striker. He was a member of the Sussex County Association for a great number of years, and learnt first to handle a bell at St. Mary's Church, Eastbourne, but for the past twenty years or more he had been a member of the All Saints' band, and was, for some time, their leader.

He was buried on Friday, June 5th, a service being held at All Saints. Before, and after the service, muffled touches were rung on the bells by members of both All Saints' and St. Saviour's Churches, and during the evening, nine courses of Stedman Triples were rung by the following: A. Gower 1, J. Sharp 2, F. G. Waymark 3, F. Bray 4, B. Hobbs 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, J. H. Sharp 8.

**MR. F. G. MAY IN DURBAN.**

The ringers of Durban, Natal, have received a valuable addition in the person of Mr. F. G. May, late of Bristol, who arrived about the middle of last month. On completing the 50-hour railway journey from Cape Town, Mr. May was met by Mr. F. Simpson, one of the local ringers, and Mr. J. E. Prickett, formerly of Chapstow. 'A hasty journey in rickshaws to Mr. May's quarters, a refreshing cup of tea, and then,' says our correspondent, 'a pleasant hour was spent on the sea front, discussing old times and planning for the future. On Sunday morning, Mr. May joined in the ringing at St. Mary's tower, much to the delight of the local band. Durban is indeed lucky to have obtained the services of two such men as Mr. Prickett and Mr. May, and the writer sincerely hopes that their enthusiasm and encouragement will make the local ringers put their backs and minds into it. A peal of Grandsire Triples should be accomplished very soon now.'

Unfortunately, we have to record the loss of Mr. F. J. Cole, who retires to enjoy a well-earned pension. The writer will always remember and be grateful to Mr. Cole for his help and patience when we first began teaching ringing at St. Mary's. Our loss will be some other tower's gain, for I feel sure that he will not be in England many hours before he finds a corner in some tower. May he long be spared to enjoy his well-earned rest.'

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT EAST RETFORD.**

A glorious summer day brought together a large gathering of ringers for the annual meeting of the North Notts Association at East Retford. Members were present from Barlborough, Worksop, Norton Cuckney, Gamston, Sutton-on-Trent, North Cottingham, Wheatley, Misterton, Gainsborough, Ordsall, East and West Retford, Doncaster and Grantham. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Major, the towers of East Retford, West Retford and Ordsall being at the disposal of the ringers.

Service was held at the Parish Church in the afternoon, at which the Vicar of Harworth (the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney) gave a most appropriate address on the subject of bells and bell ringers. The work of a bell ringer, either lady or gentleman, was of the greatest importance to those who ministered in God's house, he said. In many parishes there were men who had to perform Sunday duty, and could not always attend the Sunday services, but the sound of the bells reminded them and all other classes of people that came within the sound of the bells that there was a God to be worshipped and glorified. He wished the association the greatest success, and hoped the bells of North Notts would ever continue to ring both for practice and as a call to Sunday service, and to remind the people of their duties and responsibilities.

Tea was provided at Cooke's Cafe, when upwards of 50 ringers and friends sat down. The business meeting was presided over by the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of East Retford. Six new members were enrolled, and the next meeting will be held at Laxton on Saturday, July 11th, when the Rev. S. B. Bleau and his ringers will be glad to see a good attendance.

It was unanimously decided to convey a message of congratulation to the South Anston bell ringers on their performance in winning the silver cup of the Sheffield and District Association for the year 1925. The competition was held at Norton Woodseats, Sheffield, on June 6th, and the Anston company were adjudged the best ringers in the competition, and consequently hold the cup for one year.

The Rev. B. Darley was enrolled an honorary life member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of East Retford, the Rectors of West Retford and Ordsall, respectively, for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney for his address and presiding over tea and meeting.—In replying, he observed that he was now the oldest vice-president in the association.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Ladies' Guild have scored another peal of Stedman Triples, all the ringers belonging to the Central District, and being drawn from a comparatively small radius. Four married ladies were in the band, and it shows what strides are being made by the fair sex when not a single footnote is necessary to the peal. There was not even a 'first in the method.'

Members of the Ladies' Guild, Southern District, who intend to be present at the meeting at Aldershot to-morrow should note that the service has been altered to 4 o'clock.

The meeting of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild is to be held on Saturday at Hampton-in-Arden, and not at Clent, as at first announced.

On June 20th, 1756, a peal of 'Carathans' Triples was rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln. This is presumed to have been Garthorn's 5,040 of Grandsire.

The first peal by the Midland Counties Association was Grandsire Triples, run at Derby on June 23rd, 1882.

Forty years ago next Thursday the peal of ten at Taunton were opened.

In the peal of Guildford Surprise, rung at Worlingworth, Suffolk, on June 1st, the 2nd was rung by James M. Bailey, and the 4th by Ernest S. Bailey.

Mr. J. E. Sykes, who is now in Manchuria, has discovered what he thinks is probably the oldest handbell in existence. When visiting a Buddhist temple at Mukden he saw a statue representing the Buddhist conception of 'The Fall.' A handbell is clasped in the hand of one of the figures of this idol, which is held in great reverence, and is at least 1,500 years old.

George Large, who rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques last week at St. Martin's, Birmingham, is a youth of great promise. His first peal (which he conducted) was Treble Bob Minor, with seven different callings, and it was rung at the first attempt. He showed his capacity by the way in which he rang in the peal of Cinques (also his first attempt).

The following was found among the 'papers' left behind at the Council meeting at Chester.

### POINTS FOR PEALS.

Points for Peals were always absurd,  
And the writer has ever averred  
That it's easy to see,  
Most ringers agree,  
There's a letter too much in the word.

Mr. H. A. Heywood, of Christleton, who presided over the tea, to which the Central Council and friends were entertained at Chester, is a son of the late Canon Heywood, of Swinton, Manchester, and a cousin of the late Sir Arthur Heywood. Although he has never taken up ringing, Mr. Heywood has been a member of the Chester Guild since its formation in 1887, and for some years acted as hon. secretary.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to give this formal announcement that the price of Central Council Publications has been increased by fifty per cent. by order of the Council, and to call the attention of members of the Exercise to the new prices, as advertised in your paper.—Yours truly,

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

## DUBLIN'S TWO RINGS OF TWELVE.

The new bell for St. Patrick's Cathedral will be hung next week. It has already arrived in Dublin. The Cathedral will then possess two rings of twelve, three of ten, and four of eight, as follows:—12 in C, tenor 45 cwt.; 12 in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt.; 10 in C, tenor 45 cwt.; 10 in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt.; 10 in F, tenor 19 cwt.; 8 in C tenor, 45 cwt.; 8 in D Minor, tenor 30 cwt.; 8 in F, tenor 19 cwt.; 8 in A Minor, tenor 11 cwt.

## THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Dublin on Whit Monday. Members attended from Arklow, Bray, Waterford, Kilkenny, and the various Dublin churches. All the bells of the city were open for ringing, and were made good use of.

Fifty-six members sat down to dinner in the Central Hotel, after which the general business was proceeded with, the president (Canon Greer) occupying the chair. Mr. D. Kennedy, the leader of SS. Augustine and John was elected president, Mr. W. Lynch hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. Lindo hon. secretary.

Dublin was again selected for the next meeting.

The sum of two pounds was voted from the funds to the Washbrook Memorial, which is to be an addition to whatever may be subscribed by the various companies.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

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### TREBLE BOB PEAL COLLECTION COMPLETED.

The President (Canon Coleridge) announced that the honorary members retiring this year were the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (a past president), Mr. J. W. Parker, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, also Mr. H. Chapman, who was an honorary member, but who is now returned as a representative for Lancashire. That left them one vacancy on the honorary members' list. They had always felt it desirable that they should have one vacancy in hand in case of an emergency arising in which they wanted to put some notable man on some committee, who might be of inestimable use in the hour of necessity.

The three first named were re-elected.

The following new members were introduced to the president: Mr. E. Guise (Gloucester and Bristol), Mr. J. J. Jutson (Peterborough) and Mr. A. J. Hughes (North Wales).

The Council then turned to the reception of the reports of committees. The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, on behalf of the Peal Collection Committee, apologised for the delay that had taken place in connection with the work, but said the best apology was to 'produce the goods.' 'This he was now able to do. It was an enormous pile of manuscript, and if the Council would decide what was to be done with it he would see that it was done as soon as possible. What remained was one part of the peals of Treble Bob. There was one other thing that had been in his mind. The collection was begun originally by Mr. Trollope a long time ago. A good deal more had been published since, and he thought the collection should be brought up to date. When the last instalment was produced, he noticed a criticism of the collection on the ground that it was not especially a conductor's collection, but the aim, it seemed to him, was to show the history of composition in the method, and that had been successfully accomplished. Its utility to conductors was not the chief thing. The question was whether it would be possible to print the whole thing. He thought that was very doubtful, but if ever that were to come to pass it would be a good thing if the collection were brought up to date.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested it might be possible to print a selection for the use of conductors.

The President said they were greatly indebted to the committee for all they had done, and he was sure the Council would wish to carry out the committee's wishes as far as possible. He suggested that the members of the committee should have a further consultation and report later.

Subsequently, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson said he had consulted the members of the committee. Miss Parker had promised to type the collection (hear, hear). The committee did not recommend making a selection for printing, that was a matter for the Council to settle. It was proposed to collect the peals that had been published since the collection was made, to bring it up to date.

The President said the Council were deeply grateful to Miss Parker for her kindness in undertaking to type the collection. They knew what she had done in the way of typing in the past (applause).

### LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Mr. G. P. Burton, asked to report on behalf of the Literature and Press Committee, said he really did not know anything about the business. In recent years, Mr. Willson had acted as convener, and drawn up the report. This year, he (Mr. Burton) had heard nothing from Mr. Willson. All he had had was a post card from Mr. Matthews, and a bundle of papers from the secretary.

Mr. J. Griffin said he received a letter from Mr. Willson telling him he would not be able to attend the meeting. In this letter he said it might be asked why he had not submitted a report for the committee. The reason was he was not the convener. The Rev. C. E. Matthews was the convener, and he had suggested that in his (Mr. Willson's) absence Mr. Paddon Smith should take his place. Mr. Willson had added that he had taken the initiative for three years, and, after all, someone else ought to do their bit. Mr. Paddon Smith would be a good man (applause).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith caused much amusement by relating what he knew of the committee's affairs. All he had had, he said, was a package of papers from the hon. secretary and a post card from the Rev. C. E. Matthews thanking him for a letter which he had never written, and asking him to report in Mr. Willson's place. Although he had written to Mr. Matthews saying that there must have been some misapprehension, as he had never written to him, he had had no reply. What was there more to report? (laughter).

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said during the year things which had been brought up by correspondence in local newspapers had been effectually dealt with, and another thing that had come under the notice of the committee was the admirable action of members of the Devonshire Guild in supplying regularly to local papers instructive and interesting articles on ringing matters. He thought this was a most admirable movement to have initiated, and thought the example might be followed in other districts.

### A COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James reported for the Methods Committee. He

said they were now in a position to print a selection of the Plain Major Methods. Mr. Trollope and himself had had a great deal of trouble, and had had practically to re-do the work, because they had not been able to get anything from Mr. Lewis. Mr. Lewis was a very busy man, but that morning Mr. Young had handed him the papers which he (the speaker) sent to Mr. Lewis two years ago. Mr. Trollope and he would look these papers through again, before going any further, and he hoped they would be in a position to print a selection of 70 or 80 methods very shortly.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said Mr. James and himself made up their minds that they would not come to the Council this year unless they could hand in the complete manuscript ready for printing. The collection had been entirely rewritten, but it was possible there were things in the original draft that had been overlooked in the new; therefore, they wanted time to look through the papers that had now come back from Mr. Lewis. They felt ashamed of the way they had had to come there year after year and say they were no further forward. Criticism, Mr. Trollope continued, was sometimes made of the proposal to publish these methods. It was said that ringers already had more methods to ring than they would ever ring. The committee did not expect that these Major Methods would be taken up with the rapidity of the six-bell methods, but they must remember that before the six-bell collection was published six-bell ringers had about 20 or 30 methods. Now they had some hundreds of Minor methods, and every one had been rung, which showed that the publication of the book had done an immense amount of good. When the six-bell book was published it was said 'People will not ring the methods,' but the book had 'taken on,' and he hoped the same thing would result with the new collection. He strongly recommended hands, when they wanted to break fresh ground, and get off the beaten track, not necessarily to aim at Surprise methods. There were methods which could be rung easily if they could ring Double Norwich, whereas they might break their teeth on Bristol and London. Such methods were those which were rung at Willesden.

Mr. G. P. Burton asked the committee to recollect if these methods were printed there was another committee which might have something to say on the naming of them. He thought there was no analogy between the six and the eight bell methods. They would never get ringers to ring all these hundreds of methods on eight bells. In the methods that were being rung every day, they had all the quality that ringers wanted or ever would want. He suggested that the Council should not waste their money in printing these methods. It would be simply a scrap book.

Mr. E. Barnett thought that was a very narrow way of looking at the matter.

Mr. T. H. Beams supported what Mr. Burton had said with regard to the naming of these methods. Once the names were printed they would be pretty well sure to stick to them.

The Rev. H. Law James said the committee were ordered at the Lincoln meeting to print the methods and attach the names. They had attached the names, and were going to print them.

The Rev. H. Drake said the Nomenclature Committee only asked to be consulted before the names were printed.

The Rev. H. Law James: You were appointed to revise the names of the Minor methods ('No').

The report was adopted.

### PEAL POINTS ABOLISHED.

The report of the Analysis Committee having been printed in 'The Ringing World,' its adoption was moved by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. He said they had not had one peal published twice during the year, and he thanked the conductors for that attention. They had had a little trouble through the publication of peals having been delayed for some months after being rung. He ventured to say that such long delay in publication should not take place again. The Council, he continued, would notice that the committee had introduced a new column into the analysis, indicating the number of conductors who had conducted peals for each association. There was in their report every year a long list given of conductors with the number of peals they had conducted. This was a table that required a great deal of trouble, and the committee suggested that the Council should agree to drop that part of the report, because the committee felt that it was somewhat of a personal thing; it indicated the performances of individual members of the Exercise, and they felt that the analysis was for the Exercise as a whole, and not for any particular individuals thereof.

Mr. J. W. Parker seconded.

Mr. C. T. Coles suggested some minor alterations in regard to the analysis, and went on to raise the question of the number of points allotted to Middlesex and Leicester Surprise Royal respectively. Although he had not rung Leicester, he had rung Middlesex, but he did not think members of the committee had rung either of these methods. After an examination of Leicester Surprise Royal, he had come to the conclusion that it ought not to have any more points than Middlesex, as there was little difference in the two.

The Rev. H. Law James: I move that it be an instruction to the Analysis Committee to omit all points (hear, hear). It is hopeless, and they are absolutely valueless.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded, and said that would meet his criticism. Mr. W. A. Cave supported the motion. He said some time ago they rang at Bristol a peal of Clifton Surprise Royal. He was not going to argue whether it was harder or easier than other Surprise Royal methods, but as one of that band he could say they would not think of offering a suggestion as to the number of points to be allotted. They rang the peal, and that was all they wanted.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said he came prepared to propose that the points be abolished. It gave the committee a lot of unnecessary work, for it was impossible to compare one peal with another.

Mr. J. W. Parker said points marked the progress of a Guild or Association, and the quality of the ringing. There was nothing else which marked that, and for that reason he thought they should retain them, and possibly try to improve the way in which they were awarded.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said points had had a good long innings, and he thought they might be bowled out.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the Council had already decided that points shall be given, and he asked if the rule could be rescinded without due notice.

The President: Not if it is a rule.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said with regard to the criticism of Mr. Coles, the Council decided the points. A table of point values was drawn up by their old colleagues, was discussed by the Council, and passed. The table of values was published in the ringing papers, and it was that table which guided them in allotting points to peals. With regard to Leicester and Middlesex Surprise Royal, the latter was a double method, and the former a compound method, and the Council had decided that a compound Surprise method was of more value in points than a double method. That was the reason why Leicester had 63 points, and Middlesex only 60.

It was pointed out that the scale of points was not a 'rule,' but a 'decision,' and as such, the President held, could be altered without previous notice.

On being put to the meeting, the resolution to omit the points from the Analysis in future, was carried by a large majority.

The President said he remembered very well indeed the question of points being introduced by Mr. Attree, of the Sussex Association. He (the speaker) was dead against it from the beginning, and he was delighted to see the resolution carried now. It was perfectly true what was so often said that a peal of Grandsire Triples by a young band, or the first peal they rang in a new method they had mastered, was far better in value than a peal of London or Bristol Surprise rung by a band who were ringing such peals every week (applause).

The report was then adopted.

#### WELDING CRACKS IN BELLS.

The Towers and Belfries Committee's report was contained in a letter received from Mr. E. H. Lewis, who said the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings had raised the question of welding cracks in bells. The committee were not able to be very helpful, although Mr. Fairclough thought such a practice was possible. Two cases were reported in the technical press, and were said to have been successful. As, however, it is doubtful whether these bells had to stand the same treatment as our ringing bells, he could not say what the effect would be on bells hung for ringing. He asked for information of any cases of welding of which the members of the Council had knowledge, and in the meantime he was, in conjunction with the S.P.A.B., carrying out some experiments on the change in crystalline structures in bell metal caused by welding.

The Hon. Secretary said the question was being investigated by the S.P.A.B. with a view to saving some of our mediæval bells. He always understood that it presented many difficulties, but their bell-founding friends would know all about the difficulties. He knew it had been said that cracks had been cured by this process. He was told many years ago of a tenor that was mended by a German. The process was said to be a secret one, and the man locked himself in the tower, and no one saw or knew what he did. Whether this process had been developed he could not say.

Mr. Fairclough said there was a firm in Warrington who would weld cracks in bells, if they were sent to their foundry, on the terms of 'No cure, no pay.'

Mr. C. F. Johnston said he knew of two bells that had been successfully welded, so far as the structure was concerned, but not so far as tone was concerned. He also heard of a German who went about England before the war offering to mend bells by a secret process. But it was really no great secret, it was simply acetylene welding. He did a very good structural mend, but he did not give the bell back its tone.

The Rev. H. Drake said he did not see why they, as ringers, should discourage the process. It might help to keep an old bell in existence. He did not say it was desirable that anything of the kind should be done to bells that were to be rung.

The Rev. H. Law James: It isn't necessary to mend it if you don't want to ring it. Keep it with the crack in it.

The Rev. H. Drake: The crack may get worse.

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#### DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

##### REV. E. V. COX RETIRES FROM SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting was held in Plymouth on Whit Monday, when 138 ringers were present from Christow, Upton Pyne, Topsham, St. Mary's Church, Plymouth; Otterton, Buckfastleigh, Littleham, Withycombe Raleigh, Lymptstone, Heavitree, Exeter, Kelly, Combe Martin, Thorverton and Holbeton.

Service was held in Charles Church at noon, when an excellent sermon was preached by the Lord Bishop of Plymouth on 'The bearing of the Guild's work upon the great problems of the world.' He said that bell ringing was a capital illustration of co-operation, and showed how this spirit is meant to underlie the work of the world. Men are intended to enjoy their work, and all work ought to be the expression of men's creative faculties in some form of service. Work must have behind it, as its motive, the glory of God. If all work were praise, all work would be gladness; and all work can be praise if it is done to the glory of God. Here are the labour, the toil, the sweat, but up above there is the music. It is the music of our work for which God loves to listen.

What is your message, O bells,  
As the crash of your music swells  
High in the tower where ye swing.  
What is the message you bring?

'Men should work together,' say the bells,  
'Keeping time together,' say the bells,  
'Helping one another, as a man should help his brother,  
Fellows in one service,' say the bells.

'Men should welcome labour,' say the bells,  
'Find a joy in labour,' say the bells,  
'Work will not be dreary, though our arms and back grow weary,  
If our labour maketh music,' say the bells.

'Men should seek God's glory,' say the bells,  
'Triumph in God's glory,' say the bells,  
'Till our jarring discords ended, all the sounds of earth are blended  
In one jubilant hosannah,' say the bells.

The Vicar of Charles Church had made excellent arrangements for the service, which, despite the early hour for those from a distance, was attended by 111 ringers and friends.

Dinner was served in the Charles Church Hall, after which the general business meeting took place.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Bishop, the Vicar and organist of Charles Church; to the various incumbents for the use of their bells; and to the officers and committee.

The Rev. E. S. Powell was re-elected as president for the ensuing year, and in his remarks stated that he had been able to visit 28 affiliated towers during the first year of his presidency. He urged that more attention be given to even-bell methods, and alluded to the progress in Cinques made at the Cathedral practices of the Guild.

Much regret was expressed at the inability of the hon. secretary (the Rev. E. V. Cox) to seek re-election owing to the pressure of parochial work, and Mr. T. Laver (Exeter) was unanimously elected to succeed him.—Mr. T. G. Bartlett was again appointed as honorary treasurer, whilst Messrs. F. J. Davey and E. W. Marsh were appointed as representatives to the Central Council, owing to the regretted resignation of the Rev. M. Kelly, and the decision to add a fourth delegate, to which the Guild is entitled.

The Rev. M. Kelly read a letter of thanks and deep appreciation for the illuminated album and address, which were given to him some few months ago in token of the value of his services to the Guild as president for so many years.

An alteration to one of the rules was adopted, whereby performing members, who join the Guild after September 30th in any year, shall pay the sum of 1s., all of which shall be paid into the general fund of the Guild.

The motion to appoint a Ringing Master for the Guild and one for each of the branches was referred back to the committee for further consideration.

It was unanimously agreed to hold next year's meeting at Ottery St. Mary.

The president is to be congratulated on the attendance and success of the meeting, and upon his conduct of the business.

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The report was accepted, and the Council then adjourned for the luncheon interval, a group photograph being taken in the Cathedral precincts, before the members dispersed.

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Copies of the group photograph may be purchased from Mr. T. Chidley, 14, St. Werburgh's Street, Chester. Price: Unmounted, 4/-; mounted, 4/6; postage 3d. extra.



**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****THE 36TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL.**

Now that the Guild is divided into ten districts, the importance of the annual festival is even greater than when the diocese was worked as a whole. It is an opportunity for members from all districts to meet and worship as a Guild, dine together, and transact such business as concerns the welfare of the Guild as a whole.

On Whit Monday a hearty service was held in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral, under the direction of the hon. secretary (the Rev. G. W. Turner). The Rev. R. A. Lync intoned the prayers. The lessons were read by the hon. secretary. The Rev. H. E. Wall presided at the organ. The Rev. H. E. H. Probyn gave an appropriate address on 'The ringers' message and his method.' The Very Rev. the Dean gave the Blessing.

The dinner was served in the beautiful hall of the Booth Hall Hotel. The party, 70 in number, included ringers from 26 towers, besides visitors from Shrewsbury, Worcester, Wolverhampton, Bristol, Slough and Rickmansworth.

Mr. W. H. Allen, in proposing 'The health of the Clergy,' said he would like to see more clergymen's names in the list of ringers.—Mr. W. H. Fussell, in proposing 'The health of the Master,' said Mr. C. Edwards was 'a goer.' Since he came back to his native county, six years ago, he had done a great deal of hard work for the Guild. He was glad that he (the Master) had been provided with facilities of getting about to the different towers.—Mr. Edwards said he had visited all the districts except two, and he found great strides being made everywhere. He appealed for young conductors.

The Rev. F. W. Worsley, in proposing the toast of the day, said he was asking them to honour a remarkably strong and active body of church workers. The first object of the Guild was to encourage the art of change ringing, not for itself only, but that the bells in each parish might be rung 'with the attractiveness of perfection.'—The Rev. G. W. Turner (hon. secretary), in reply, said the Guild was in a sound condition, numerically, financially, and in the improvement it was making in the art of change ringing. He referred to his suggestion that an asterisk should in the next report be placed against the name of every man who had rung a peal, thus making three classes of qualifications—probationer, certificate holder, and peal ringer. This was later on approved by the meeting.

At the business meeting, Mr. Edwards was re-elected Master; the Rev. G. W. Turner, hon. secretary; Mr. A. W. Davies, Mr. W. Saunders, Mr. W. Mead and Mr. J. Clark were elected representatives on the Central Council; Mr. J. P. Hyett, peal recorder; Mr. A. Chester, auditor. The following were added to the committee: Mr. A. W. Davies, the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn, Mr. H. Male and Mr. H. Chandler.

Before the meeting ended, Mr. Edwards proposed the toast of 'The Visitors,' to which Mr. Cave responded.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Editor of the 'Ringing World' was accorded unanimously.

It was agreed that a donation of £3 3s. be made to the Washbrook Memorial Fund.

During the day, Doubles and Minor in various methods were rung at St. Nicholas'; at All Saints', Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge Surprise, and the first course of London Surprise Major ever rung in the city or at a Guild meeting; at the Cathedral, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Bob Royal.

**RINGERS' MEETING.**

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read the various letters commenting upon the services, etc., at ringers' meetings, and I would like to say that I, too, consider twenty minutes to be ample for the service. I should also like to suggest that the luncheon be abolished, and in its place have continuous ringing from the opening of the meeting until about 4.30 p.m., to be followed by the short service, and then have tea together, with the business meeting following immediately.

While on the subject of the M.C.A. and its meetings, I would like to draw attention to another matter which badly needs looking into. I refer to the financial side of business. It is a well-known fact at the present time that the M.C.A. is in an exceptionally sound financial position; in fact, it might be said they are in the enviable position of having so much money that they do not know what to do with it.

In my own district we spent much time drawing up a scheme for Decentralisation—to enable all members to feel the benefit of this surplus wealth, but at the annual meeting all our suggestions were cast lightly aside.

I consider it is high time this matter was investigated thoroughly, and in the meantime I suggest that each district be allowed a sum equal to sixpence for each member of the district. This money could then be used at the discretion of the local district committees for the expenses of their own monthly meetings, etc.

At any rate, it is only fair that the men who have subscribed this money through the years should now receive full benefit from it. Perhaps other suggestions will be forthcoming from members of the various districts.—Yours truly,

FRED BLOOD,

Hon. Local Secretary.

**THE NORFOLK GUILD****DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED.**

The general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Norwich on Whit Monday, when, by kind permission of Canon F. J. Meyrick, the Rev. A. Henderson and the Rev. L. E. Waghorn, the rings of twelve bells at St. Peter Mancroft, eight bells at St. John-de-Sepulchre and eight bells at St. Michael, Coslany, were placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon was served at Messrs. William Grix, Ltd., Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, the president, the Dean of Norwich, presiding, supported by the following members of the committee: Canon F. J. Meyrick, Messrs. C. E. Borrett (vice-president), A. L. Coleman (secretary), and W. L. Duffield, G. T. Peggall, and representatives from Buxton, Diss, King's Lynn, Norwich, Ipswich, Thornham Magna and Wymondham, etc.—The toast, 'The King,' was proposed by the president, and duly honoured.—The business meeting followed at which, on a motion, moved by Mr. W. C. Duffield, and seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman, the following new members were elected: Mr. Philip Edward Sewell, life member; the Rev. Richard Henry Oakley Banks, hon. members; Messrs. Harold Barton, Henry Howes, Arthur W. Rump, Arthur E. Woolsey, performing members.

The Secretary brought forward the motion, of which he had given notice at the Easter Monday meeting at Aylsham, viz.: 'That in future the annual general meeting of the Guild shall be held on Easter Monday of each year.' The Secretary said that he had not more to add to what he said at Aylsham on this important matter, but would like to announce that he had received 48 replies to the circulars sent out with the annual reports on May 16th and 18th, 44 being in favour of Easter Monday, three against, and one neutral.

A discussion took place on the motion, in which the President, the Secretary, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, W. C. Duffield, J. F. Duffield, took part.

The Secretary then formally moved the motion, and the President seconded.—The motion on being put to the meeting was carried.

On the motion being carried, the Secretary moved that standing orders be suspended, and that this meeting do now proceed to elect officers for the ensuing year.—This was agreed to, and Mr. C. E. Borrett moved, and Mr. W. J. Eldred seconded: 'That all officers be re-elected en bloc to carry on until Easter Monday, April 6th, 1926.—The motion was carried nem. con.

Mr. C. J. More moved, and Mr. W. C. Duffield seconded: 'That the August Bank Holiday meeting be held at Diss.'

It was proposed to arrange for a ringing meeting at King's Lynn on the occasion of the Agricultural Show in July.—Mr. W. J. Eldred kindly took charge of this matter, and notice of meeting, if any, will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The President moved a vote of thanks to Canon F. J. Meyrick, the Rev. E. Henderson, and the Rev. L. E. Waghorn for the use of their bells.—Canon Meyrick suitably replied.

The meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the bellies for ringing, and were joined by others not present at the meeting in the morning.

A. L. C.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL MEETING AT PORTMADOC.**

A fairly representative gathering of the North Wales Association met at Portmadoc for the annual meeting on Whit Monday, members attending from Bangor, Wrexham, Rhyl and Portmadoc. The service was conducted by the Rev. Jenkins (Vicar), and an excellent address was given by the veteran president, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, M.A., Vicar of Glandsda, Bangor. The business meeting was afterwards held in the Church House, the president being in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. M. Morgan Jones (curate of Glandsda, Bangor).

A letter was read from the secretary, Mr. C. Jones, tendering his resignation on account of his having been transferred to Grimsby. A new secretary, Mr. M. T. Jones, of Bangor, was elected, Mr. Alf. Lea, junr., of Wrexham, who was also nominated, being defeated by a small majority.—The remainder of the officers were re-elected.

A motion to change the date of the annual meeting to Easter Monday was defeated.—It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Barmouth on the first Saturday in September, or, failing that, at Bangor, and the next annual meeting at Wrexham on Whit Monday, 1926.

Instructors were appointed as follows: Mr. W. Jones (Wrexham area), Mr. W. T. Pegler (Bangor district), and Mr. J. Owen (Portmadoc).—One honorary member and several life members were elected.

A vote of thanks to the president for his address and to the Rector of Portmadoc for allowing the meeting and the use of the Church House concluded the meeting.

Tea was served in the Church House, kindly provided by the local ringers and their good ladies, the latter very efficiently waiting at the table. Needless to say, ample justice was done.—The usual votes of thanks were proposed by the Wrexham and Bangor Youths.

The bells were kept going to train time, touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob being rung, an opportunity for first touches for many of the 'boys' being provided.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**GUILDFORD.**—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, June 7th, in 51 minutes, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes): H. Harris 1, C. N. Burdock 2, A. H. Winch 3, H. Hutton 4, H. Burdock 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Sunday, June 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. G. Springham 1, S. W. Crabb 2, F. Bird 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, C. Button 5, F. A. Hull 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. G. Springham 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. J. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, E. A. Hull 8.

**CRANLEIGH.**—On Sunday, June 7th, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: W. Charman 1, C. Charman 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, H. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, A. Charman 6, T. Worsfold 7, H. Charman (first quarter-peal Bob Major as conductor) 8.

**FROESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, June 7th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: C. East 1, R. T. Prout 2, F. G. Prout 3, A. Burcombe 4, A. Summers 5, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 6.

**OVER, CAMBS.**—On Whit Sunday, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. I. T. Ginn 1, F. C. Ginn 2, F. G. Gleave 3, I. Ginn 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, H. F. Dring 6. Cambridge Surprise was also rung, and for 6 p.m. service, E. J. King, Peckham, standing in.

**PORTISHEAD.**—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for 7 o'clock service on Whit Sunday, in 45 mins.: Miss G. Stadden 1, Miss A. Stokes 2, Miss Stokes 3, Mr. J. Nisbett 4, Mr. E. Goldstone 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, Mr. W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, Mr. A. Colburn 8.

**LONDON, W.**—On Whit Sunday, May 31st, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, W. H. Wood 3, E. G. Locke 4, A. Cutmore 5, P. L. Miles 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. R. Tompsett 8.

**AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, May 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Robinson 1, W. Nivenson 2, W. Robinson 3, E. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, F. Hewertson (conductor) 6, B. Newton 7, W. Fisher 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, May 31st, at the Church of St. Peter, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,261 changes), in 50 mins.: D. Wright 1, W. Gammon 2, T. Bloxham 3, W. Bulpitt 4, C. Austin 5, W. Groves 6, J. H. Howell (Hull) 7, E. O. Denham 8, T. G. Bannister (first quarter of Caters as conductor) 9, G. Burt 10.

## THE KINGS' BIRTHDAY.

At Alvaston, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, June 3rd, to celebrate the King's birthday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Haycock 1, J. Bailey (conductor) 2, W. King 3, H. Hales 4, A. Mould 5, P. Tate 6. First 720 of Treble Bob for ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th and tenor.

At St. Mary's Church, Acton, for the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Edwards 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, J. W. Pruin 4, Robt. Holloway 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, W. Lidbetter 7, E. Easton 8.

At Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, June 3rd, the bells of St. Chad's rung in honour of the 60th birthday of His Majesty King George. The St. Chad's Society were pleased to welcome the Rev. F. L. Edwards, of Kingston Magna, Dorset; Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgewater, Somerset, both of whom were returning from the Central Council meeting. A touch of 374 Grandsire Cinques was rung by E. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Pole 5, J. E. Lilley 6, Rev. F. L. Edwards 7, J. Evans 8, A. E. Coles (first touch of Cinques) 9, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 10, W. Saunders 11, J. Evans 12.—Also 315 Stedman Caters and 112 Double Norwich Major.

At Solihull, Warwickshire, on Wednesday, June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 1, S. Bragg 2, G. A. Martineau 3, C. Bragg 4, H. Shepherd 5, R. Bragg 6, H. Bragg 7, Sam Bragg 8, J. Bragg 9, J. Martin 10. Rung to celebrate the King's birthday.

At Chester, on Wednesday, June 3rd, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 52 mins., in honour of His Majesty's birthday: R. Sperring (conductor) 1, J. Hayes 2, W. Sconce 3, J. Swindley 4, G. Gerrard 5, C. Sconce 6, E. Channell 7, A. Watkin 8.

## PRESENTATION TO LANCASHIRE BRANCH SECRETARY.

At a well-attended meeting of the Blackburn Branch, held at Blackburn Parish Church, on Saturday, June 6th, the members took the opportunity of presenting Mr. John Watson an oak writing bureau as an appreciation of his devoted service as hon. secretary of the branch since 1906. Mr. H. Entwistle (Ringing Master) made the presentation, and Mr. Watson suitably acknowledged the gift, thanking all the members for their kindness.

## LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On June 11th, at St. Thomas' Church, Woolton Hill, the marriage took place of Mr. John F. Sale and Miss Stella Disney (youngest daughter of Canon and Mrs. Disney). The bride is a good change ringer, popular with the local band, and always attended regularly for Sunday service and practice ringing. It is mainly due to her efforts that a new treble is being added to the present ring of five.

By way of showing their appreciation, the ringers erected at the church porch an archway composed of handbells, with white Canterbury bells intermixed. They also presented the bride with a silver rose bowl.

As the bride and bridegroom were leaving the church, 480 Grandsire Doubles were rung: T. Lock 1, N. Scott 2, S. Bevan 3, H. Balaam (conductor) 4, J. Scott 5. The bells again rang out later as the happy couple started for their honeymoon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), being brought round in 42 mins.: T. Lock 1, R. Rex 2, H. Balaam (conductor) 3, N. Scott 4, S. Bevan 5.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

## GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A Grimsby District meeting was held at Bigby on Saturday, June 6th, when members attended from Burton-on-Stather, Elsham, Brantston, St. Andrew's, Grimsby; St. James', Grimsby, Barrow-on-Humber, Brigg, and the local ringers, also the Rev. H. C. Frith, of Elsham, and the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, of Kingerby. Service was conducted by the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry), Rector of Bigby, Miss A. Peart presiding at the organ. Tea was partaken of in the School, to which 40 members sat down.

The president presided at the business meeting. Owing to the Deputy Ringing Master having been elected to the office of Ringing Master, through the resignation of Mr. R. S. Long, a Deputy Master had to be appointed, and Mr. J. Bray, of Burton-on-Stather, was elected.

Messrs. F. Stainton, T. Hall and L. Sargent were elected members. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from the Rev. H. Park, of Thornton Curtis; the Rev. Mylne, of Burton-on-Stather; the Rev. T. Russell Warrilow, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Grimsby, and Mr. H. Rushby.

The President gave the members a very interesting report of the Central Council meeting, held at Chester, which was greatly appreciated. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter also spoke on the broadcasting of change ringing instead of so much tune ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. H. T. and Mrs. Parry, the local ringers, their wives and friends for providing such a splendid tea; also to the Rev. H. T. Parry for conducting the service; and to Miss A. Peart for presiding at the organ.

After the meeting, members again adjourned to the tower for more ringing. The methods rung during the day were Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles, and rounds for beginners.

The next meeting is to be held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 4th.

## CLEVELAND &amp; NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Ripon on Whit Monday, when 25 members and friends attended from Thirsk, Tadcaster, Darlington (St. John's), Stockton, Shildon, Sharow, Middlesbrough, Wath, Ripon, together with visitors from the Yorkshire Association, Lancashire Association and St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Dinner was provided at the Black Bull Hotel, presided over by the President (the Rev. A. Simpson), supported by the vice-president (Mr. W. Pick).

The toast of 'The Royal Family' was given by the President.

At the business meeting, the secretary's report and balance sheet were read and accepted. The Sunday Service sheets showed considerable improvement on previous years, the first certificate going to Saltburn, and the second to Middlesbrough.

The retiring officers were re-elected, with Mr. W. Newton (Stockton) as vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. J. W. Passman.

The meetings arranged for the year were as follows: September, Middlesbrough; Easter Monday, 1926, Skelton-in-Cleveland; and Whit Monday, Northallerton.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Cathedral bells; also to the Vicar of Sharow for the use of the bells at that church. The bells at the Cathedral were rung both in the morning and afternoon to the methods of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Kent Treble, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

**ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.**—On Whit Sunday, May 31st, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: T. Birch 1, F. Banton 2, F. C. Amos 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by the ringer of the 5th. The first 720 of Treble Bob on the bells by a local band was rung on May 20th, when T. Birch, F. Banton and J. Withers rung their first 720.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Sunday, the 21st (6 p.m.); St. Magnus on the 25th; Southwark Cathedral on the 23rd; \*St. Mary le Bow on the 30th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Saturday, June 20th, at St. Mary's, Beddington. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at 1s. Business after. Everyone will be heartily welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Arksey, near Doncaster, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) ready early. Short service at 4.30. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. per head.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmsshore, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Expecting a good attendance of members.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—First general quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) open for ringing from 2 p.m. onwards. Committee meeting 4.30. Tea in Church Hall 5 p.m., followed by general meeting.—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available throughout afternoon and evening. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Tea at the Fox and Hounds Hotel, at 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting immediately after tea. Annual subscriptions now due. All ringers cordially invited.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 20th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, June 20th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Banbury on Saturday, June 20th, with the idea of forming a Branch in that district. Short service in Parish Church at 4 p.m., tea and meeting afterwards.—R. T. Hilbert, 69, York Road, Reading.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Northaw on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea (1s.) and meeting to follow. Nearest Stations, Cuffley or Potters Bar, from King's Cross or Broad Street, or bus from High Barnet to Potters Bar.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available after 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Midland District).—The annual meeting will be held at Hampton-in-Arden, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting, at which election of officers will take place. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Handley on June 20th. Tower open 3, service 4.30. Members requiring tea please notify by June 16th.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, June 20th. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 20th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**ERITH PARISH CHURCH.**—The official opening of the bells takes place to-morrow (Saturday), June 20th, at 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—F. J. Cullum, 78, West Street, Erith.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston and Farnsworth Branches.—A joint meeting of the above branches will be held at Lancaster on Saturday, June 20th, when the bells of the different towers in Lancaster will be available. All ringers welcome.—Fred Rigby and W. T. Clark, Branch Hon. Secs., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley, Lancs.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Lulworth on Saturday, June 20th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells available at 3 p.m. West Lulworth (6), Wool (6), Puddletown (6), Bere Regis (6). Tea provided. Will those desiring tea please notify me by June 17th?—W. J. Bengier, Hon. Sec., 21, North Square, Dorchester.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Gargrave on June 27th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m. (8, tenor 16 cwt.). Tea will be provided in Parochial Hall, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. each to all who notify Mr. W. H. Birt-whistle, West Street, not later than Tuesday, June 23rd. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopgood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, June 27th. 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.



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Members are asked to come, if possible, to the annual outing on June 27th to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1, 1.25 and 2.7 p.m. Return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45, for those who notify Mr. D. Finn, Brabourne, by the 23rd.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Guildford and Yorktown Districts will hold a combined meeting at Yorktown on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Hawley bells will be available after the tea.—E. Raddon and J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Secs.

**SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.**—The 302nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 12 o'clock. Lunch at 1 o'clock. Bells available all day from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome. Will those who wish to attend lunch kindly notify the secretary by the 23rd?—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present please notify me by June 24th.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on Saturday, July 4th, the draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify, not later than June 30th, L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, and James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Branch Secretaries.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. Those requiring tea should inform Mr. John Wyatt, The Forge, Ashted, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Notttingham District.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. F. J. Tite, Barton, Notts, not later than June 25th. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Short business meeting at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—D. Gridley, Sec., Clare.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th, at Langley (5) 3 p.m. and at Horton (6) 6.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Names of those requiring tea should be sent to me not later than June 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, June 27th. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Taxal on Saturday, June 27th.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available at Kirkby Mallory from 3 to 5 p.m. From 5 p.m. onwards at Peckleton. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Charming scenery, sweet toned bells, good ringing. Tea and friendly gossip at Abbots Langley. Saturday, June 27th, at 3.30 p.m. Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts. Names for tea by Tuesday previous, 23rd.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Will those who intend being present notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 1st?—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, July 4th. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall (6d. to members, 1s. to visitors), for those who notify me on or before July 1st. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Twyford (8), St. Maurice, Winchester (6).—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 4th. The recently recast peal of 8 available from noon. Service at 5, and tea at 5.30, at 1s. 6d. each, to those who notify Mr. C. H. Thorley, 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, not later than Thursday, July 2nd. All visitors welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells: Cathedral 3 to 3.45 and 5 to 5.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5.50, 1s. 6d. (1s. to fully paid up members). Please send word by June 30th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea, with strawberries if possible.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 20, Duke Road, W.4.



**LADIES' GUILD.**—The Annual general meeting will be held at Reading, on Saturday, July 11th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Minchhead on Saturday, July 18th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

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#### THE LADIES' GUILD. WESTERN DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on June 5th at Bath. In the afternoon ringing took place at St. Saviour's Church, where the members received a hearty welcome from the Rector (the Rev. A. Wilkinson M.A.), and several members of the tower. The Rector conducted the service in the church.

Tea was partaken of at Werry's Cafe, and was followed by the meeting. Mrs. C. Knowles, of Tiverton, kindly presided, and was elected a member of this district.—It was resolved to ask Miss Williams, of Bath—who was absent through a previous engagement—if she would fill the post of secretary.—It was also proposed to hold the next meeting at Weston-super-Mare, if possible.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector of St. Saviour's, and the Vicar of St. Michael's for the use of the bells, and to the Bath ringers.

A move was then made to St. Michael's tower, where the members were welcomed by the captain (Mr. Alford), Mr. Rich, and other friends.

**CROTHWAITE, KESWICK.**—On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service, two touches of 216 Stedman Triples: D. Usher 1, W. Hogg 2, J. Wilson 3, F. Barnes 4, T. Hogarth (conductor) 5, T. Hartley 6, F. Grisdale 7, H. Just 8.—On Sunday, May 31st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. Hartley 1, W. Hogg 2, F. Barnes 3, D. Usher 4, T. Wilson 5, F. Grisdale 6, T. Hogarth (conductor) 7, H. Just 8. Longest touch for ringers of 2nd and 3rd, who, with H. Just, only commenced to learn the method at Easter.

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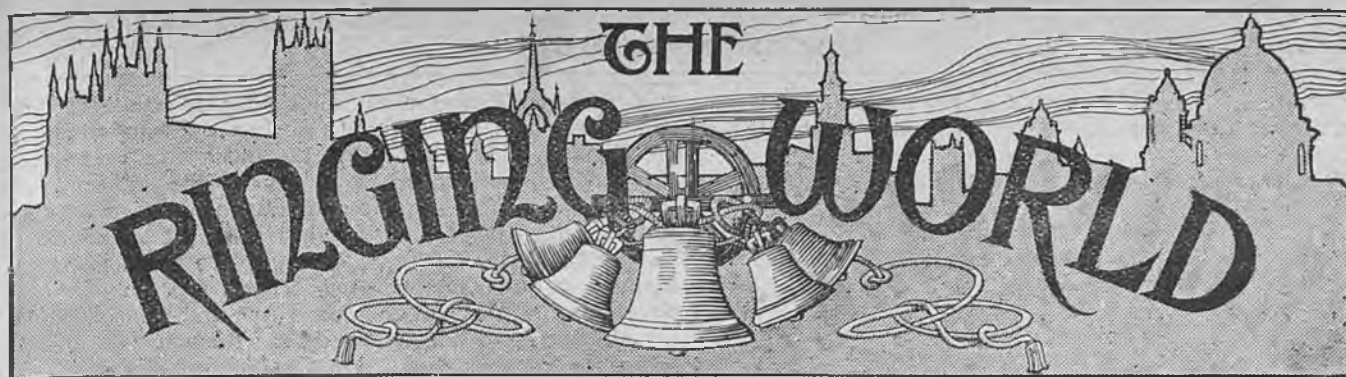
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### NOMENCLATURE.

The most contentious business before the Central Council was the report of the committee appointed last year to deal with method nomenclature. The subject, which may to some people appear to be a minor one, is, in fact, of some importance, for the haphazard methods of the past have led to endless confusion as well as to the use of terms which, to say the least, have been out of place. The terminology used in ringing has always been quaint, and, to the uninitiated, amusing, yet little or nothing had ever been done to improve it. A few years ago, however, the Analysis Committee of the Council were called on to give names to certain hitherto unnamed methods, and, with a great opportunity to improve nomenclature, adopted a group of titles which not only maintained some very unsuitable names, but actually accentuated their absurdity. It was the feeling created by this action which led eventually to the setting up of a special committee to deal with the naming of methods, their terms of reference being not merely to revise names already allotted, but to suggest lines of guidance for the future.

This committee admittedly had a very difficult task, but those who read their report will agree with the view expressed at the Council meeting that they have tackled it in a reasonable and moderate manner. First they had to face the fact that, in the past, the author of a method or the band who have been first to ring it have claimed the right to name it. It has been this freedom which has allowed many of the absurdities to grow up, for those who have had the opportunity of applying names have been guided by no principle, and simply christened their methods as fancy dictated. Another thing with which the committee was faced was the fact that certain terms have been so established by long usage that no tampering with them—however ludicrous they may appear to outsiders—would be permitted. History and practice have given them a position unassailable in these days. To carry out their task the committee had to make a break with tradition, and not the least difficult of their problems was to decide where the cut was to be made. That decision, we think, has not been finally arrived at. The report which the committee presented seems to be but a first instalment, for it opens up the question of a much more far-reaching revision of terms than the mere changing of names among the methods.

In principle we think the committee have struck right lines; in detail their report is liable to considerable amendment. The Council could not possibly have discussed it with intelligence and with the care which the subject requires without first seeing it in print, and they took the

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only reasonable course of adjourning debate until this opportunity had been afforded to them. Probably before the Council meets next year, the committee themselves may have something more to say on the subject; certainly their critics will have ample opportunity of framing amendments. We suggest that it might save time if those who have substantial objections to raise, put them forward in our columns, so that they, too, may be considered by members of the committee and Council before the meeting, and adequately dealt with when the matter comes up for discussion. On a subject of this sort, it is almost as difficult to deal offhand with previously unpublished amendments as it is to deal with an unpublished report.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *RICHARD CHAMMINGS ... Treble | FREDERICK W. WADE ... 6  |
| EDWIN J. BROWN ... 2          | FREDERICK E. TYLER ... 7 |
| JOHN A. DART ... 3            | ISAAC LONG ... 8         |
| JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... 4       | HENRY T. HOWELL ... 9    |
| RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 5       | E. GEORGE TREW ... Tenor |

Composed by W. H. BARBER.

Conducted by E. G. TREW.

\* First peal of Royal. Rung to celebrate the 61st birthday of Mr. H. T. Howell.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| RALPH E. BAILEY ... Treble | ALFRED PARNELL ... 6        |
| JOHN W. JONES ... 2        | WILLIAM HEATH ... 7         |
| FREDERICK BAILEY ... 3     | SIDNEY DAVE ... 8           |
| GEORGE LARGE ... 4         | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9      |
| ERNEST H. HUNT ... 5       | SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. William Coombes, one of the oldest members of this tower, a past Master, and one of the originators of the association. He succumbed to a severe attack of paralysis.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *CYRIL D. NICHOLLS ... Treble | †FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 6 |
| HARRY BAXTER ... 2            | †WALTER SEAR ... 7          |
| HARRY MARLOW ... 3            | TOM TEBBUTT ... 8           |
| WILLIAM ROGERS ... 4          | GEORGE BASFORD ... 9        |
| ARCHIE HENMAN ... 5           | ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor   |

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

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# EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | THOMAS K. DEACON ... 5      |
| PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 2        | *JOSEPH BEALE ... 6         |
| GEORGE A. NEWTON ... 3          | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7     |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4       | †ERNEST W. TIPLER ... Tenor |

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major, and first peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal in the method on the bells.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                            |                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5      |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 2      | ALBERT HARMAN ... 6                |
| JOHN A. COLE ... 3         | C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 7 |
| GEORGE MARRINER ... 4      | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor        |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble  | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 5 |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 2 | FREDERICK J. COLEY ... 6        |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3            | C. S. M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 7 |
| ALFRED G. HILL ... 4            | HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... Tenor    |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *THOMAS E. SONE ... Treble     | LEONARD E. LAST ... 5       |
| *FREDERICK WHITE ... 2         | *ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6    |
| *REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3     | *HERBERT MARKWELL ... 7     |
| *MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR ... 4 | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of Ven. Archdeacon A. T. Scott, late Rector of St. James', Tunbridge Wells, a vice-president of the association, and himself a change ringer in his younger days. \* First peal in the method. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells.

MYTHOLMROYD, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *REV. ROBERT MARLE ... Treble | *ARTHUR BOTTOMLEY ... 5     |
| WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 2        | *JAMES H. LEES ... 6        |
| *JAMES INGHAM ... 3           | *WILLIAM HORAN ... 7        |
| *WILLIAM H. MARSLAND ... 4    | HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Tenor |

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY. Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

\* First peal in the method (treble, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th). First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers of the treble and 7th belong to Cross-stone, Todmorden; the 2nd and tenor to Todmorden Parish; the 6th to Balderstone, Rochdale; and the rest to the local company, being non-resident members of the Lancashire Association.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| ROBERT TAYLOR ... Treble | ALBERT PARKER ... 5     |
| ERNEST BIRCHALL ... 2    | JAMES WM. GROUNDS ... 6 |
| SYDNEY FORSHAW ... 3     | JOHN BOOTH ... 7        |
| WILLIAM AUSTEN ... 4     | JOHN ALLRED ... Tenor   |

Conducted by JAMES WM. GROUNDS,

First peal by third and tenor.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.) in E.

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| *RICHARD BIGGS ... Treble | THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 5         |
| †GEORGE H. EDWARDS ... 2  | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 6        |
| ARTHUR ALLEN ... 3        | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7            |
| *ALICK HAYNES ... 4       | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells. This is also the first peal rung on these bells by a local band since 1730, and each ringer was born and resides near the church. Rung at the third attempt.

# SIX BELL PEALS.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's and Double Oxford, and 1440 each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *RONALD RUSSELL ... Treble  | HARRY BAXTER ... 4        |
| MISS CECIL E. HEPHERN ... 2 | *C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 5  |
| WALTER T. WILSON ... 3      | ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Russell, who was elected a member previous to the peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores of Canterbury, 10 of Plain Bob and 28 of Grandsire 30 callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *WILLIAM H. DAVIES ... Treble | WILLIAM EVANS ... 4       |
| †PERCY H. YOUNG ... 2         | JAMES P. HYETT ... 5      |
| †TREVOR JONES ... 3           | ALBERT E. JONES ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

|                          |                      |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| E. A. BULLOCK ... Treble | W. COUSINS ... 4     |
| A. E. BACON ... 2        | J. H. RAPER ... 5    |
| J. R. SMITH ... 3        | C. COUSINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. RAPER.

First peal as conductor.

LOIS WEEDON, NORTHANTS.  
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 18th, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings.

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| * W. I. JOHNSON ... .. Treble | † A. A. BOOTH ... .. 4 |
| G. HOWARD ... .. 2            | J. W. SHARP ... .. 5   |
| J. W. HAYNES ... .. 3         | * J. ROFF ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. W. SHARP.

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

CADOXTON, Near NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.  
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOHN HAMMOND ... .. Treble | DAVID J. LEWIS ... .. 4   |
| HARRY BOYCE ... .. 2       | ERNEST J. STITCH ... .. 5 |
| JOHN E. BLOXAM ... .. 3    | RONALD ELLIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by RONALD ELLIS.

First peal in method for the Guild, and for the ringers of the 4th, 5th and tenor.

TYSOE, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 12 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * SYDNEY DRINKWATER ... Treble | LAURIE HAWCOTT ... .. 4    |
| HORACE TERRY ... .. 2          | FRANK SMITH ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM ADAMS ... .. 3         | LEONARD BRYAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

Banbury ringers' 3rd annual outing (on June 16th, to Loughborough included a visit to Messrs. Taylor and Sons' bell foundry. Loughborough was reached at 11.20, and an hour's ringing at All Saints' Parish Church on the very fine peal of ten was much enjoyed, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire being rung. After dinner, a visit to the foundry proved very interesting, the party being shown round, and the various processes explained by Mr. Stubbs. The foundry ten proved too much of a handful, only one touch of Grandsire Triples being brought round.

After tea, a visit was made to the park and the Carillon War Memorial. The company journeyed on to Leicester, being met by Mr. Ernest Morris, and several of St. Margaret's band, with whose assistance two courses of Grandsire Caters were rung, as also touches of Stedman on the back eight.

The Banbury ringers take this opportunity to thank Messrs. Taylor and Sons for permission to visit the foundry, the Vicars of the two churches for permission to ring, and the members of St. Margaret's band who so kindly helped to make their visit so successful.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

On Sunday, June 14th, twelve members of the Cheltenham and District Branch had a motor trip to Stow-on-the-Wold and Bourton-on-the-Water. On arriving at Stow, where there is a beautiful ring of eight, with tenor 30 cwt., just overhauled by Messrs. Taylor, they were welcomed by Mr. Pardon and other members of the local band. The first touch was 504 Stedman Triples by W. Townsend (conductor) 1, C. Martin 2, W. Hunt 3, W. Hale 4, W. Dyer 5, W. Devereux 6, J. F. Ballinger 7, R. Hemming 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples, from Thursday's: A. F. Hunt 1, W. Yeend 2, E. Pardon 3, M. Hicks 4, C. Martin 5, W. Townsend 6, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, W. Devereux 8. After tea, they were met by Mr. W. Large, of Stretton-on-Fosse, who has done so much for change ringing in the outlying districts of the association. For evening service touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and a touch of Plain Bob Major by M. Hicks 1, C. Martin 2, E. Pardon 3, W. Hale 4, W. Large 5, W. Yeend 6, W. Dyer 7, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 8. At Bourton-on-the-Water they were met by Mr. T. Banning, and other members of his band, where 504 Stedman Triples was rung by C. Martin 1, W. Hale 2, William Dyer 3, W. Devereux 4, M. Hicks 5, J. F. Bal-

lenger (conductor) 6, W. Hunt 7, W. Townsend 8; and 336 Plain Bob Major by W. Hunt 1, W. Yeend 2, C. Martin 3, W. Hale 4, W. Devereux 5, J. F. Ballinger 6, T. Banning 7, W. Townsend (conductor) 8. Weight of tenor 14 cwt. in F. Also a touch of Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. Hale.

ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS (LONDON).

On Saturday, June 13th, the St. Giles-in-the-Fields (London) Ringers' Guild held their annual outing, the members and their friends paying a visit to Cookham-on-Thames, the same tower as last year. The party numbered twelve, and were favoured with perfect weather. On arrival at Cookham the ringers proceeded to the church (Holy Trinity), the bells of which had been kindly placed at their disposal, where ringing was enjoyed for over two hours. Tea at the Royal Exchange was much enjoyed. More ringing, boating, light refreshment, and a 'sing-song,' concluded the afternoon's programme.—A vote of thanks to Mr. Fowler and the Vicar was carried with enthusiasm.

BONVILSTON RINGERS.

On Saturday, June 6th, the ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, took their annual outing by charabanc to Brecon Beacons via Pontypridd and Merthyr. A halt was made at Brecon, the party visiting St. Mary's Church, with a good peal of eight, and going well. At Gilwern, Mr. S. Rackham kindly conducted the party up to Llanelly Church, with its nice peal of six, which was rung up, and soon into Doubles. The next stop was made at Newport. Members take this opportunity to thank the incumbents and Mr. S. Rackham and Mr. Evans for their kindness in granting the use of the bells.

The ringers of St. Martin's Church, Fenny Stratford, had a most enjoyable outing on Whit Monday, when they made a charabanc tour through North Bucks. The first stop being made at Stewley, a good ring of six on the heavy side was soon going to Woodbine Treble Bob, Plain Bob, and Cambridge Surprise. The grand old Norman church, with its architectural beauty and massive tower, were greatly admired. The next tower was Swanbourne, where the party were met by the Vicar, who was keenly interested in touches of Cambridge, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Then on to Winslow. Here a perfect 'peal' of rounds was taken part in, but as this was round the dinner table, it is unnecessary to say it was successfully accomplished. An adjournment was afterwards made to the church, where Plain Bob only was rung, after which the journey was continued to Calverton. Here the ringers were at home on the beautiful ring of six, the methods rung being Beverley, Double Court, Woodbine, Cambridge and Plain Bob. The next stop was Stony Stratford, where, after an hour's good ring, tea was partaken of. The last call was at Old Wolverton, where touches of Plain Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung. Home was reached about 10.15, after a most enjoyable day's ringing. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the respective Vicars for their kindness in giving permission to ring, and to the foremen of the towers for getting everything in such excellent order for them.

Salehurst ringers had their annual outing on Whit Monday, when they spent an enjoyable day in visiting Sussex towers. The outward journey was made via Battle, and through the pretty villages of Catsfield, Ninfeld and Hove, and past Pevensey Castle to St. Mary's, Eastbourne, where a halt was made for an hour, and several short touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were brought round. Going on to Seaford, they found a lovely peal of eight at St. Leonard's Church, and after several good touches, resumed the journey to St. Peter's Church, Brighton, where again ringing took place for an hour. Returning via Lewes, a call was made at Southover, and another hour was spent in ringing Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, while some of the party explored the ancient town. Home was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The party numbered 36.

IDLE RINGERS.

On Whit Tuesday, the Idle company of ringers, together with their wives and friends, to the number of twenty, went on their annual outing by charabanc, via Otley, Follifoot, Boroughbridge, Thirsk, Cotswold, and arrived at Helmsley for dinner. The ringing members of the party first made for the tower, while the others went to look round the castle. After dinner the party went on to Pickering, where some fairly good ringing was enjoyed, the ringers being congratulated on the standard of ringing by the natives. The homeward journey was via Malton to York, where a halt was made to give the party an opportunity of visiting the Minster. Leaving York, the party motored through Tadcaster to Wetherby for tea, after which the church was visited, and some ringing was done on a delightful peal of bells. The homeward journey was made via Harwood and Otley. Methods rung throughout the day were Kent Treble, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the respective incumbents for the use of the bells; also the local company for their kind arrangements.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## QUARTERLY MEETING AT BOLSOVER.

A most successful meeting was held at Bolsover on Saturday last, when ringing on the fine peal of eight was indulged in throughout the afternoon. All the standard methods and many Surprise methods, both old and new, were rung. A committee meeting was held in the Church Hall, and after the usual routine business, appeals for grants from the Bell Repair Fund were read from Belper and Creswell. At the former place a peal of six steel bells are to be rehung, but this appeal was left over for the president to get further details. The Creswell scheme is a huge one to build a tower and put in a peal of eight.—Mr. J. Flint gave an outline of the scheme, and it was finally decided to promise a sum of ten guineas, after the tower was completed, to go towards the cost of bells. Following this, the members, to the number of 30, from Burton, Chesterfield, Derby, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Southwell, Sheffield and Leicester, sat down to tea, which was catered for by the local ringers and their wives. The general business followed, the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P.) presiding, supported by the Vicar of Bolsover (the Rev. J. E. Pagett), Dr. Stretton, the hon. treasurer (W. Willson) and hon. secretary (E. Morris). The minutes of the annual meeting were passed, after which Mr. A. Coppock gave a brief account of the C.C. meeting at Chester.—The President also explained that a letter of appreciation had been read to the committee from Mr. J. Griffin, an original and valued member of the M.C.A., who is an hon. member of the C.C., and attended on their behalf since its inauguration. The list of new members elected since the last meeting was read and confirmed, and four new hon. members from Bolsover were unanimously elected.—Mr. W. Willson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the local band (especially Mr. Flint) and the ladies for arrangements and tea; to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his presence at the meeting.—Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton, seconded.—The Vicar acknowledging, said how pleased he was to welcome the members to Bolsover, and was pleased to become an hon. member of the M.C.A. He was supported by Dr. Stretton, who, whilst giving appreciation to the ringers and their services to the church, held out a note of warning to them never to neglect their duties after calling other people to church, by omitting to go themselves. He was also pleased to become an hon. member, and to propose his colleague, Mr. Lockwood.—This was carried unanimously, and concluded the business, after which ringing was again indulged in. E. M.

## DEDICATION OF RAYLEIGH BELLS.

Great rejoicing in the old Parish Church of Holy Trinity, on Sunday, June 21st, the occasion being the dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford of the bells, after recasting, rehanging, etc. The work, entrusted to the firm of Gillett and Johnston, the Croydon bell founders, entailed the clearing out of the old frame, fixing new steel girders and iron frame, recasting six bells, one new bell, and tuning the whole to the existing 5th (a fine old bell, dated 1510). The old 6th, 1415, no longer of use for ringing, is placed in view within the church. The whole of the work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner, the tone and tune of the bells being greatly admired by the crowds congregated to hear them. The peal is in the key of F, the tenor weighing 16 cwt. 3 qr.

Immediately following the dedication, the bells were rung round by the local ringers. At the close of the service, the ropes were handed to an expert band from Prittlewell, who delighted the listeners with something of everything, from Grandsire to Cambridge, the conductors being Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, Mr. H. T. Wilson and Mr. W. H. Judd. Ringers attended from Prittlewell, Leigh, Birehington-on-Sea, Kent, Bury St. Edmunds, Brentwood, Springfield, Rettendon, Chigwell, and, of course, London.

It is interesting to note the clapper of the 3rd bell bears an inscription, stating that the King and Queen saw it forged on their visit to the foundry to hear the carillon cast for New York.

## WASHBROOK MEMORIAL FUND.

In addition to the subscriptions already published, the following have been received: Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, £5; Salisbury Diocesan Guild, £2 2s.; Hereford Diocesan Guild, £3 3s.; Essex Association, £3 3s.; Oxford University Society of Change Ringers, £5 5s.; North Bucks Branch of Oxford Diocesan Guild, £3 3s.; Rev. F. L. Edwards, 10s.; Rev. H. L. James, 10s.; Capt. Acland, 10s.; Mr. J. S. Pritchett, £1 1s.; Mr. W. L. Nevard, 5s.; Mr. Martin Stevens, 5s.; J. Waghorn, 2s.; Mr. A. W. Hill, 6s. 6d.; Mr. T. Trollope, 7s.; Mr. C. Clarke, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Runham, 1s. Towers: Leafield, 10s.; Middleton Stoney, 3s.; Great Milton, 10s.; Great Haseley, 2s. 6d.; Islip, 4s.; Yarnston, 7s.; Thatcham, 14s.; Chilton, 7s. 6d.; Newport Pagnell, 5s.; Calverton, 5s.; Stoney Stratford, 10s.; Henley, 10s.; Beaconsfield, 10s. This brings the total up to £136.

It is hoped that the amount required will be received before the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers (July 18th). It would be a great help if all those who intend to subscribe would do so before that date. Subscriptions may be paid to Lloyds Bank, Reading Branch, or to the hon. treasurer, A. J. Wright, 40, Hamilton Road, Reading.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

In the annual report, recently issued, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) says: Our numbers are increasing every year, and our list of towers affiliated also increases, the number now being 20; the subscriptions of members are paid with better regularity. In respect to ringing some of the towers have reached a good standard of excellence, whilst in other towers there is plenty of room for improvement. There are towers where a regular practice night is almost out of the question. Ringers must have practice, first to keep up and improve their own standard of ringing; and, secondly, to teach young ringers how to handle a bell; otherwise ringing will in time cease at churches where no practice takes place.

In the matter of bell restoration, the two principal events of the year have been: (1) The rehanging and retuning of the old peal of five bells of St. Peter's, Gamston, and the addition of a new treble bell to make a ring of six. A new ringing chamber has been provided six feet below the old one, and comfortably furnished. Everything in the tower is new with the exception of the old five bells; and the ringers, under the tuition of Mr. H. Revill, of Ordsall, are making good progress in the art of change ringing; (2) the bells of St. John-the-Baptist, East Markham, have been increased from six to eight by the addition of two new trebles, the gift of Mr. W. T. Hopps, of Leamington, as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. H. Cowlishaw. The late Mr. Cowlishaw was a vice-president of the association for many years. The full octave is a splendid ring of bells, an excellent splice having been made, and together with a new intermediate chamber to deaden the sound in the ringing chamber, leaves nothing to be desired. A new clock has also been given by the donor of the bells. In the matter of meetings, a very successful year has been accomplished. Apart from the annual meeting, six district meetings have been held during the year, and a good standard of ringing maintained; at some of the towers the methods rung were from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

Our list of new members for the year is three vice-presidents and 16 ringing members, including Herbert Smith, Esq., as vice-president and life member; H. Caferlatia, Esq., of Sutton-on-Trent, and the Rev. P. E. Boswell, Rector of Harthill. In the list of special performances during the year 1924 the South Anston company again head the list with 104 720's, 100 six-bell methods, a wonderful record, which we imagine has seldom, if ever, been excelled. In the previous year they rang 60 720's in 54 methods, which was also a meritorious performance, but this achievement for 1924 is a really remarkable one. The membership roll up to December 31st, 1924, is 212 members (performing, probationary and unattached), and also 19 ex-officio members. Total 231.

The financial statement for the year shows a sum of £24 invested in Workshop savings bank, and £3 4s. 3d. in treasurer's hands, making a total of £27 4s. 3d., and the largest gain in one year in the history of the association, but this includes the subscription of a life member of £2 2s.

## FAREWELL GATHERING AT PUDSEY.

On Saturday, June 20th, a peal of London Surprise Major was attempted at Pudsey, Yorks, as a farewell to Mr. T. M. Kitchen, who is leaving the district.

Unfortunately the peal came to grief, after two hours' excellent ringing, the band standing as follows: P. Cordingley 1, S. Ward 2, J. Baxendale 3, J. E. Proctor 4, Wm. Barton (conductor) 5, T. M. Kitchen 6, J. Ambler 7, J. W. Cordingley 8. The losing of the peal was unfortunate in more respects than one, as in addition to being a farewell peal, had it been successful, it would have been the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all the ringers.

After tea, Mr. Baxendale, on behalf of the local company, with a few well-chosen words, presented a leather travelling bag to Mr. Kitchen. He said, that whilst all offered their hearty congratulations to 'Tommy' on attaining his new position, they wished him the best of health and prosperity. It was with a great feeling of regret that they met that day to bid farewell to one of the band's most promising ringers.—'Tommy' suitably responded, and said that he would never forget the happy times he had spent with the ringers of Pudsey Church, and hoped that he would be spared to have another attempt for the peal of London. The handbells were then brought into use, and touches of Treble Bob Royal, Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Major, Bob Major and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were successfully brought round.

During the evening, the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going to touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Superlative.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, G. Williams 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Robert Head, the parish church organist, who is leaving to take up a similar appointment at Richmond, Surrey.

**THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND TOWERS BELOW STANDARD.**

The annual report of the Winchester Guild has just been published. During the year, seven compounding members joined, and, in addition, the numbers who have paid contributions, were: Hon. members 59, full members 553, probationers 32. The peals rung in 1924 showed a decrease of five compared with 1923, but there was a large increase in the number of Surprise peals rung. The peals were rung in 35 different towers.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), in his report, remarked that the Guild suffered a great loss by the death of the Rev. W. E. Colchester, a former general secretary and treasurer, and for many years an enthusiastic member and friend. The loss will be keenly felt, more particularly as ringing clergy in the diocese are so deplorably few.

Restoration work has been going on steadily, and in addition to the completion of the work at Brockenhurst and Leatherhead, it is hoped that the ring of five at Sopley, with a pit for an additional bell, will be reopened shortly. A movement is also afoot to add a treble to the existing ring of five at Woolton Hill, and there are whispers of a ring of eight at Milford-on-Sea. Owing to tower weakness, it is much to be regretted that the fine ring of eight at Shanklin are unringable; also that the recast bells for St. Michael's, Southampton, are still waiting the verdict as to tower safety.

Although considerable progress has been shown in some quarters, the apathy towards change ringing and the Guild by many of the clergy and a good number of ringers is much to be deplored. In this connection it should be noted that the number of both members and towers in union fall much below standard. All members should strive to remedy this, as only by making new members can the work of the Guild be successfully carried on. It is regretted that no charge for instruction appeared in the balance sheet, and bands are reminded that the Master, general and district secretaries are always pleased to answer queries on this very important item, and this applies to the higher methods as well as Grandsire.

The general fund of the Guild had a balance in hand of £37 16s. 7d., against £41 0s. 2d., at the end of 1923, and there is £39 1s. 4d. in the special purposes fund. The various districts also hold balances of £6 1s. 3d.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DISTRICT'S ENJOYABLE MEETING.**

An enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at Chester-le-Street on June 20th, which was well attended, some thirty members and visitors being present from Pullham St. Mary, Norfolk, Newcastle Cathedral, St. George's, Jesmond, Newcastle, St. John's, Darlington, Shildon, Consett and Heighington.

The fine toned peal of eight was set going soon after 3 o'clock, with touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major and Plain Bob. After tea, some keen ringing was kept up till 8.30. Mr. Wm. Story, ex-president, and Mr. E. E. Ferry, secretary of the association, were present.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Consett on Saturday, 22nd August.

Among the visitors was Mr. C. J. P. Brice, of Pullham St. Mary, Norfolk, who at present is engaged on the restoration work at Durham Castle. Being an old campaigner, he was very pleased to make the acquaintance of North Country ringers, and spoke in high praise of the bells. He conducted a short course of Kent Treble Bob, and promised to attend other meetings.

Mrs. Blenkinsop, of Heighington, was successful in ringing a touch of Bob Major on the treble, and congratulations were extended to her.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Chester-le-Street for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. Harry Tyson and Fred Sheraton for the arrangements locally.

**LADIES' GUILD.****MIDLAND DISTRICT.**

The members held their meeting at Hampton-in-Arden, where a very pleasant time was spent. The Rev. Colthurst's ringing party joined the Church Union Society at tea. After tea, the ladies held their meeting, and Miss Foster was elected to the chair. Mrs. Groves was re-elected secretary; Miss F. Saunders, of Smethwick, was elected on the committee; all the other members were re-elected.

It was decided to hold only two business meetings a year—June and December, respectively. Monthly or quarterly ringing meetings to be arranged when possible to get permission for use of bells at various places. Harborne was chosen for the next business meeting if permission could be obtained.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Leggett 1, G. Balls 2, G. Clarke 3, A. Ives 4, E. Leggett 5, F. Clarke 6. This is the first 720 by the treble ringer.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION & LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

Some 30 members of the North and East District of the above association spent a very pleasant afternoon at Northaw on Saturday, June 20th, on the occasion of the summer meeting. The bells were raised about 3.30, and ringing continued until 5.30, when the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Allen) gave those present a very hearty welcome to the service. After an excellent tea, the usual business meeting was held. The president (Mr. F. A. Milne) had to leave early, and in his absence the chair was taken by Mr. W. Pickworth, district vice-president.

Three new members were elected, and the hon. secretary gave an interesting report of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting at Chester.

Stanmore was chosen for the next meeting, on July 25th.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his address at the service; to Mr. B. McKie for the excellent arrangements made; to Mrs. Taylor, who had prepared tea; and to Mr. Stevenon, the organist, who had added considerably to the harmony of the proceedings. Ringing again took place after the meeting, amongst the methods rung being Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and Cambridge Surprise.

**CUP CONTEST AT HOYLANDSWAINE.****ANSTON'S SUCCESS.**

The cup contest promoted solely by Hoylandswaine ringers, under the auspices of Barnsley and District Associations, was held on Saturday, June 13th. Nine bands had entered, but Wortley were unavoidably absent. The remaining eight companies turned up full of hope and bright ideas, but, alas! the slips not missed by the judge, would have filled the cup. Wath, Darfield and Sandal 'rang out,' so the judge advised them to be wise as well as good. The remaining five rang through, and the following is the list of towers with faults attached: Anston, 265; Wath (rang out), 127; Rawmarsh, 593; Darfield (rang out), 348; Sandal (rang out), 287; Cawthorne, 125; Shelley, 219; Penistone, 158. Mr. W. Broadley, Bradford, was the adjudicator, and declared Cawthorne to be the winners. The names of the successful band were Henry Crossland (aged 81), Joseph Matthews 2, Henry Crossland, junr., 3, Aaron Fish 4, Edgar Crossland, junr., 5, Jack Fish 6. The cup is held for one year, and each member received in addition a plated cake stand.

The Rev. J. Hewitson (Vicar) kindly presided over the meeting, and presented the prizes. The tea provided for the occasion was partaken of by upwards of 120 ringers and others.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The Southern District held a very successful business meeting at Beddington last Saturday, June 20th. The tower was opened at 3.30, and the bells were soon set going. At 5 o'clock, tea was partaken of, and the usual business meeting followed. After this a move was made to the church for some more ringing, when most of the standard methods were rung.

The ringers present expressed their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Trappitt for making the arrangements for the tea, etc., and also to the local society for making the company welcome amid such delightful surroundings. Many of the ringers admired the tone of the bells, and also the 'go' of them.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.****SWINDON BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting was held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 20th, with a small attendance. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued until 5 p.m., when tea was partaken of on the Vicar's lawn, who welcomed the visitors to Bishopstone. The usual business meeting followed, Mr. C. J. Gardiner presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read, and passed. A letter, re the Washbrook Memorial, was brought before the members by the secretary, and it was proposed by Mr. T. Moulding, and seconded by Mr. S. Palmer, that each tower secretary in the district should make a collection in his tower, and forward it to the district secretary as soon as possible.—This was carried.—Places for the next meeting were Blunsdon in July, Highworth in August, and the quarterly meeting at Chippenham in September. This concluded the business, and a return to the tower was made, where touches of Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal.

Towers represented were Blunsdon, Faringdon (Christ Church and St. Mark's, Swindon), Stratton St. Margaret's, and Wanborough.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, at St. George's, Beckenham, S.E., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: \*Miss E. E. Chapman 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, \*Miss F. E. Orr 3, F. J. Skelt 4, W. Smith 5, E. J. King 6, C. J. Tribe 7, J. R. Gammon 8. \* First quarter-peal of Surprise.



### BRADFORD'S FIRST LADY RINGER MARRIAGE OF MISS GILL.

The marriage took place at St. James' Church, Bolton, Bradford, on May 30th, of Mr. Arthur Beason to Miss Polly Gill, only daughter of Mr. Arthur Gill. Both father and daughter are members of the local band, Miss Gill being the first lady ringer in Bradford. There was a good muster of ringers from Bradford Cathedral, Shipley, Drighlington, and the local band, to witness the ceremony. With the Vicar's permission merry touches were rung on the bells, but these were only short, owing to their running badly, and it is hoped they will shortly be ringing.

The company were invited to the wedding feast at the bride's home. During the repast, Mr. J. Broadley proposed 'The health of the bride and bridegroom,' and expressed best wishes for their happiness. The happy couple left shortly after for Scarborough for the honeymoon.

### A RINGER'S ADVENTUROUS TRIP. MR. CONOR O'BRIEN SAFE HOME.

Mr. Conor O'Brien, of Dublin, who was an active ringer in London some years ago, has just concluded his adventurous trip round the world in the 20-ton ketch, 'Saoirse.' He dropped anchor at Dunlaoghaire on Saturday evening, his journey having lasted exactly two years to the day. He was given a most enthusiastic welcome.

Mr. O'Brien, in the course of his voyage, has circled the globe. A Free State plane and over 150 yachts welcomed him to Kingstown Harbour, and nearly 50,000 people were on the pier.

When he left Dunlaoghaire on June 20th, 1923, he had two of a crew, but with these he parted company at Durban.

On two subsequent occasions he had trouble with his crew, and when he arrived home he was accompanied by his sister, Miss Kitty O'Brien, who had joined him in the Azores, and by a Tongan native called 'Kroo,' but renamed Joseph H. Percival, and whom Mr. O'Brien had taken from Friendly Island.

### RINGING FOR KINGS.

The visit of His Majesty King George V. to Newcastle-under-Lyme on June 5th coincided with the 21st anniversary of the wedding of one of the bell ringers of the Parish Church, named King.

The ringers engaged to ring in honour of the Royal visit thought it appropriate to celebrate both events simultaneously, and a well-struck quarter of Grandsire Triples was concluded in 47 minutes: F. Smith 1, A. Barker 2, E. King 3, W. Fitchford 4, W. Alliman 5, H. Vaughan 6, C. Morley (conductor) 7, C. E. Morley 8.

### EALING RINGERS' OUTING.

On Whit Monday, the ringers of St. Mary's, Ealing, together with friends from Hillingdon and Uxbridge, held their fourth annual outing. The charabanc departed from Ealing shortly after nine, and the rest of the party was picked up en route. The driver, a stranger to the district, followed the directions of the party, sometimes wrong, but got there eventually. After one such diversion, Wooburn was reached a few minutes late. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung here. A pleasant ride through Marlow and Henley brought the party to Shiplake, this time nearly an hour before time. The host for the day, Mr. C. W. Porter, kindly obtained permission from the Vicar, who himself gave the visitors a hearty welcome, to have a short ring at Shiplake Church before lunch. This tower was not on the day's programme, and the extra ringing was much appreciated.

A bountiful lunch at the Plough Inn was greatly enjoyed by all. After lunch, the party spent a pleasant half-hour in the pretty garden, the weather being lovely.

An enjoyable ride through country lanes terminated at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, and an hour's ringing was indulged in on this handy and musical ring. Kent and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples came round successfully. A short stroll by the Thames, after ringing, brought departure time all too quickly.

On again reaching Shiplake, a tea, worthy of unceasing praise, was served at the Plough Inn and Mr. Porter is to be congratulated on his excellent catering. Leaving the pretty little inn with many regrets, the party once more passed through Henley, and after an exceedingly pretty ride, arrived at Wargrave. Some good ringing in the four standard methods took place.

The return journey was made through Twyford, Maidenhead and Slough. Owing to threatening clouds and occasional showers, the party now travelled under cover. Thus shielded from the public gaze, several previously bashful vocalists (?), brightened the ride with songs and other weird noises. The two friends from Uxbridge alighted at that place, and another lady ringer departed at Hillingdon, regretfully, but with memories of a very happy time. Ealing was reached shortly after nine, and the main party dispersed, unanimous as to the success of the day.

Through the medium of this paper, the members of the Ealing band would like to thank the incumbents of those towers at which they were permitted to ring; the towerkeepers for their unselfish assistance; and Mr. Porter, whose excellent catering is to be commended to all his fellow-ringers.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Expansion of business has necessitated the removal of the old-established firm of John Nicoll, the well-known bell rope makers, from Queen's Road, Peckham. Customers should note that the address is now 64, Lewisham Park, London, S.E.13.

Mr. Tom Deadman, whose death was recorded in our last issue, was, in the days when the writer first met him, one of the best physically developed specimens of humanity that it would be possible to meet. Of more than average height, he was broad of shoulder, and had arms as big as many a man's thigh. Had he had the opportunities, he would have been an ideal type for some of the 'big' jobs, but his ringing was done in towers where there are no bells over 25 cwt.

The Birmingham Cathedral bells will be broadcast from 7.45 p.m. to 8 p.m., together with a service, the preacher being the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

## 'COVENTRY BELLS.'

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—'To an Amurath an Amurath succeeds,' and so with the 'isms.' A blight appears to descend upon our beautiful bells, and now it is 'carillonism,' and another fine old peal is doomed. I wonder that our bell founders can really find the heart to accept such commissions. Are those which remain to us safe? We fortunately still have Lavenham, Mancroft, Pershore, Fulham, Painswick and Southwark; one can hardly now add St. Mary Radcliffe. But in the Great Jazz Age none is safe, and it remains for the ringing fraternity to bestir itself unless it would lose the little of great value it has left—left as a priceless heritage from the past.—I am, yours faithfully,

TEMPLE BAR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I quite agree with your article about Coventry bells. If the present members of the Exercise could only hear these fine bells, they would do anything to prevent their loss.

I am amongst the few left who remember their wonderful tone. I used to ring there nearly 40 years ago, with men who knew what a good 'ring' was. I speak of J. Bannister, H. Johnson, T. Reynolds, H. Bastable, J. Joines, and others, who, with myself, were all agreed that, whether in the tower or out, they were an extraordinary fine set of bells, being so well balanced together in tone and tune.

I only hope your efforts to save these bells will be successful.—I am, yours faithfully,

JOHN CARTER.

*To the Editor.*

Sir,—With regard to the fate of this noted ring of bells, is it not possible even now to do something to save them, as you suggest no time must be lost? I know of a case where a now pulpit was placed in a parish church, the old pulpit was sent into another parish; in another case, an organ had to be removed for a larger one, the old one was moved into another parish. Cannot church bells be moved in the same way? In their ordinary course of business some of our bell founders are sure to have on hand either now or shortly the recasting of an old peal of eight, and increasing the same to ten. Could not these old eight bells with the necessary new metal be cast into the carillon for St. Michael's, and the ten bells from St. Michael's be placed in the tower where the ten from the foundry would have been placed? To facilitate this a conference should be held between representatives of the two churches concerned, the Central Council of Ringers, and the bell founders, when, no doubt, with explanations and reason, all obstacles will be overcome.

JOHN BEAMS.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At West Grinstead, Sussex, on May 29th, at St. George's Church, 720 Marple and 720 College Exercise Minor: F. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. S. Stevens (churchwarden).—On Sunday, May 31st, with the bells half-muffled, 720-Woodbine: V. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goatcher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, June 7th, touches of Plain Bob and Grandire Minor, for morning service: W. Denman 1, D. T. Davis (Birmingham) 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Turrell 4, F. Turrell 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.—For evening service, touches of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent and College Exercise were rung.

At Liscard, Cheshire, on Saturday, June 13th, at St. Mary's Church, a half-peal of Grandire Triples, being the first half of Reeves' Variation of Holt's Ten-Part was rung in 1 hr. 37 mins.: W. Hughes 1, A. Woosnam 2, D. Hughes 3, F. Woosnam 4, H. Lodkin 5, J. Hughes 6, W. A. Woosnam (conductor) 7, F. Winstanley 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect and remembrance to a colleague, Henry Williams, who had been a ringer at this church since 1888, and who passed away May 18th. It was intended to attempt a full peal, but owing to the bad 'go' of the tenor, the bells had to be called home at the half-peal end.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 394.)

When the Council reassembled in the afternoon, the report of the Records Committee for the years 1923-4 and 1924-5 was read by the Rev. A. T. Beeston as follows:—In accordance with your instructions we have pleasure in submitting a list of records of first peals in new methods, and of progressive lengths in old methods, up to date. First peals:—

Little Bob Maximus, 5,016, by the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Cambridge Court Bob Major, 5,088, by the Warwickshire Guild and Midland Counties Association.

Rutland Surprise Major, 5,280, by the Midland Counties Association.

Edinburgh Surprise Major, 5,024, by the Suffolk Guild.

Palatine Surprise Major, 5,184, by the Lancashire Association.

Leicester Surprise Royal, 5,040, by the Midland Counties Association.

Pudsey Surprise Major, 5,120, by the Midland Counties Association.

Edmonton Bob Major, 5,008, by the Middlesex County Association.

Spliced Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, 5,056, by the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Rochester Surprise Major, 5,024, by the Suffolk Guild.

Marlborough Bob Major, 5,008, by the Middlesex County Association.

Little Canterbury Major, 5,040, by the Kent County Association. Treble Bob Major, 'Cam' Variation, on tower bells, 5,120, by the Kent County Association.

Winchester Bob Major, 5,008, by the Middlesex County Association.

Spliced Stedman and Erin Caters, 5,133, by the Durham and Newcastle Association.

Dartford Little Bob Major, 5,040, by the Kent County Association.

Spliced Union and Grandsire Triples, 5,040, by the Llandaff Association.

The progressive lengths include:—

12,675 Stedman Cinques by the Ancient Society of College Youths.

17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major by the Chester Diocesan Guild.

10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal by the Middlesex County Association.

9,120 Treble Bob Major, 'Ilkeston' Variation, by the Midland County Association.

5,088 Rochester Surprise Major by the Suffolk Guild.

5,056 Reverse Bob Major by the Kent County Association.

5,184 Pudsey Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association.

5,248 Double Norwich Court Bob Major ('in hand'), by the Cambridge University Guild.

Hitherto we have not referred in our reports to performances in Minor methods. There are, however, three such performances during the period under view, which your committee considers worthy of notice. The two first are seven complete extents in 30 methods on January 1st, 1923, the greatest at the time ever included in such a peal. It was exceeded, however, soon after December 4th, 1923, by seven complete extents in 35 methods. This remains the record.

Moreover, we feel it is advisable to give a list of the first Minor peals rung in progressive methods of methods spliced, according to the present recognised plan. The first was rung by the Lincoln Guild in eight methods, November 9th, 1909; the same Guild rang the first in (2) nine methods, March 10th, 1910; (3) 12 methods, November 7th, 1911; (4) 14 methods, February 15th, 1911; (5) 16 methods, November 18th, 1911.

The Chester Guild rang the first in (1) 13 methods, February 7th, 1920; (2) 15 methods, February 12th, 1924; (3) 17 methods, December 8th, 1921; (4) 18 methods, February 3rd, 1921; (5) 19 methods, July 12th, 1913; (6) 24 methods, November 24th, 1921; (7) 29 methods, March 8th, 1923; (8) 30 methods, January 1st, 1923; (9) 35 methods, December 4th, 1923.

The third performance referred to is a 5,040 at Norbury, Cheshire, on May 8th, 1924, in seven methods, none of which, as far as we know, has ever been included in a peal. The methods are numbers 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27 and 28 in the Council's collection of Treble Bob methods. They were rung under the names of Shamrock, Bluebell, Daffodil, Foxglove, Marigold, Dahlia and Geranium.

The report was signed by the Revs. A. H. Beeston, T. Hervey Beams, H. Law James.

### THE FIRST SPLICED PEAL OF TRIPLES.

Mr. T. H. Beams seconded the adoption of the report. Referring to the recently rung peal of Spliced Grandsire and Union Triples, he said they had not yet seen the figures, and, therefore, they could not criticise, but until the composition appeared he would be like the Scotsman, and 'hae me doots' about it.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said the first peal rung, called Grandsire Triples, was a 'spliced' peal of Union and Grandsire. It was a peal of Grandsire with 5th's place bob.

Mr. J. W. Jones said, as one who took part in the recent peal, he could briefly explain how it was rung. When the 2nd, 3rd or 4th was in the hunt the method was Union; when the 5th, 6th or 7th was in the hunt the method was Grandsire. In ringing the peal the conductor did not indicate the change of method. He understood the figures would appear in 'The Ringing World' that week or the week after. (The composition was published in 'The Ringing World' of June 12th.)

Mr. J. S. Wilde pointed out that, strictly speaking, Shipway got the first spliced peal of Union and Grandsire Triples. In 'Grandsire' they would find the record of a five-part peal published by Shipway, but there was one lead of Union in each part; therefore it was a spliced peal of Union and Grandsire. In the Central Council's Collection of Peals, Section 1, there were two peals of Union Triples by W. H. Thompson. These were also spliced peals of Union and Grandsire Triples, as they had one lead of Grandsire Triples in each of the five parts. Mr. Davies also had a variation of a peal by Shipway, in which he brought home the five part-ends as the plain course leads of Grandsire Triples.

The Rev. H. Law James: The plain truth is, there is no such thing as Union Triples at all. It is nothing but 5th's place bobs in Grandsire.

Mr. J. W. Parker: The first spliced peal of Triples was the first peal of Stedman Triples, because Stedman is spliced Erin and Quick-Six Triples (laughter).

The report was accepted.

### SCIENCE MUSEUM EXHIBIT.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. A. Young) reported for the committee entrusted with the organisation of the exhibit for the South Kensington Science Museum. He said he last year suggested that the committee was rather moribund, and he now feared he had nothing much further to report. The head of the Section, where their small exhibit was, had told him he was still waiting for the re-organisation of the galleries, which would give him the floor and wall space. But the thing moved slowly. With regard to Mr. Carter's ringing machine, he (Mr. Young) had it at his own house, and had written a description, under Mr. Carter's instruction, as to how it worked and was controlled. He thought they might, therefore, now remove from their minds the feeling that the machine might eventually become somewhat useless because no one was familiar with its contrivances (hear, hear). Mr. Young added that the committee had not met during the year, as he had felt it was not necessary to convene them.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, in supporting Mr. Young's report, said he did not quite agree that the committee was moribund; it was not the committee, it was more likely the Science Museum. The authorities were 'hanging fire'; they could not yet give the committee the proper room. When they could do so, things would revive, and the committee would only be too glad to avail themselves of any opportunity the Museum authorities could give them. With regard to Mr. Carter's machine, they knew how deeply interesting it was, and he was very thankful that it was at present in Mr. Young's care, and that Mr. Young had had opportunity to write a description of it. As they all knew, the machine was absolutely unique, and, therefore, when Mr. Carter was taken from them, knowledge of the machine and how to work it might have died with him. It was of the greatest importance and value that someone should know how to work the machine. He was thankful it was in the able hands of someone like Mr. Young (hear, hear).

The report was accepted.

### METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

The Nomenclature Committee's report was read by Mr. G. P. Burton as follows: In course of time, and by a process of natural selection and development, usage in most cases, sifts and settles by itself, any question of nomenclature. Although in certain departments of change ringing nomenclature that consummation has happily been quite successfully attained, e.g., such terms as 'Doubles,' 'Minor,' 'Triples,' 'Major,' etc., the same, unfortunately, cannot be said of method names. Without any system to guide the selection of fresh names, and with a multitude of new methods produced of late years, a state of almost indescribable confusion has arisen, especially as regards Minor, and more recently Major nomenclature. Every would-be method author has been a law to himself, there having been no authority to decide as to the names to be adopted. Recently, it is true, the schedule of names published by the Analysis Committee in the columns of 'The Ringing World' of 30th March, 1923, did something to set Minor nomenclature in order, and to remove some of the then existing uncertainties. However, unfortunately, that report assumed the necessity for the continuation of all existing anomalies, and, what was worse, stereotyped those floral names to which exception has so widely been taken.

In accordance with the terms of reference (1) 'to review existing

method nomenclature, your committee have, during the year past, catalogued in tabular form, a collection of some 250 method names, the class to which each name belongs being set down, and the authority or reference, as far as is known, being quoted. It appears from this catalogue, that as many as eleven names are used twice over, five three times over, and so on. The names 'London,' by itself, is applied to four different methods, and in combination (i.e., double-barrelled names) is used for at least two more, or six times altogether. 'Cambridge' is likewise employed four times; 'Oxford' and 'Norwich' three times each, and so on. Furthermore, at least 46 names consist of two words (where one would suffice), 7 of three words, e.g., 'St. James' Youths' Exercise' (a plain Minor method), 'British Scholars' Pleasure' (a Treble Bob Minor method).

Much consideration has been given to names, which for one reason or another, appear unsuitable, and suggestions for alternatives have been noted in the catalogue. Although finality has not yet been reached in this direction, recommendations are made below as to substitutes for the 'flowers,' etc.

While your committee appreciates fully the value attaching to historical continuity—a name may be a chapter of history in itself—and realises that old names have, besides, a sentimental interest, yet it is convinced that no satisfactory reformation in nomenclature can be obtained without some break with the past. In many cases, old names, which are in themselves objectionable, are either obsolescent, or entirely fallen out of use. Such names ought not to be printed in any further publications issued by the Council.

Your committee make the following recommendations, in accordance with terms of reference (2): 'To suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future':—

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) That method classification should be simplified, and should in future fall into three main divisions: (1) Plain; (2) Treble Bob; (3) Surprise. Such sub-classification of Treble Bob, as 'Exercise,' '3rd Place Delight,' '4th Place Delight,' 'Pasallatessera,' 'Pasallatria' (as given in the C.C. Collection, p. viii, No. 4, 5, 2, 3, are, for all practical purposes, no longer needed, and are in fact, seldom, if ever, used. In modern ringing parlance, methods of the classes in question are termed either Treble Bob or Surprise.

(b) That in future any name should appertain to one individual method, and that in one class only, and should not, as at present, do duty for methods in any other classes, e.g.:—

London Surprise v. London Treble Bob, etc.

Cambridge Surprise v. Cambridge Delight, etc.

Oxford Treble Bob v. Oxford Bob, Oxford Surprise, etc.

The modern tendency to abbreviate has spread to ringing terms, with the result that it is usual nowadays to speak of 'London,' of 'Cambridge,' or of 'Oxford,' when it is intended that 'London Surprise,' 'Cambridge Surprise' and 'Oxford T.B.' be understood, and not 'London T.B.,' 'Cambridge Delight,' or 'Oxford Bob,' etc.

(c) That, as opportunity offers, all non-essential words, such as 'Pleasure,' 'Court,' 'Delight' and 'Bob,' when the latter is used as a meaningless appendage, be dropped. To a practical ringer Double Norwich now signifies the particular method intended, without the use of the words 'Court Bob.'

(d) That only selected topographical names be employed for the future.

(e) That a change of name be made in the following cases, and that the new names, in the right-hand column, be substituted:—

| (1) Floral. Proposed New Name | (1) Floral. Proposed New Name |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bluebell                      | Blundell                      |
| Daffodil                      | Dartford                      |
| Dahlia                        | Darlington                    |
| Foxglove                      | Foxton                        |
| Fuchsia                       | Folkestone                    |
| Geranium                      | Grantham                      |
| Hyacinth                      | Hyde                          |
| Lily                          | Leyton                        |
| Marigold                      | Marlow                        |
| Primrose                      | Preston                       |
| Shamrock                      | Shadwell                      |
| Snowdrop                      | Somerton                      |
| Tulip                         | Tamworth                      |
| Violet                        | Ventnor                       |
| Woodbine                      | Woodstock                     |

(II) Castles and Abbeys. (Omit the word "Castle" and "Abbey.")

|                    |             |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Beeston Castle     | Beeston     | Ludlow Castle      | Ludlow      |
| Belvoir Castle     | Belvoir     | Melandra Castle    | Melandra    |
| Berkeley Castle    | Berkeley    | Melrose Abbey      | Melrose     |
| Carisbrooke Castle | Carisbrooke | Pembroke Castle    | Pembroke    |
| Conisboro' Castle  | Conisboro'  | Pevensy Castle     | Pevensy     |
| Conway Castle      | Conway      | Peveril Castle     | Peveril     |
| Chepstow Castle    | Chepstow    | Pontefract Castle  | Pontefract  |
| Dover Castle       | Dover       | Richborough Castle | Richborough |
| Dunottar Castle    | Dunottar    | St. Albans Abbey   | St. Albans  |
| Edinburgh Castle   | Edgware*    | Skipton Castle     | Skipton     |
| Elstow Abbey       | Elstow      | Sherborne Abbey    | Sherborne   |
| Fountains Abbey    | Fountains   | Stirling Castle    | Stirling    |
| Glastonbury Abbey  | Glastonbury | Tintern Abbey      | Tintern     |
| Kirkstall Abbey    | Kirkstall   | Warwick Castle     | Warwick     |
| Leasowe Castle     | Leasowe     |                    |             |

\* Entire change of name to distinguish from Edinburgh Surprise.

#### (III.) Unsuitable and Inconvenient. (1st instalment.)

| Old Name.                       | Proposed New Name. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| British Scholars' Pleasure (12) | Britford           |
| College Bob 4th (21)            | Bocking            |
| Duke of Clarence (24)           | Clarence           |
| Duke of Norfolk (3)             | Grimshy            |
| Grandsire Treble Bob            | Eccleston          |
| Evening Star (25) (26?)         | Tamworth           |
| Francis Genius (39)             | Kenley             |
| Kent Delight (13) (14)          | Kenilworth         |
| Kentish Delight (7)             | Lomond             |
| Loch Lomond (18)                | Fulham             |
| London Scholars' Pleasure (7)   | Lambeth            |
| London Victory (27)             | Lytham             |
| Lytham Pleasure (14)            | Mornington         |
| Morning Star (6)                | Norton             |
| Norton-le-Moors (29)            | Dorchester         |
| Old Oxford Modernised (17)      | Goldshovough       |
| Princess Mary (Royal)           | Victoria           |
| Queen Victoria (36)             | Preston            |
| Ringers' (Surprise) (38)        | St. James          |
| St. James' Youths' Exercise (8) | Trenton            |
| Trinity Sunday (15)             | Shaftesbury        |
| Vale Royal (9)                  | Woodbridge         |
| Woodcock's Victory (11)         | Woodbridge         |
| Wooler (10)                     | Ripon              |

(f) Future requirements as regards new names may be expected to come less and less, as time goes on. Assuming there are still new methods to be discovered, any demand might, it is anticipated, be met by publishing a list of selected names in the next C.C. publication. Then, if a new method has to be named before the Council (through its committees) can express an opinion, one of those selected names must be chosen.

The report was signed by Arthur D. Barker, T. Hervey Beames, George P. Burton, Arthur L. Coleman and H. Drake.

Rider by Rev. H. Drake: (1) In the case of all new methods, which have been rung under names proposed to be altered, an opportunity should be given to those who first rang them to approve of the proposed new name.

Riders by the committee: (2) No names or terms supplementary of, or in substitution for, these published by authority of C.C. should be used until the sanction of C.C. has been obtained; (3) a supplement to the Glossary, containing new names and terms up to date, should be at once put in hand.

#### COMMITTEE'S MODERATE PROPOSALS.

Mr. Burton, in proposing the adoption of the report, remarked the committee were at some disadvantage in not having been able to publish their report in advance, both from the point of view of clarity and the saving of time. Continuing, he said, with regard to the confusion of names, the committee admitted that many Minor names had been put right in the work of the Analysis Committee in 1925, but it had been by no means cleared up. One Treble Bob method had had, at various times, eight names, and all these eight names were somewhere or other current. Mr. Burton gave instances of other cases where overlapping of names still exists, and then went on to refer to the absurdities in the terms used in ringing. Ringers, he said, had got so used to them that they did not quite realise how ridiculous they might seem in the eyes of laymen. Such a name as 'Grandsire'—the committee made no proposal about that—was really a very absurd term, and although they could not hope to get rid of that word, there were many others equally absurd which might with advantage be dispensed with. The word 'bob' was certainly absurd. It was undoubtedly a good belfry 'call,' and they did not want anything better for that purpose than 'bobs' and 'singles,' but they did not want the term 'bob' used anywhere else. The committee maintained they should not use the same word twice over, by introducing it into the names of methods. They were sorry to see that in the titles of some of the new methods that had been recently published the word 'bob' was quite gratuitously thrown in. It was not wanted, and only made it a bit of a laughing-stock. With regard to the names which the committee suggested should be substituted for the floral names, they thought it might be easier if they provided a name as nearly as possible like that which they hoped to discard, or with the same initial letter. It would make it easier for the hands in the habit of using the old names to get used to the new ones. The Nomenclature Committee, added Mr. Burton, wanted the Methods Committee to clear up several doubts as to classification, because they wanted to know, if they were to be asked by the Council to give names, the classes to which the methods belonged. The Council would see that the committee's proposals were exceedingly moderate, in view of the feeling up and down the country in favour of a drastic change. The committee submitted that their case for this change was a very strong one, and they asked those who wanted more to be content, and those who disliked any change to be as accommodating as they could. They also appealed to the Methods Committee for their co-operation, as they did not want to be antagonistic towards one another.

(To be continued.)



## BRISTOL SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry I misquoted Mr. Craven with regard to Bristol Royal. I am afraid my fault lies in trusting to memory.

In the previous article, in order to save space as much as possible, I only touched on the fringe of Royal and Maximus, giving a guide how to proceed by dealing with Major fully. As some further explanation may be necessary, will you allow me to trespass a little more on your valuable space?

One of the main points I tried to make clear is, that every Treble Bob Method which employs Stedman blocks and Court shunts solely, is a 'Bristol Method.' The function of the Stedman block is to prevent repetition of rows, it has no effect on the half lead end or lead head. The Court shunts govern the half lead end, thus the lead head. I showed that it was necessary to use all the R shunts, so the half lead end on all numbers depends on the number of P shunts used. If there are none it is 426 . . . 1, if one it is 234 . . . 1, if there are two it is 352 . . . 1, and so on, transposing as 234 . . . 1 is to 352 . . . 1 for each added P shunt, as was so ably shown by Mr. Trollope in a recent article.

There are several lines of extension of Bristol Surprise Major which can claim to be correct; these depend upon the number of P shunts used. I have shown two and a subsidiary in Royal, and two in Maximus. There are at least four lines and some subsidiaries in Maximus. In Royal, since one P shunt only would give an unsymmetrical method, there are two cases: (i) with two P shunts, (ii) without P shunts. In Maximus the four are: (i) with three; (ii) with two; (iii) with one; (iv) with none. Nos. (ii) and (iv) I have already given; No. (i) will be found under Mr. Craven's name in the 'Ringing World' of January 19th, 1923; a subsidiary of No. (iii) under the Rev. E. Bankes James' name in the 'Ringing World' of Sept. 8th, 1922. No. (iii) is a subsidiary because the four bell Stedman blocks with Treble in 5-6 and 7-8 are extended by a dodge to seven rows; this is possible in some cases where the blocks overlap, as an alternative.

Which of the four most nearly resembles Major?

I put this question because, whilst all the lines are correct, some are better than others, and the one which most resembles Major is most entitled to the name. It is difficult to answer definitely, and the question admits of some controversy. I will do my best to put the points fairly for the Maximus.

No. (iv) can be at once ruled out as it contains no P shunts.

No. (i) has too many P shunts in proportion to the number of Stedman blocks, namely, 3 to 2 in Maximus where Major has only 1 to 2.

No. (iii) at first sight looks most promising; it has the half lead end 234567890cT1 giving rise to lengthening leads; unfortunately the P shunt is not true 'type a,' but extended to 12 rows. Any attempt to use 'type a' causes a bell to strike three consecutive blows on the lead and behind; lastly, the ratio of P shunts to Stedman blocks is too small, being 1 to 4.

In No. (ii) this ratio is 1 to 2, as in Major, and the P shunts are 'type a,' and the whole of the work of Major is exactly duplicated; further it can be triplicated on sixteen, and so on, for each four added bells. I will again write a quarter lead of No. (ii) Maximus, and ask all to compare it row by row with Major. The quarter work division is not a straight line. Sixteen has a straight line quarter division, which, though not a ringable proposition, is given for further comparison. In it, so as to make the Stedman blocks clear, I give only the first and last rows.

| Bristol Maximus (ii). | Bristol Sixteen.  |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1234 567890cT         | 1234 567890cTABCD |
| 2143 658709Tc         | 2143 658709TcBADC |
| 1234 68507T9c         | 1234              |
| 2143 8605T7c9         | 2143              |
| 2413 68507T9c         | 2413              |
| 4231 658709Tc         | 4231 658709TcBADC |
| 2413 567890cT         | 2413 567890cTABCD |
| 4231 57698c0T         | 4231 57698c0ATCRD |
| 2435 17               | 2435 1796e8A0CTDB |
| 2345 71               | 2345 71698c0ATCRD |
| 3254 17               | 3254 1796         |
| 3524 71               | 7169              |
| 5342 76               | 7619              |
| 3524 67               | 67918c0ATCRD      |
| 3254 76               | 3254 7619e8A0CTDB |
| 2345 67               | 2345 6791e8A0CTDB |

It will be evident in Maximus (ii) that it is quite impossible to make a P shunt when Treble passes from 5-6 to 7-8. The work of

2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 is exactly as in Major; 7 is modified slightly whilst in the Stedman block, it having more elbow room.

Note carefully: The Stedman blocks on 8, 12, 16, etc., always commence with a whole pull right above the Treble, and with a whole pull wrong below the Treble, in the first half lead. A further point which applies to Nos. (ii) and (iii) is that 8, 12, 16, etc., can be rung as Lancashire, either wholly or in part. I am afraid this cannot be done with Nos. (i) and (iv) without destroying the Lancashire characteristic. This property is more marked, perhaps, in No. (iii) than in No. (ii); indeed, to decide between these two is very difficult, and almost impossible. My judgment is that the balance is very slightly in favour of No. (iii). If we decide that Bristol Royal is correct, then it follows that case (i) Maximus, as given by Mr. Craven, is without doubt correct, but in Maximus other considerations of far greater weight appear, which tend to show that the method can only exist imperfectly and incomplete in Royal. It is better to regard the Royal as a stepping-stone to Maximus, and that it is not in the best line of extension.—Yours truly,

Tower House, Penwortham.  
11th April, 1925.

W. TAYLOR.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

## DELIGHTFUL MEETING AT STOURTON.

For geographical reasons the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild includes two towers in Wiltshire. To one of these, Stourton, a visit was paid on Saturday, 8th June, when the quarterly branch meeting was held there, and the gathering proved one of the most enjoyable that could ever be imagined. The ancient church of this village stands on a verdant slope, facing the magnificent grounds of Stourton House, where the lake formed from the springs of the River Stour, gleamed clear and cool in the sunshine of a perfect summer day, while on its banks the fresh green foliage of stately trees mingled with the gorgeous hues of azaleas and rhododendrons in their prime.

At this delectable spot, ringers and their friends gathered from far and near, and the beautiful old church was filled with a large congregation for the Guild service at 4.30 p.m. The office was said by the Master of the Guild, the Rev. R. H. Gundry, and the Rector (the Rev. H. Poole King) gave an admirable address on the words of Psalm xcvi., 'O come, let us worship.' The singing was very heartily rendered with a fine volume of voices.

After church, the whole party, about ninety in number, sat down to an al fresco tea in delightful surroundings. The business meeting was conducted in the open air, the Master presiding, while the branch secretary (the Rev. R. E. P. Gorringer) was in charge of the minute book. Several new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, the organist, and the local ringers for their respective contributions to the edification and enjoyment of those attending.

By kind permission of Sir Henry Hoare, the grounds of Stourton House were open to ringers in the evening, and a walk through this wonderful estate, with its rich variety of forestry, its cool grottos, and quaint buildings nestling amid shady groves and flowering shrubs, was an experience that those privileged to enjoy it will never forget.

One incident will leave a lifelong impression on all those who experienced it. In the grounds stands a building in the style of a Greek Temple, and the young lady conducting a party of ringers round informed them that singing there produced a wonderful echo. Accordingly three verses of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' were sung within the building, and the blend of vocal tone, caught up by the echo of the structure, produced an effect of almost unearthly beauty.

A large number of towers in the North Dorset branch were represented at the meeting, and visitors were present from Wedmore and Bridgwater, besides a strong force from Bristol, under the superintendence of Messrs. Jennings and Cave. The six melodious bells of the parish church were busily plied throughout the afternoon and evening, in touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob.

**WILLINGHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.**—For 10 a.m. service, 492 Plain Bob: H. C. Frohock 1, N. Robinson 2, H. T. Frohock 3, E. J. King 4, F. G. Gleaves 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6.

**DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On Whit Sunday, at the Church of St. Peter, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 480 of Plain Bob and 780 of Grandsire: T. Nurdin (first quarter) 1, J. Lyes 2, A. Pulley 3, F. Nurdin (conductor) 4, F. Walker 5, P. Ballinger 6.

**BRISTOL.**—On Whit Sunday, for evensong, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes): E. J. Brown (conductor) 1, Miss A. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, F. E. Tyler 4, P. C. Williams 5, R. C. Seager 6, H. T. Howell 7, I. Long 8.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BADGEWORTH.**—On Trinity Sunday, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 25 minutes, for the dedication festival at the Church of Holy Trinity: W. Yeend 1, W. Hale 2, J. J. Causon 3, G. Walters 4, C. W. Martin 5, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 6. Also 240 of Grandsire Doubles: J. Cooper 1, William Hale 2, H. Voice (conductor) 3, C. Martin 4, J. F. Ballinger 5, J. J. Causon 6; and 180 Stedman Doubles: W. Yeend 1, H. Voice 2, G. Walters 3, C. Martin 4, J. F. Ballinger 5, W. Hale 6. Tenor weight 14 cwt. Conducted by G. Walters.

**REDENHALL, NORFOLK.**—On June 21st, for evening service, 1,025 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Miss Bill 1, G. Howlett 2, C. Clarke 3, L. Love 4, G. Gower 5, W. Mobbs 6, R. Riches 7, F. Borrett 8.

**WILLENHALL, STAFFS.**—At St. Giles' Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Evans 1, C. Wallater 2, S. H. Coley 3, B. H. Pountney 4, D. Appleby 5, J. T. Davies 6, I. Evans (conductor) 7, A. E. Read 8.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.**—On Sunday, June 14th, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in token of respect for the late Bishop of Oxford: R. R. Payne 1, F. Tuffrey 2, F. Coombes 3, J. Judge 4, E. Bennett 5, W. F. Judge 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, C. Bennett 8.

**BARNES.**—At the Church of St. Mary, on Whit Sunday, May 31st, for afternoon service, 1,280 changes of Bob Major: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmor 3, W. C. Stacey 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.—For evening service, 1,260 changes of Oxford Bob Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, W. C. Stacey (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

**LONDON.**—At St. Anne's Church, Stamford Hill, for morning service, on Sunday, May 24th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: A. Underwood (first in the method) 1, Miss M. E. Ringrose 2, A. Putland (conductor) 3, F. E. Ringrose 4, W. E. Ringrose 5, J. G. Nash 6.

**HEREFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins., for evensong, and in honour of Empire Day: C. Powell 1, A. Gwynne 2, G. Giblin 3, W. H. Symonds 4, W. H. Williams (conductor) 5, A. W. Davis 6, A. E. Hurcomb 7, C. H. Sparkes 8. All the above are regular Sunday Service ringers at the Cathedral.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, May 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Ralph Foddy 1, C. Read 2, F. Case 3, D. Chexfield 4, T. Roberts 5, G. Cooper 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, H. Ridgway 8. First quarter of Stedman by treble and tenor ringers. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

**DERBY.**—On Empire Day, Sunday, May 24th, at St. Alkmund's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: J. Foster 1, H. Waterfield 2, C. Draper 3, W. Slater, junr., 4, P. Tate 5, W. Slater, senr., 6, Geo. Freebrey (conductor) 7, W. Critchley 8.

**SOUTHGATE.**—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, at Christ Church, in 28 minutes, on back six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. R. Glasscock 1, John Armstrong (conductor) 2, N. Tomlinson 3, H. Miller 4, J. E. Miller 5, W. Pickworth 6. This was the fifty-first anniversary of a peal of six bells being hung in this church.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. C. Moye 1, C. V. Hare 2, J. E. Gammon (conductor) 3, H. Taylor 4, G. J. Harman 5, E. J. King 6, W. Berry 7, H. Platt 8.

**KIDLINGTON, OXON.**—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): F. Webb 1, F. Tuffrey 2, F. R. Coombes 3, R. R. Payne 4, E. Bennett 5, J. Judge 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, A. Morris 8.

## NOTICES.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—For ringers who will be attending the Agricultural Show, the bells of St. Margaret's will be available for ringing on Wednesday afternoon (July 1st) from 3 p.m., and on Thursday (July 2nd) from 6 p.m.—W. J. Aldred, 4, Wellington Street, King's Lynn.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th (D.V.). Bells of Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. R. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Concert Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2s. 6d. members, 3s. non-members. Application for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to General Sec. by Wednesday, July 15th.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

## FIFTY YEARS IN THE MINISTRY.

## CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL PRECENTOR'S JUBILEE.

Trinity Sunday was a memorable date in the calendar for Minor Canon E. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of Canterbury Cathedral, as he on that day completed a ministry of fifty years in the Church of England. He was ordained in the Hereford Cathedral in 1875, and after acting as Assistant Vicar Choral at that Cathedral for a short time he was for fifteen months curate and Precentor at Shakespeare's Church, Stratford-on-Avon.

Mr. Helmore came to Canterbury Cathedral 47 years ago—in 1878—and the first service he attended in the Cathedral was the Pan-Anglican Congress of that year. Two years later he was appointed Precentor, and for 45 years he has continuously held that office, during which time he has taken part in the enthronement of three Archbishops—Archbishops Benson, Temple and Davidson, and the installation of three Deans—Deans Farrar, Waco and Bell. He was also chaplain to the Canterbury Guardians' Institution from 1882 to 1916, and he has been Rector of Stodmarsh since 1912.

In the sphere of change ringing, Mr. Helmore has achieved national fame, and is among the oldest clerical ringers in the country. For 40 years he has been an active and keen campanologist, and in February, 1923, a tablet was unveiled in Canterbury Cathedral belfry to commemorate his 200th peal. He has been honorary secretary of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers since 1891, and his popularity is such that, although he has frequently expressed his desire to be relieved of his office, the association has resolutely refused to hear of his resignation. Further, as a mark of their esteem, the change ringers of the county, in 1907 presented Mr. Helmore with a handsome roll-top desk, which he received at the hands of the Dean of Rochester.

Mr. Helmore retains his health and vigour to a remarkable degree, and his host of friends, will not only congratulate him upon his ministerial jubilee, but express the hope that he may be spared to serve the great Cathedral with which he has already been so long associated.—*Kentish Express.*

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

## SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Arksey on Saturday, June 20th. There was an excellent attendance of members from the following towers: All Saints', Sheffield, Rotherham, Wortley, Conisboro', Horbury, Pontefract, Doncaster, Gainsboro', Leeds and Bradford, and the local company, bringing the total up to nearly 60. Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. secretary, and Mr. J. Cotterill, hon. treasurer, were also welcome visitors.

The bells were rung in various methods up to 4.30, when a short service was held, and a very able and interesting address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Fraser, M.A.). The business meeting was held immediately after tea, the Vicar being voted to the chair, supported by Mr. F. Willey (vice-president).

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and five new members were elected, these being Messrs. A. Stamp, P. Mangham, N. Angus, C. Poulterway and G. Johnson, all of Rotherham Parish Church.

No invitation was forthcoming for the September meeting, and this was left for the secretary and committee to arrange, with the proviso that the last two Saturdays in September be left clear, as the annual dinner of the association and the jubilee meeting of the association are being held on those two Saturdays.—Mr. P. J. Johnson moved a vote of sympathy he extended to the hon. district secretary in his illness, and hopes were expressed for his speedy recovery.—This was seconded by Mr. Willey, and passed.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, choir, organist, the ladies for their services, also to Mr. G. Clark for kindly undertaking the secretary's duties, was proposed by Mr. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. C. Ryder, and was heartily carried.

The Vicar replied in suitable terms, and the meeting, one of the best ever held at Arksey, was brought to a close, after which ringing was carried on until 8.30 p.m.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples.

**LONDON.**—At St. Giles', Cripplegate, for evensong, on Sunday, May 3rd, 1,056 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: A. W. Coles 1, E. Barnett, junr., 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, G. R. Pye 5, E. P. Duffield 6, W. J. Nudds 7, W. Hewett 8, C. W. R. Grimwood 9, H. W. Clark 10, W. Pye 11, R. F. Dent 12. Also 256 Stedman Cinques.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. C. Dean 1, E. Sibley 2, I. Bennett 3, W. H. Austin 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. R. Parker (first quarter in the method as conductor) 7, P. Amos (first quarter of Stedman) 8.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings will be held at St. Mary le Bow on the 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Gargrave on June 27th. Bells will be available from 2 p.m. (8, tenor 16 cwt.). Tea will be provided in Parochial Hall, at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. each.—F. Hopgood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llantwit Major (Glam.) on Saturday, June 27th. 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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Members are asked to come, if possible, to the annual outing on June 27th to Marlow. Trains from Paddington at 1, 1.25 and 2.7 p.m. Return fare 3s. 5d. Tea 1s.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting will be held at Brabourne on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mersham, Ashford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Guildford and Yorktown Districts will hold a combined meeting at Yorktown on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. Hawley bells will be available after the tea.—E. Raddon and J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Secs.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 302nd anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Saturday, June 27th. Service at 12 o'clock. Lunch at 1 o'clock. Bells available all day from 9 a.m. All visitors welcome.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Battle on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, June 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. Those requiring tea should inform Mr. John Wyatt, The Forge, Ashted, not later than Wednesday, June 24th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool and Wigan Branches.—A joint meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston, and James Wm. Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish, Branch Secretaries.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Notttingham District.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Barton-in-Fabis on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Clare District.—A meeting will be held at Haverhill on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Short business meeting at 5 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—D. Gridley, Sec., Clare.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, June 27th, at Langley (5) 3 p.m. and at Horton (6) 6.30 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Cambridge, Wexham, Suffolk.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Peterborough Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Yaxley on Saturday, June 27th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—A practice meeting will be held at Taxal on Saturday, June 27th.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkby Mallory and Peckleton on Saturday, June 27th. Bells available at Kirkby Mallory from 3 to 5 p.m. From 5 p.m. onwards at Peckleton. All ringers welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting, Abbots Langley, Herts, Saturday, June 27th.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Half rail fare (maximum 1s.). Will those who intend being present notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 1st?—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, July 4th. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall (6d. to members, 1s. to visitors), for those who notify me on or before July 1st. The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Twyford (8), St. Maurice, Winchester (6).—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kimpston on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on Saturday, July 4th, the draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify, not later than June 30th, L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.



**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 4th. The recently recast peal of 8 available from noon. Service at 5, and tea at 5.30, at 1s. 6d. each, to those who notify Mr. C. H. Thorley, 6, Bridge Street, Thorne, not later than Thursday, July 2nd. All visitors welcome. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells: Cathedral 3 to 3.45 and 5 to 5.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5.50, 1s. 6d. (1s. to fully paid up members). Please send word by June 30th. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea, with strawberries if possible.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 20, Duke Road, W.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 (unveiling of first peal board). Tea to follow. Please notify me by June 29th. Henbury bells open for ringing on Saturday, June 27th, from 2 o'clock, the occasion of Mr. J. Gould's wedding.—P. E. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The summer festival will be held at Southill on Saturday, July 4th. The bells will be available at 2 p.m. Service at 4. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon of Bedford. Tea at 5. It will greatly help arrangements for tea if as many as can will send a card either to Canon Baker or myself before July 1st. We hope all that possibly can will try and attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Owing to its importance, it is hoped as many as possible will attend. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 1st? — F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m. Will all intending to be present please send word on or before June 29th to Mr. A. Rowley, 88, Church Street, Stone?—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 7th. 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 next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. The general committee of the association meet at Whalley the same date.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 11th. The bells of St. Giles will be available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 5 o'clock. Will all who wish for tea please notify me by July 7th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by July 7th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Upwell and Outwell, Wisbech. Both towers 6 bells. Will those who want tea please notify me early? All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Charing after service. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 6th, at 6.30, followed by quarterly business meeting at 8; and Monday, the 20th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m., in the Church House, 1s. each. This will be followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present kindly advise me as quickly as possible? Subscriptions can be taken at this meeting. — C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

### HANDBELLS WANTED.

**WANTED,** secondhand set of handbells, 8 up to 20 in number, size about G 18. Particulars, with price, to W. Leonard, 5, Springfield Street, Huddersfield.

**WANTED,** set of 10 or 12 handbells, secondhand, small size; in good condition; write, stating price, to Mr. H. Willson, 6, Hart Street, E.C.3.

**WANTED.**—Set of 8 or 10 handbells for tapping, must be cheap, clappers not needed.—Humfrey, Ironmonger, Abingdon.



## PUBLICATIONS.

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## THE 'OLD HUNDRED.'

At West Hallam, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, June 3rd, 72. Bob Minor, in 25 minutes: E. F. Gobey (aged 12) 1, E. J. Riley 2, E. C. Gobey 3, F. Brown 4, H. Harrison 5, S. Hunt 6. First 720 for the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 6th ringers. The three last named belong to the local band. Also 720, with 42 singles: J. F. George 1, E. J. Riley 2, E. C. Gobey 3, F. Brown 4, H. Harrison 5, S. Hunt 6. Conducted by E. C. Gobey; and 260, with Miss E. M. Gobey. The local band have now mastered Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and have rung several 1,260 of Doubles, with the instruction of the Ilkeston band. Previously they were content to ring the 'old 100,' in which the treble man called 'dodge' every time he got to lead.

## A ROUND OF SUSSEX TOWERS.

On Tuesday, May 26th, the Henfield (Sussex) ringers, with several friends, had their annual outing, when they visited Canterbury, in ideal weather. At Hawkhurst they were met by Mr. G. Billenness, to whom they wish to express gratitude for obtaining the necessary permission to ring, and also getting everything in readiness. A touch of Stedman Triples was rung, and a few rounds for the juniors, and the journey was then continued through delightful scenery. On reaching the destination, the Cathedral became the principal attraction. Although arriving a little behind time, the party were admitted to the tower, under the guidance of Mr. Pearce, to whom grateful thanks are tendered for making it possible to accomplish one of the chief objects of the day, a touch of Stedman on the Cathedral bells. This having been brought round, the time came all too soon for the return journey.

## BEDS RINGERS VISIT KIMPTON

On Saturday, June 13th, Messrs. P. Inskip and A. Dollin, of Kempston, Bedford, cycled to Kimpton, Herts, for a short week-end. They were met at the church by Mr. A. Day, of Harpenden, and some of the local ringers, when a well-struck quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1,260 changes) was brought round in 46 mins.: A. Gillings 1, A. Dollin 2, D. Luck 3, A. Day 4, P. Inskip (conductor) 5, T. Cann 6. Longest length of Minor by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th. Two of the local men afterwards rang their first touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor. On the following morning, for Matins, 720 Plain Bob: J. Wells 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, R. Hall (first 720 in the method) 4, A. Dollin 5, P. Inskip 6.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The monthly meeting was held at Shilton, on Saturday, June 20th. Members, numbering about 30, were present from Nuncaton, Stoke, Chilver's Coton, Rugby, Bulkington, Earl Shilton, Wolver, as well as the local ringers, London, Cambridge, Oxford and Kent, and various other methods, were rung on the fine new peal of six.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—For evening service, on Sunday May 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, 120 Grandsire Doubles: F. Gardner 1, F. C. Webb 2, Geo. T. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, R. E. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (conductor) 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, May 3rd, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes), in 55 mins.: R. Heazel 1, A. Rainbird 2, S. W. Baybutt 3, F. G. Ringe 4, E. Furbank 5, H. Turner 6, W. Leggett 7, G. Miles (conductor) 8. First in the method by ringer of treble, and first as conductor.

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### METHOD NAMES & CLASSIFICATIONS

The report of the Nomenclature Committee of the Central Council, which was published in our last issue, will have been read with interest by our readers. The effort to bring order out of chaos was begun by the Analysis Committee a few years ago. The new Committee has carried this work a step further, and, in accordance with its terms of reference, is seeking to correct what the majority of ringers consider to have been a blunder in the expansion of a class of names for methods which, whether looked upon as picturesque or otherwise, are totally unsuited to what is, after all, a serious science. The probability is that, if the Analysis Committee had been willing, at Lincoln, to take back their proposals for the reconsideration of the method names, instead of insisting upon the Council taking the report, and nothing but the report, there would have been no pressing demand for a revision of old names, such as is now demanded, in conjunction with the desire for suitable titles for new methods.

Many of the methods with quaint and undesirable names are dying a natural death, because the ringers of to-day have something better to ring, and because of the recognition given by the Central Council only to methods of a particular standard of construction. This recognition, which finds its fullest expression in the 'Collection of Minor Methods,' has had an increasing effect upon Minor ringing in the last fifteen years, which is not a little remarkable, and whatever those who desire to belittle the work of the Council may say, there is no doubt that in this direction the central authority has done a great deal to uplift the standard of six-bell ringing. It was unfortunate, therefore, that anything should have been done, even unwittingly, by one of its committees which should tend to lower the dignity of the Exercise in the eyes of the public—and it can scarcely be denied that an action which would enable Press or public to point the finger of ridicule at it would help to undermine the dignity of the art.

The work of the Nomenclature Committee is, therefore, a very necessary one, and, since the revision of the new names is necessary, alteration of old ones, even of those of 'dying' methods, is not inappropriate at this time. But there is in the report an indication that the Committee desire to go further than dealing with simple names, and to revise the means by which the classification of methods has been distinguished in recent years. It is in this, we think, that the Committee is most likely to come into conflict with the Methods Committee. The latter is hardly likely to agree with the Nomenclature Committee that the words 'Pleasure,' 'Court,' 'Delight' and 'Bob' are non-essential words in the designation of a method, nor, we imagine, will they agree that 'Plain,' 'Treble

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Bob' and 'Surprise' are sufficient classification for all the methods (apart from Principles) which are practised. The terms used in these classifications have a now clearly defined meaning, and if, for example, one followed the Nomenclature Committee's argument to its logical conclusion, there is no use for the word 'Surprise,' for all 'Surprise' methods, like all 'Delight' methods, are included in the category 'Treble Bob.' To eliminate the distinctive names used in classification is not quite a simple matter, and the Nomenclature Committee may, we think, find it necessary to revise their recommendations in this respect.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *WALTER J. BATTLE ... .. Treble | JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 6       |
| *WALTER FISHER ... .. 2         | JAMES MARTIN ... .. 7         |
| *JOHN COOKE ... .. 3            | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 8        |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 4         | PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 9     |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5       | SIDNEY F. BARNES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

Rung on the eve of, and in honour of, the birthday of the Prince of Wales. First peal on ten bells. This peal was also arranged to enable Messrs. Barnes, Battle and Cooke, who hail from the Cheshire side, to score their first peal of Stedman Caters.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. Treble | WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 5  |
| FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 2      | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 6 |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 3  | HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 7  |
| DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR ... .. 4   | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK S. PALMER, JUN. Treble | PERCY E. CLARK ... .. 5      |
| EVERED J. WALSON ... .. 2        | ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. 6   |
| CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 3         | EDWARD HARRIS ... .. 7       |
| JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4             | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *ARTHUR BENNETT ... .. Treble | †JACK BANKS ... .. 5      |
| †ARNOLD BLACKBURN ... .. 2    | †REN GODDARD ... .. 6     |
| ALBERT MARSHALL ... .. 3      | ERNEST BETTS ... .. 7     |
| TOM SCOTT ... .. 4            | FRED HODGSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by F. HONGSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Kent Major. ‡ First peal in the method. The average age of the band is 19½ years.



## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, June 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. O. LANCASHIRE'S SIX-PART, Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2       | JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6       |
| EDWIN H. STONELEY ... .. 3     | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7      |
| MADRICE SWINFELD ... .. 4      | JOSEPH COTTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Wednesday, June 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. Treble | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 5 |
| FREDERICK H. SHARMAN ... .. 2     | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6       |
| ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3           | JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 7       |
| W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... .. 4       | JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor      |

Composed by JAMES FIGGOTT. Transposed by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.  
Conducted by GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS.

\* First peal 'inside.' First of Triples as conductor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. O. Burrows, of St. Thomas', and Miss S. Sharman, of London, Ontario, which took place at the latter town on June 20th. The bride is a native of Leicester, sister of the second, and sister-in-law of the 3rd ringer.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. Treble | HENRY PRING ... .. 5      |
| REGINALD G. GILBERT ... .. 2     | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6  |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 3        | WALTER FARLEY ... .. 7    |
| CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 4     | URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman and of Triples.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 25, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

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     | DONALD FINDLEY ... .. 5          |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. ... .. 2 | FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. ... .. 3 | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7     |
| ALFRED G. HILLS ... .. 4           | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Frederick Cullum, aged 93 years, for over 50 years a ringer at the above church, who was buried the same day. Also to Mr. T. W. Kibble, for many years a sidesman, who was buried the previous day. First peal on the bells, after being rehung and quarter turned, and the 4th recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect.

## MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. Treble  | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... .. 5 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2      | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 6  |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 3    | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7      |
| WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... .. 4 | FRED H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First in the method. † First in the method as conductor. First in the method on these bells. A birthday compliment to Miss P. Hare.

## MELLS, SOMERSETSHIRE.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 26 cwt.

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5     |
| JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 2            | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6    |
| CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. 3      | ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 7   |
| HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 4           | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

A wedding compliment to Mr. J. Gould and Miss G. Williams, who were married on June 27th at Henbury, near Bristol.

## NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble | JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 5       |
| JOHN FLINT ... .. 2          | A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... .. 6 |
| CHARLES MASON ... .. 3       | WILLIAM WAIN ... .. 7        |
| JOHN P. TARTLTON ... .. 4    | WALTER ALLWOOD ... .. Tenor  |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 367).

This composition is now rung for the first time.

## BRENCHELEY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

|                                       |                            |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. Treble | WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 2             | STAFFORD S. GREEN ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 3               | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 7   |
| FREDERICK BENNETT ... .. 4            | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen 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 W. STEBBE ... .. Treble | ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 5       |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2    | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 6       |
| JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3         | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4          | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was specially arranged in honour of Princess Mary's visit to the town, where she inspected a large rally of Girl Guides. \* 250th peal, and first peal in the method.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. Treble | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2          | WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 6  |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3              | CHARLES E. PERKINS ... .. 7 |
| HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 4       | JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method by all except the 3rd and 5th ringers. It is also the first in the method on the bells, and by the association. This is the annual peal.

WILBURTON, ISLE OF ELY.—On Saturday, May 30th, 720 London Surprise, in 23 minutes: G. Markwell (Wilburton) 1. A. Faux (Sutton) 2. F. Warrington (Long Stanton) 3. H. Sharp (Wilburton) 4. R. Knight (conductor, Sutton) 5. G. Few (Sutton) 6.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| LIONEL H. PAGE... .. Treble | ERNEST W. FURBANK... .. 5    |
| JOHN M. CORNFORD ... .. 2   | HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 3     | GEORGE R. WILSON ... .. 7    |
| STANLEY W. BAYBUT... .. 4   | WILLIAM H. JUDD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

First peal on the new bells. First peal of Treble Bob in the tower. The band wish to thank the Rector for his hospitality after the peal, and Mr. F. W. Haslam for looking after them.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble | WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 5 |
| HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... .. 2    | HARRY KILBY ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3       | WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7      |
| CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 4    | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WM. PYE.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Monday, June 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with different callings.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| *BERT SMITH ... .. Treble | FRED MEARS ... .. 4     |
| *CYRIL ARCHER ... .. 2    | †HARRY PAUL ... .. 5    |
| CHAS. E. PETTIT ... .. 3  | *TOM PRICE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. E. PETTIT.

\* First peal. † First on an inside bell, and first peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. All are Sunday Service ringers. The ringer of the second is only 16 years of age.

BIGBY, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, June 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

|                               |                           |
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| *WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... Treble | GEORGE BLANCHARD ... .. 4 |
| *MISS NORA GRASSBY... .. 2    | GEORGE HOBRINS ... .. 5   |
| ANYAN PEART ... .. 3          | JACK BRAY ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by JACK BRAY.

\* First peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's in nine methods, viz.: 1 Plain Bob, 2 St. Clement's, 3 Double and Single Court, 4 Double and Single Oxford, 5 Cambridge Surprise, 6 Oxford Treble Bob 7 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| JOHN LUNN ... .. Treble | HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4       |
| WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 2  | *WILLIAM NEAL ... .. 5       |
| JOHN H. RODEN ... .. 3  | GEORGE H. WELLS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in nine methods, and was arranged for him.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. — On Whit Monday, June 1st, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Duffield Major (1,296 changes): J. Pagett (conductor) 1, S. Dawson 2, W. H. Buxton 3, P. Tate 4, A. Mould 5, J. Bailey 6, J. Flower 7, J. Lord 8.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

ENFIELD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At 'ADVERSANE,' WELLINGTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;**

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| GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 1-2  | MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5-6 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... .. 3-4      | WILBY J. HAZEL... .. 7-8     |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 9-10 |                              |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.**

THE ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 13th, the St. Clement's Youths held their fourth annual outing, when Chislehurst, Shoreham and Downe, were the places visited. The weather on the day was perfect, and the main portion of the party, including Mr. C. F. Winney, the Master, and about twelve members and friends, left Charing Cross Station at 1.30, bound for Chislehurst, where the company were joined by Mr. Sergison (secretary) and Mr. E. A. Young, who first founded the society, and their wives and a few more friends. The party were met by Mr. Tom Groombridge, who joined them for the rest of the trip.

The Chislehurst bells, a nice peal of eight (tenor about 20 cwt.) were raised in readiness, and were soon set going to Cambridge Major, and Grandsire and Erin Triples. They then rung three leads of Treble Ten on the fine peal of handbells belonging to the church. About a mile out of Shoreham the charabanc broke down. This seemed at first to be an unsurmountable difficulty, but someone suggested walking into Shoreham, which suggestion was acted upon, Mr. Young digging out a short cut, through the woods and fields, which gave the party an opportunity of seeing some most beautiful scenery.

On arrival at Shoreham they were met by Mr. Cheeseman, the steeplekeeper, and the bells were raised, and set going to Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major.

After about half an hour's ringing, tea was partaken of. After tea, the party rang a short touch on handbells. The charabanc, which had been repaired by the combined efforts of the driver, and one or two of the mechanically-gifted members of the party, arrived for the remainder of the journey.

Downe was reached, where there is a fine little peal of six (tenor about 12 cwt.). Here they rang Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Minor. The ringing finished, the bells were lowered in peal, and outside the church gate the party rang a course of Grandsire Caters and a touch of Stedman Triples on handbells.

This concluded the ringing, and North Bromley Station was reached, without further mishap, at 9.45, just in time to catch the 9.50 train to Charing Cross.

The company, one and all, wish to thank all who made the outing so successful: Mr. Young for obtaining the charabanc at short notice; and Mr. Sergison for making all the arrangements.

HASTINGS.

On Saturday, June 13th, the ringers of Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, had a very successful outing, when they visited Marden and Headcorn. Leaving Hastings at 2 p.m., the journey was made by motor, via Battle, Robertsbridge, Kildown, Goudhurst, to Marden, where an hour's ringing was enjoyed. Tea was served in the village, and a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. S. C. Driver for arranging the outing. It was decided to send letters of thanks to the Rev. R. E. Johnston (Marden) and the Rev. C. P. Dale (Headcorn) for allowing the use of the bells. The party then journeyed to Headcorn, where the bells were available for an hour and a half.

Messrs. J. Livermore and W. Franks called several touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, and rounds were rung for the learners. The return journey was made via Biddenden, Tenterden, Rolvenden and Northiam, Hastings being reached shortly after 11 p.m., a very enjoyable day having been spent. Those taking part in the ringing were as follows: H. Bissenden, F. Coates, J. Downing S. C. Driver, W. Franks (Battle), J. Gallop, J. Livermore, H. Parkin, J. Penfold, E. Prior and W. Swaine.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

On Saturday, June 20th, the ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, included two octogenarians, viz., Mr. E. Parker, senr., of Bleadon, and Mr. Jesse Marche—the former for 60 years a ringer, whilst the latter has attended these functions for many years past. Mr. Alec Evans (Burnham-on-Sea) again joined in the 'touches' at both churches. The party of twenty proceeded to Trowbridge, via Wells, Frome, Shepton Mallet and Beckington. The tourists reached Trowbridge at 11.30, being met by Mr. Sam Hector (late captain of the team at St. James' Church), and also proprietor of the White Swan Hotel, where lunch was served. Mr. Hector afterwards took the party to the Church of St. James, which holds a fine peal of ten—tenor 24 cwt. After several touches of Grandsire and Stedman, lasting an hour, the 'boys' thanked Mr. Hector, and a start was made for Devizes.

Bishop Canning, Calne, Beckhampton, Silbury Hill, and Marlborough, reaching Swindon at 4.20 p.m. Here the company were greeted at the Parish Church (Old Swindon) by Mr. Ernest Bishop, who had kindly made the necessary arrangements. Then came some more chiming, even Mr. Parker (81) persisting in reaching the ringing chamber, despite the heat of the day, and advanced age. Here some nice touches of Grandsire and Stedman were 'hit off.' This church contains a melodious peal of ten, recast, hung and dedicated as recently as 1924; the weight of the tenor (incidentally this bell was given by the ringers) is over 22 cwt. After tea, and the usual compliments and reminiscences, the party left Swindon, the homeward route being through Wootton Bassett, Danntsey, Chippenham, passing the Bath stone quarries, to Box Hill, Bath, Bristol, to Weston-super-Mare. The Westonsians desire to thank everyone concerned for the use of the bells and kind hospitality shown them.

#### EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

The ringers of St. Peter's tower, Evercreech, with their captain, Mr. R. Whitehead, and accompanied by friends, went on their annual summer outing on Saturday, 20th June. Glorious sunshine prevailed throughout the trip, which was to Weston-super-Mare, by charabanc. The journey forward was by way of the picturesque country over the Mendips. Halts were made at Chewton Mendip, Blagdon, and Yatton, where the towers were visited, and touches rung on the bells. The captain of each tower warmly welcomed the party, and at Yatton the Vicar (the Rev. F. E. Peart) also extended a very hearty welcome. During the incumbency of the late Hon. and Rev. E. C. A. Talbot, the Rev. F. E. Peart was assistant curate of Evercreech. Weston was reached at 1 p.m., all being ready for the splendid lunch that was prepared for them. The afternoon was spent on the Old Pier, and in motor boat trips, the latter proving a source of great enjoyment. At 8.30 p.m. the party left for home, which was reached at 10.30, after a really enjoyable day.

#### HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.

On Monday, June 22nd, the members of the above society had their annual outing. The party, numbering 14, which included the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Newbery), Mr. C. J. Goodwin (churchwarden), Mr. F. G. Lambert (hon. secretary), Mr. Jas. Howard (hon. treasurer), and Mr. H. Pratt, of Croydon, proceeded with a comfortable charabanc by road to Great Yarmouth. They visited en route Raveningham, Norton Subcourse (where the Vicar met them), and Thurlton Churches, ringing touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, and had the pleasure of a pull with Mr. F. A. Finch, of Loddon. At Thurlton, welcome refreshments were kindly provided at the Rectory by Mrs. Swatbridge (wife of the Rector), and the visitors were welcomed by Mr. Alexander, churchwarden. An excellent dinner was partaken of at the London Hotel, Market Place, Great Yarmouth, and the annual business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector. All the officers were re-elected, the secretary's report showing that nine peals had been rung since their last meeting.—The Rector and churchwarden thanked the ringers for their services, and expressed their great pleasure at being present on that occasion. Mr. Denison Hayward, captain of the Yarmouth St. Nicholas' ringers, met the party, and had kindly arranged an afternoon's ringing for them on the fine peal of twelve bells at the Parish Church, which was much appreciated. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples on the back eight bells, and also rounds and call changes on the full peal, several of the party ringing twelve bells for the first time. The Halesworth men were pleased to meet and ring with Messrs. R. Narborough (Wilshech), W. Cross (Peterborough) and A. More (late of Palgrave).

Tea followed, and then Gorleston was visited on the return journey, several well-struck touches of Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor, and six-score of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being brought round. The last call was at Haddiscoe, to greet a few ringing friends, and the musical peal of five bells in the quaint Norman tower were heard to good advantage in Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

During the day, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to all the clergy, churchwardens, and towerkeepers of the churches visited, and their old friend, Mr. D. Hayward, for their kindness in making all arrangements for the ringing, etc.

Home was reached shortly before 10 p.m., one and all having spent a most enjoyable day.

#### THE HYTHE (KENT) SOCIETY.

The Hythe (Kent) Society had their annual outing on June 22nd, to Croydon. The outward journey was via Charing, to Maidstone, Ighiteham and Knockholt, the party arriving at Croydon in time for dinner. In the afternoon a visit was paid to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's Foundry, where, by kind permission of the firm, they were shown over the works. At the present time the foundry is busy with carillons for Holland, bells for Manchester Cathedral, Lamberhurst, and other places. A most interesting and instructive afternoon was spent, which was much enjoyed by the members, who had the various items explained to them. The homeward journey was via Warlingham, Westerham, Tonbridge (where a stop was made for tea), Pembury, Goudhurst and Woodchurch, Hythe being reached at 10.30.

The members wish to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for their kindness and courtesy in allowing them to see the foundry, and obtaining much valuable information.

#### WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Northfield on Saturday, June 20th, in ideal weather. The bells were available from 3 o'clock, and were kept merrily going till service time, at 4.45. The service was held in the beautiful village church, and was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. R. A. Haysom, the association form of service being used. He gave a splendid address.

Fifty members were present at tea. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Several new members were enrolled, and it was resolved that the next meeting be held at Hagley on September 18th.—On the proposition of the Ringing Master of the Association (Mr. R. Mathews), it was unanimously agreed that a congratulatory letter of the members' best wishes be sent to the Ringing Master of the Southern Branch (Mr. J. D. Johnson) upon his recent marriage, the parents of both bride and bridegroom being highly respected members of the Worcestershire Association.—A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, was accorded to the Rector for his address, the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, and also accompanying the hymns on the organ. He coupled with this also all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success.—This was seconded by Mr. A. E. Parsons.—In reply, the Rector thanked them very much for their vote of thanks, and said it was the first meeting of bell ringers he had ever attended, and he hoped it would not be the last.

After the meeting, the members returned to the tower until about 8.30, touches in all the standard methods were brought round, and this concluded a very enjoyable meeting.

#### DEATH OF MR. ROBERT MEDLAND AT NETLEY ABBEY

Although the above name is not generally known to the readers of the 'Ringing World,' the news of his death will, I am sure, be read with regret by those ringers who have had the pleasure of spending several week-ends at Netley Abbey for the purpose of peal ringing in the past. He was of the most cheery disposition and obliging in the way of making any arrangements. Mr. Medland was a native of Devon, but left his native county before change ringing had developed, and although not a change ringer he had been entrusted with the leadership of the local band and care of the bells since their opening by the Cumberlands on October 13th, 1886. Although the deceased used to take a great interest in the visits paid by the Winchester Guild, he was never able to get his own band to take up change ringing.

A meeting of the Guild was held there only about a fortnight previous to our old friend's death, to endeavour to get the Netley tower affiliated, when the present Vicar (the Rev. R. E. H. Summers), himself an honorary member, promised to use his best endeavours. This was the last time the writer saw the deceased, who passed peacefully away on Saturday, June 20th, and was interred at Hound Churchyard on Tuesday, the 23rd. In addition to the family mourners, representatives of the bell ringers and Oddfellows were present, as well as former employees of the late Miss Rashleigh, with whom he served for many years; also the Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers, who was a very intimate friend of Mr. Medland.

The floral tributes were numerous, and the breastplate was inscribed: 'Robert Medland, died June 20th, 1925, aged 83 years.'

The bells were rung muffled by the local ringers.

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##### LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.

A very successful combined practice of the above district was held at Church Stretton on Saturday, June 20th, ringers, numbering 18, being present from Acton Scott, Bromfield, Church Stretton, Knighton, Ludlow, Stokesay, Shrewsbury, and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (District Ringing Master).

The bells were set going at 3.15 p.m., and during the afternoon some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major were rung.

After tea, touches of Grandsire Doubles, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

The bells were finally brought down at 7.15 p.m., which brought to a close a very instructive afternoon.

#### RINGER'S SON ORDAINED.

At St. Francis Xavier Church, Liverpool, on Thursday evening, June 11th, for the special service, arranged for the festival of Corpus Christi, a touch of Stedman Triples (252 changes): C. I. Davies 1, J. Waghorn, senr. (London), 2, J. Wilkinson 3, G. R. Newton b, E. Caunce 5, T. Hammond (conductor) 6, E. Bounphrey 7, A. Lintott 8. At the conclusion of the service, in honour of the ordination of the son of Mr. W. Bond, leader of the local company, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Caunce 1, J. Waghorn, senr., 2, G. R. Newton 3, A. Lintott 4, J. Wilkinson 5, C. I. Davies 6, J. Martin (conductor) 7, W. J. Wheadon 8. Mr. W. J. Wheadon hails from Dartford, Kent, and has recently taken up an appointment in Liverpool.

## COVENTRY BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Seeing there is a suggestion to recast the famous Coventry bells, I feel I must say a few words.

On Whit Monday, 1864, I had the pleasure of ringing at St. Michael's, in company with Henry Haley, Matt. Wood, W. Cooter, G. Ferris, E. Lansdell, J. Pettit, J. R. Haworth, G. A. Musket, on an outing from London, and also Henry Johnson, and others, from Birmingham.

It was the general opinion that the bells ranked amongst the very best we had ever heard. Ned Lansdell's words were, 'They are all brothers and sisters, every one of them.'

I hope the authorities will never agree to allow such fine bells to be destroyed for the sake of a so-called carillon, but that they will work in the opposite direction, and make provision for them to be properly rung, either in the stately steeple of St. Michael's, or in a separate campanile, as at Chichester.

As I am most likely the only one living who rang on that day in 1864, I trust the opinion of the old ones will bear some weight in preventing the destruction of one of the finest peals in the country.—Yours truly, E. HORREX.

24, Combermere Road, Stockwell, S.W.9.

Dear Sir,—I for one contend that it is a thousand pities to break up the famous ring of ten bells of St. Michael's Cathedral, Coventry, having had the pleasure of hearing and also ringing on this splendid peal on many occasions. I also took part in the last peal rung on them, which was on June 9th, 1883, being one of Stedman Caters, in which the late Henry Johnson also took part, and I can assure you that the harmony, and especially the power of tone, is all that can be desired, and most enchanting, so that there is no need for recasting them, as far as a peal of ten are concerned. But they have got to make room for a carillon of 14 bells. More's the pity. At one time the citizens of Coventry would have made a strong protest against having their famous bells broken up, but for many years the people of Coventry have not heard their bells rung to advantage.

In consequence of tower trouble, the bells have come to be forgotten, as it were. In conclusion, I might say that it would be a good idea if they could be transferred to the neighbouring Cathedral of St. Philip's, Birmingham, which, of course, is in the same county, for the bells of the last-mentioned Cathedral are extremely bad, and the tower is just the place to take them on one level.—Yours faithfully, T. MILLER.

## AN OLD RING OF FOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sending you dates and inscriptions of a very old ring of four bells.

These are from ancient bells in the old Parish Church of St. Mary's, Fairstead, Essex.

Treble bell.—Diameter 27 inches.—'Thomas Gardiner Fecit (made me) 1725.' This Gardiner was of Sudbury. He has also bells in the towers of Cressing, Terling and Witham, Essex.

2nd.—Diameter 28 inches.—'T. Osborne Fecit 1785.' Osborne was of Downham, Essex.

3rd.—Diameter 30 inches.—On the crown of this bell, X 'Vocor (I am called) Johannes.' Petrus—De. Wiston made me. Petrus—De. Wiston bell, founder of London, died in 1348. This bell, therefore, is particularly valued from its antiquity, being a Pre-Reformation bell. In the Deanery of Witham, Essex, there are only five bells, which date before the Reformation, the Fairstead bell being the oldest of the five.

The fourth bell, or tenor.—Diameter 33 inches.—Ricardus Bowler me Fecit 1601. Ricardus Bowler was of Colchester, Essex.

Yours truly,

D. W. FISHER.

Vicarage Road, Terling, Essex.

## FIRST PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the committee's report on first peals, etc., appearing in last week's 'Ringing World,' I am at a loss to understand how it comes about that the Midland Counties Association is bracketed with the Warwickshire Guild for the first peal of Cambridge Court Bob Major.

When the peal was rung at Nuneaton on July 19th, 1923, several of the band, including the conductor, were not members of the M.C.A., and the peal was published in your journal as purely a Warwickshire Guild peal. Furthermore, whatever credit may be attached to first peals in new methods, should, I think, in this instance (if my memory serves me correct), be accorded the Cambridge University Guild, who were the first, I believe, to ring a peal in this method on handbells.—I am, yours faithfully,

ABRAHAM WILKERSON,

Late Hon. General Secretary, Warwickshire Guild,  
68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton,  
June 28th, 1925.

## GRUMBLEITIS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in a recent issue your article re those who grumble about the 'scientific matter' which you publish. I should say off-hand, that if you succeed in pleasing 'all' your readers you will be the first Editor to achieve such signal success. I believe I can, without boasting, lay claim to have rubbed shoulders with a greater number of different ringers than any other of the rank and file of the Exercise, and I trust that my small experience of a matter of thirty years' listening to their grumbles will not dishearten them, and cause them to refrain from their grumbles, for, really, if they did stop, one of my only sources of amusement would be cut off, and I should spend many weary hours listening to twaddle of no interest to even a ringer who reads his paper from cover to cover.

A great many people are unable to wax eloquent, unless they are having a grumble, a good hearty growl clears their chest, and one gets a good laugh at their inconsistency, for ringers can never be consistent in their grumbles. They grumble at reports of meetings. Who wants to read such stuff, they say. Next week the 'R.W.' is full of matter on method building, then we get the grumble that no one wants to read that 'twaddle,' then the week after comes a copy giving the Sunday Service touches—a big show—and the selfsame good old grumbler turns up with the—'Who wants to read this trash?' I have repeatedly asked the disgruntled ones what they really wanted, and the invariable reply is, 'Why, something useful and interesting, of course'; and when I ask them to define what they would require, not one in each hundred can offer even a weak suggestion as to the sort of matter they call 'interesting.' I remember once reading a complaint signed 'A constant reader,' because some pseudo funny man had tried his hand, and when the P.E.M. retaliated by asking for some of Mr. A. C. R.'s 'better than the best,' the matter dropped.

If only ringers would remember that all matter in the 'R.W.' is the product of their own fraternity, that if the matter is poor and uninteresting it is entirely the fault of some of their own friends, and it behoves the grumblers to try and improve on things. But, personally, I prefer to hear their grumbles, for those are to say the least of it—more interesting than their logic. So keep on with the 'uninteresting' stuff, Mr. Editor, and you will at least please

CHANTICLER.

## WHY NOT?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As several ringers have been asking the meaning of the sentence, 'We fortunately still have Lavenham, etc., one can hardly now add St. Mary Redcliffe.' Assuming this to be St. Mary Redcliffe, one may well ask, why not? It can claim a record, I expect, in one direction. On the great festivals, Christmas, Easter and Whitsun, it is no unusual thing to hear Stedman Cinques being rung between 5 and 5.30 a.m.

Practices are held on the third Tuesday in the month, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. If 'Temple Bar' would like to pay us a visit we should be only too pleased to see him. Any 12-bell ringer who may be visiting Bristol on holiday or business, and would like to ring there, please communicate with Mr. Guise, at 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, or to, yours truly,

W. A. CAVE.

10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

HEREFORD DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Hereford district was held at Woolhope recently, 28 members being present from Allensmore, Madley, Fowahope, Holmer, Hampton Bishop, Mordiford, Tarrington, Stoke Edith, Hereford Cathedral, and the local tower. A service was held in the church, with an address by the Vicar.

Tea was followed by a short business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.—It was proposed to hold a combined practice at Much Dewchurch in June, and at Tarrington in July.

One life member, three hon. members and eight probationary members were elected.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. C. Edwards (Master of the Guild) thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for his excellent address.—The Rev. G. W. Turner (general secretary) also expressed his appreciation of the interest the clergy were taking in the ringers.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

E. BERKS AND S. BUCKS BRANCH.

An enjoyable time was spent at Langley and Horton on Saturday last. Grandsire Stedman and Plain Bob were rung at Langley. A short service was held, which included the ringers, and an address was given by the Rev. H. Shepherd, whose wife officiated at the organ. A splendid tea was provided by the steeplekeeper, through the unexpected generosity of a friend, who paid the bill, and was gratefully appreciated by the company.

Afterwards, at Horton, Grandsire Doubles, Kent, Kent and Oxford Spliced, Cambridge, London and Morpeth Surprise were rung.



### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On Saturday, May 9th, a meeting was held at St. Mary's, Ealing. The Ringing Master got the bells going soon after 3 p.m., and short touches was the order of the day. At 5 p.m., a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. G. Hatch, and in the absence of the organist, it gave the ringers an opportunity to demonstrate their ability as choristers, which made the service more interesting, and a real ringers' service it was. After service, the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Sharp) entertained the ringers to tea in the Church Hall, with the vice-president, Mr. C. S. Bird, presiding, supported by the Rev. Hatch, the Ringing Master, and Mr. F. Beadle. The vice-president received the meeting's congratulations on his election to that office. Mr. Beadle received same on attaining his 75th anniversary. A peal of Stedman was also rung at Isleworth to celebrate this jubilant occasion.—The usual business meeting was conducted, and thanks were accorded to the Vicar and the Rev. H. G. Hatch, the vice-president, Ringing Masters, Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett and Fred Goodfellow, and the ladies, who assisted with the tea. Three ringers were elected, and the Rev. E. G. Sharp was elected an honorary member for his liberal hospitality, courtesy and help to members of this association. The tower was again visited till 7.30; then a visit to Christ Church, where ringing was indulged in till 9 p.m.—Thanks were accorded to the Vicar of Christ Church and Mr. J. A. Trollope.

A meeting was held at Ruislip on June 13th, when over 30 members attended, including the Ringing Master, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope, J. Herbert, F. Goodfellow, J. R. Mackman, T. Beadle and J. W. Fruin, the lady ringers being Misses P. Moss and G. Baker. Methods up to Cambridge were practised, and Stedman, Treble Bob and Bob Major were rung on handbells. The usual business was held, with thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Cornwall Jones), and to the host, Mr. Basil Fabb, for the excellent tea served, and his accommodation.—The July meeting will be held at Harlington; Sunbury in August; September, Staines.

### 5,280 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By J. S. WILDE, DUNEDIN, N.Z.

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### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. SURPRISE MEETING AT CURDRIDGE.

A meeting for Surprise methods was held at Curdridge on Saturday last, when, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. W. Slater), the fine peal of eight were placed at the ringers' disposal during the afternoon and evening. Three districts of the Guild were represented, viz., Portsmouth, Winchester and Christchurch, and among those present were the Master (Mr. G. Williams), general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger), and Messrs. W. T. Tucker and F. W. Rogers, secretaries of the Winchester and Portsmouth districts, respectively. Full opportunity was made of the time afforded, during which several courses of Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung, the latter the first in the method on the bells. During the afternoon and evening, members were present from Curdridge, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ringwood, Southampton, Swanmore, and Mr. F. S. Bayley (Fareham). It is hoped to continue these practices at regular intervals during the year.

### LADIES' GUILD. SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The sixth annual meeting was held at Aldershot on Saturday, June 20th. The Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Garth Ireland), and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Crichton Melville. Sergt. Trumpeter Lawrence Beach, L.R.A.M., Royal Engineers, presided at the organ.

A party of about forty sat down to tea at the Parish Hall, prepared by Miss B. Mills, Miss Fisher and Miss Denyer.

Mrs. Pulling (president) presided at the business meeting. Miss Wyman, of Woking, was elected a member, and the secretary and committee were re-elected. Guildford was chosen for the next annual meeting. There were twelve ladies present, including Miss E. K. Parker, general secretary. Ringing was indulged in from 'rounds' to London Surprise.

Special thanks are due to Sergt. Trumpeter Lawrence Beach, L.R.A.M., for his splendid musical programme.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—On June 4th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the visit of T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of York to Rowley: R. J. Hackett 1, H. Dowell 2, W. Hy. Detheridge 3, E. Horner 4, G. Hy. Detheridge, senr., 5, G. Hy. Detheridge, junr., 6, A. Timmins 7, A. Taylor 8.

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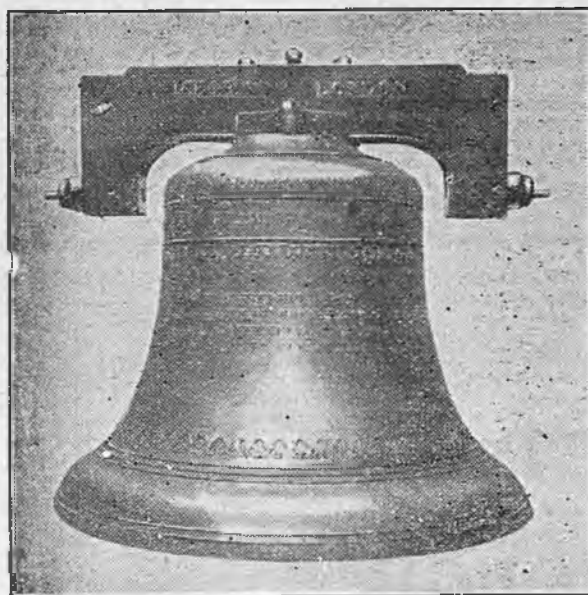
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The anniversary of the first performance of Holt's Original occurs next Tuesday, for it was on July 7th, 1751, that the famous composer, sitting in the belfry with his manuscript in hand, called the great one-part peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Margaret's, Westminster.

A year before, namely, on July 8th, 1750, John Holt took part in, and probably composed and conducted, a peal of Double Bob Major, on the same bells.

Indeed there would seem to have been some event to celebrate at St. Margaret's round about this date, for on July 9th, 1749, Holt took part there in a peal of 6,000 of Bob Major. Was it, we wonder, some royal, national, or campanological anniversary? Perhaps one of our historians can tell us.

James Barham, the renowned Kentish ringer, rang his last peal on July 8th, 1817, when he took part in a peal of Leeds Treble Bob at his own tower of Leeds, the scene, many years before, of the peal of 40,320 Bob Major. Can those who are now conducting researches into method names tell us what variation of Treble Bob 'Leeds' was?

The new bell at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, was dedicated on Sunday last.

Referring to a note in this column that recently a ringer rang a bell without a stay to two peals in one day, Mr. W. Pole Routh, of Reading, writes that in his first peal, rung at the Parish Church of Eccles, near Manchester, on the afternoon on Christmas Day, 1870, none of the bells had stays. The bells were rung up in peal, the 5,000 was brought round, and the bells lowered in peal. He adds, 'We did not consider then that we had done anything of special note.'

'Little Bob' is informal that New Cambridge will not run true in Minor, as it produces repetitions in the plain course.

Mr. Conor O'Brien's return from his long and adventurous voyage round the world, created great excitement in Ireland, and the gallant skipper of the 'Saoirse' had an extraordinary reception. Congratulations were heaped upon him, and his old ringing friends of St. Patrick's Society, Dublin, sent him a telegram congratulating him upon his successful and safe return.

## SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY.

The 302nd anniversary of the Saffron Walden Society of Ringers was held on Saturday, June 27th. Ringers attended from various parts of the country, including London, Romford, Luton, Cambridge, Hitchin, Halstead, Feering, Earl's Colne, Northampton, Irthlingborough, Fulbourn, Ickleton, Stansted, Castle Camps, Trumpington, Royston, Little Munden. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston were represented by Mr. Roper.

During the day, touches were rung in the various methods on the eight, ten and twelve bells. Luncheon was held at the Temperance Hotel, the Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) presiding, supported by Dr. E. L. Taylor. In welcoming the visitors, the Master specially mentioned Dr. Taylor, who was formerly an active member of the society. His father (Mr. Edward Taylor), so well remembered, was Master of the society for a number of years.

Dr. Taylor, in responding, thanked the members for their hearty welcome, and said that he hoped the anniversary would be continued unbroken in the future, and conform with the procedure of many years past.

A congratulatory telegram was received from Mrs. Edward Taylor. Service was held in the Parish Church at 12.30, conducted by the Rev. T. W. Coomb. The choir attended, and Mrs. Mahon kindly presided at the organ.

## RINGING ANNIVERSARY AT LAVENHAM.

On Saturday, June 20th, the 114th ringing anniversary was held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham. During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Oxford, Cambridge, Superlative and London. A large number of ringers attended this gathering, which commemorates the addition of two trebles in 1811 by Wm. Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, the following places being represented: Islington, Clapham, Tooting, Ipswich (St. Mary-le-Tower and St. Clement's), Sudbury (St. Peter's and All Saints'), Bury St. Edmunds (Cathedral Church), Cornard, Polstead, Shelley, Long Melford, Cavendish, Glemsford, Assington, Great Waldingfield, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Great Tey, and Maldon. Included in the above were F. G. Symonds, Islington; J. Lee, Clapham; W. R. Grimwood, Tooting; C. Sedgley and A. Howell, Ipswich; D. Elliott, Assington, and many others.

During the middle of the 19th century, this ringing day was often the scene of upwards of 100 ringers, including such 'notables' as W. Haley, J. Cox, H. Hubart, J. Marven, Capt. Moore and Squire Proctor, with his band of change ringers and handbell tune players. The last-mentioned band on several occasions ascended the tower on the next morning to give a 'farewell touch' before departing to ring elsewhere.

During the afternoon, many of the ringers and friends climbed to the summit of the tower, which is a landmark for many miles around.

Among those present was one who had attended and rung at 47 successive anniversaries. At 8 o'clock the bells ceased, and farewells were exchanged, all agreeing that a most enjoyable day had been spent.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 410.)

Mr. T. H. Beams, in seconding, drew attention to the desirability of reducing the number of classes into which methods were divided. For ringing purposes, it was only those who liked to strain at the gnat and miss the camel, that were not satisfied with three classifications. With regard to the confusion of names, Mr. Beams referred to the method rung variously under the names of Oxford Delight, Woodbine and Merchants' Return.

Rev. H. Law James: They are not fit to be rung, and are rapidly dying out.

Mr. Beams: But they are still rung.

Rev. H. Law James: And 'Churchyard Bob' is still rung (laughter).

Mr. Beams went on to ask those who were not satisfied with three classifications to tell them how many more were needed. He submitted that if they were to get rid of the objectionable names, there could be no better time than the present. He understood that the present edition of the 'Collection of Minor Methods' was nearly exhausted. The new edition should be published with the new names, and he was quite sure that in twenty years' time they would be the names under which all these methods would be rung. If they looked at the Press, which knew little about ringing terms, they saw the way some of these names could be 'screwed,' and this made them a laughing-stock. That was what they wanted to avoid, and if they could do that they would do something which would help forward the movement.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards pointed out that no place was allowed in the classification for 'Principles.'

### ANCIENT RIGHTS.

Mr. E. W. Elwell said he understood that, if they adopted the report, the names would, ipso facto, change over. He thought, therefore, it would be fairer to everyone if they could give it further consideration by having the report published and dealing with it next year. He came there that day with certain instructions from his Guild. The Chester Guild knew that the committee had been formed, and had tackled a very difficult problem, but at the same time they had reminded him of the old custom under which ringers named the methods which they had first rung. The Chester Guild had rung many methods for the first time, and were not prepared to admit that any body of gentlemen had the right to alter and revise the old names on behalf of the Exercise. They felt themselves as well able to choose the names as anyone else. It was felt the committee might confine itself to choosing one of the names in those cases where a method had more than one name, so that it might be known by that one name in future. Another thing was, he was not sure that flower names were not as good as some others. For instance, he preferred 'Daffodil' to 'Dartmoor' (laughter, and a Member: Dartford, not Dartmoor). He did not see that it much mattered if the Press did laugh at them. Outside individuals understood little about ringing, and only fools laughed. The idea in his Guild was that existing names of Minor methods should be allowed to stand, and that where there was more than one name the committee should choose which name the method should be known by. He moved that consideration of the subject be adjourned until the report had been published.

Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded. He said if the report was to be taken as an expression of pious opinion, they of the Methods Committee had nothing to say, but if it was going to tie the Council and the Exercise they would have to go into it and move amendments to practically everything. Mr. Trollope added that with regard to the use of the word 'Bob' in the names of methods, it was given because it distinguished the classification. It was not redundant at all.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, in supporting the amendment, said he recognised the committee had presented a report of great gravity, which, nevertheless, admitted of being treated with a certain amount of levity. They recognised the earnestness and pains that the committee had been put to produce this report (hear, hear), and he for one, who was inclined at the last meeting to treat the subject as one scarcely deserving the attention of the Council, had now rather modified his view. He could not help recognising it was full of debatable matter, and they ought not to adopt the report in its entirety without a little more consideration. It was very easy to say what ought to be done; it was another matter to get things done. Ringers had habits which they could not well alter by legislation. They had a habit of calling methods by certain names, and the Council would find it difficult to get them to alter names when the Council said they were undesirable. He would like to see the report in print, and reserve his decision until that had been done.

### BRINGING ORDER OUT OF CONFUSION.

The Rev. H. Drake said when he signed the report he was under the impression there were three classes of methods and a class of 'principles.' With regard to the amendment, he certainly had no objection to it, and he did not think the other members of the committee had. They had no wish to try to be autocratic; what they wanted to do and what they were asked to do at the last meeting

was to try to bring order out of confusion, and also to avoid, if they could, any names that seemed to be causing ridicule. They had done that in this report, and they would be very glad indeed if it could be published, and be considered next year; but one had to remember that they were told at the last meeting, and previously by correspondence, that it was a very urgent matter, and that those names should be fixed as soon as possible, because people were waiting to ring the methods, and did not know under what names they should be rung. The amendment to some extent took away from the value of the rider he suggested, viz.: 'That in the case of all new methods, which have been rung under names proposed to be altered, an opportunity should be given to those who first rang them, to approve of the proposed new name.' He had not been able to get his fellow-members on the committee to go with him and support the rider, because they thought it would be impracticable. He would suggest something on these lines: that when the list of names, such as those the committee put forward, were agreed to, they should be published for a certain length of time, so that the people who were interested, that was those who had rung the method, and the ringers in the place after which the method was called, could have the opportunity of objecting to it; that these objections should be considered by the Council or the committee; that if no objections were made within the period, the changes should be absolute. These riders did not exactly come within the terms of reference, but they were things which might be adopted as resolutions, so that they might know what they were to do in future. This matter of terms was one that went beyond that of names. The committee's reference at present was only in regard to names of methods. Mr. Trollope had spoken of names like 'Bob' and 'Treble Bob.' They could not call them names of method, they might call them descriptions or descriptive terms. What they required was an authority to deal with terms as well as names. He did not think it was quite right that a man should be able to say, because he had used a name, that that name must always be used in future. They, as a Council, should exercise their authority as to what terms should be used, and as to the actual meaning of the terms.

Mr. Burton said with regard to Mr. Trollope's inquiry as to whether the committee were penning a pious report, that was not the case—the committee were absolutely out for it.

The proposal to adjourn the discussion until the report had been printed was then put to the meeting, and carried.

Alderman Pritchett said he would like to propose a vote of thanks to the committee for their labours. Personally, he had been rather at variance with them, but the subject was one of great controversy, and the committee were likely to get more kicks than halfpence, but the Council would all agree that the committee had endeavoured to do well by the subject, and deserved a hearty vote of thanks (hear, hear).

The motion was put, and carried, and on the suggestion of the President, a vote of thanks was also accorded to the other committees for the work they had done during the year.

### INSTRUCTIONS ON PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

The Hon. Secretary stated that the 'Card of Instructions' as to the care of church bells had been printed, and the Rev. H. Drake had given them £5 towards the expenses. There were three thousand or four thousand towers in England and Wales where these cards might well be put on the wall, but that would cost a great deal of money and involve a great deal of time. They could, however, make a start, as he had got 500 copies. It was the desire of the Standing Committee that members present should take a card with them, and it was suggested that it would be a very good start in the distribution if they sent one of the cards to each of the Archdeacons in the various dioceses, and also one to each of the secretaries of the Guild and Associations affiliated to the Council.

Mr. T. H. Beams said if they asked each of the secretaries to take enough for their own affiliated towers they would get over the difficulty of distribution quite easily.

The President pointed out that secretaries had no authority over towers not connected with their associations, and that was why the Standing Committee suggested that a copy should be sent to every Archdeacon in England and Wales, so that they might know about it, and bring it before the different clergy and churchwardens.

Mr. James George said it was a pity the instructions were not printed on one side of the card only. Many people would not bother to look at the back.

The Hon. Secretary said that would have necessitated a very cumbersome card.

The Hon. Librarian said the Standing Committee recommended that the card should be sent to each Archdeacon, and that each secretary of association should have one or more sent to him, in order that he might discover from his branch or district secretaries how many cards were wanted.

The Rev. H. Drake said he hoped the Archdeacons would be asked to see that each Rural Dean got one. He suggested that recommendations should also be sent out with regard to the duration of ringing at churches where there was only one bell rung, and he put forward what he thought should be recommended.



The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn thought the Council would be wasting time to consider anything of that sort.

The President said practices differed so much that he thought it would be ridiculous to put forward any suggestion, but if Mr. Drake wished to bring the matter forward at the next meeting, he hoped he would put it on the agenda.

It was resolved to send a copy of the card to all Archdeacons in England and Wales, requesting them to bring it to the notice of their respective Rural Deans; and to hon. secretaries of Guilds and Associations, with the request that they will bring it before their district secretaries with a view to getting the card placed in all helpries.

#### BROADCASTING BELL RINGING.

Mr. E. W. Elwell moved the following resolution: 'That, considering the future possibilities of Radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of "bell chiming" occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of bell ringing, and further, to request the committee to bring to the notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.' Mr. Elwell said this resolution was drawn up by the secretary of one of the branches of the Chester Guild, and was brought forward at the Guild's annual meeting when he was asked to submit it to the Council. He said that on one or two occasions bell chiming, carillons and efforts to make a noise on bells by hammers worked by machinery had been broadcast, and the public had got the impression that bell ringing came from Belgium. On the top of that one frequently heard certain bell chiming which took place at a London church, and which was not bell ringing. He thought the public were getting rather too fond of it, and it was time the Press and Literature Committee took the matter in hand and watched this, among other things. He believed the B.B.C. would be very considerate to any suggestion, and would be ready to have their co-operation to broadcast good change ringing, rather than chiming and foreign music.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies seconded, and said he once listened to the bells of a certain church, and he had never heard anything more 'footling.' It was nothing but Ellacombe hammers pulled against the bell, and now and again the performer broke out into tune ringing.

The motion was carried, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn suggested that Mr. A. Paddon Smith should be entrusted with the task of approaching the B.B.C.

Mr. Paddon Smith: I have on many occasions communicated with the B.B.C., and it is just as much a waste of time as some of that we have done here to-day (laughter).

#### THE AUGMENTATION OF RINGS OF EIGHT.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett next proposed 'That this Council, as a general rule, disapproves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten.' He said the eight bells of his own parish church, King's Norton, were recently recast, and it was suggested that they should be augmented to ten. He was happy to say that suggestion fell through, and instead of having what would probably have been an indifferent peal of ten, they had a beautiful ring of eight. There was, he continued, an idea among ringers generally that it was a great thing to have ten bells instead of eight in a church tower. Very often it was a great mistake. The only reason apparently was that ringers got opportunities of ringing on a larger number of bells than they otherwise would, but there were many other considerations to be taken into account before it should be decided to augment a ring of eight into ten. The suggestion was usually made, when a peal of eight was going to be recast. 'Why not have a peal of ten while we are about it?' They went to a bell founder, and he said, 'Oh yes, nothing easier (laughter). We can make you a lovely peal of ten out of the metal of your eight, and with a little contrivance we can get them into your tower.' It presented no trouble to him (laughter). But there were other considerations. It was often difficult to get ten bells into an eight-bell tower, and it so taxed the ingenuity of the bell hangers that they often had to put two bells above the others. In that case they found in the ringing chamber that the sounds of the two small bells were drowned by those underneath. In one tower, he remembered it was scarcely possible to hear the two trebles in the ringing chamber. On the ground of expense there were often objections. The metal of the eight bells was split among the ten, and they had a light peal of ten, which, in his opinion, was always unsatisfactory. It was also very difficult to form a proper ringing circle, and a great many expedients were resorted to, and they had to have an ingenious arrangement of rails and guides. It was often a great makeshift to get ten bells into an eight-bell tower. Moreover, if they were going to augment the weight of the bells by using additional metal, the consideration of the safety of the tower presented itself. Bells have been placed in towers without due consideration of the safety of the fabric; consequently, in a short time, the tower had been declared unsafe, and the ringing of the bells had been stopped. That was a thing they wanted to guard against. In his view the ideal of change ringing was change ringing on eight bells—eight fairly heavy bells, tenor from a ton to 25 cwt., or even more. The music of eight heavy bells when properly rung in changes was extremely dignified; it created a far greater impression upon the people outside than did the music on a

lighter peal of ten. The music in all standard methods, he thought he was right in saying, was originally devised for eight bells; the music of an octave was the most satisfactory to the listener. The man outside could count eight bells as they were rung in changes; it was extremely difficult for him to count ten, and almost impossible to count twelve in a change. Methods for eight bells were legion, inviting scope for ingenuity. Very few of the odd-bell methods, however, were capable of extension to nine bells, and there were few, if any, true extensions of the Surprise methods to ten bells, the so-called extensions being really specially constructed methods. It was a laudable idea on the part of ringers to desire to be able to ring on ten bells, but it was also a fact that at some towers, when the bells had been augmented to ten, they were not regularly rung as ten. It was only occasionally they were so rung in changes, such as when visitors came for an opportunity of ringing a ten-bell peal. The words of his motion did not exclude the making of ten-bell rings altogether, where a tower was suitable, and where bells were being put in for the first time; but where it was a question of augmenting eight into ten merely for the sake of having more bells it was a very unwise course to take.

Mr. E. A. Young (the hon. secretary) seconded. He said he had only intended to second the motion formally, but after the cogent reasons put forward by the proposer he had been converted against his own previous opinions. There was much to be said in favour of eight bells, and there was another point which was in his mind, and that was the question of the strength of the towers. This was a phase of the question in which he was particularly interested, and he remembered a case where, through extra bells being put into a tower, the building had become unsafe.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said when he saw this motion on the agenda he experienced a feeling of amusement; he did not think anyone could have put it down seriously. When he now saw who it was that had put down the motion, that feeling had changed to one of absolute amazement. Mr. Pritchett was his (Mr. Smith's) Presiding Ringing Master, and felt very keenly about this particular ring of bells at King's Norton. He (Mr. Smith) did not agree with a single word Ald. Pritchett had said (laughter), and the motion did not stand the slightest ghost of a chance of being passed (laughter and applause). If they must pass a resolution on these lines it should be simply 'that this Council, as a general rule, approves of the augmentation of peals of eight into peals of ten' (applause). He could not conceive that this motion was really intended to be serious. Would Mr. Pritchett propose that peals of six should not be augmented to peals of eight, or peals of ten to peals of twelve? All their famous rings of twelve were peals that had been augmented at some time or other. With regard to King's Norton, Alderman Pritchett admitted that they had a very beautiful peal of eight. He said the tenor was only 14 cwt. That might be true, but it sounded a lot heavier, and in any case he (Mr. Smith) believed there was some danger of two trebles being added in the not too distant future (applause). If he could do anything towards bringing about that development he should certainly do so, although he would have a very formidable opponent. How could the bells at King's Norton be spoiled by putting in two equally good trebles? The King's Norton men were already well able to ring ten bells, and if they did not ring the ten, the beautiful eight would still be rung, and the two beautiful trebles would be there to be rung when he went over (laughter and applause). He would much prefer to ring ten to ringing eight. He did not, he added, believe Mr. Young really meant to second the motion (laughter).

Mr. T. Faulkner: When I first saw this motion on the agenda I wondered what it was all about. Now I can see what it is. There is a conspiracy between the Presiding Ringing Master and the secretary of St. Martin's Guild to pull the legs of the Central Council (laughter).—I move we proceed to the next business.

Canon Elsee said if it was a question of choice between a really good peal of eight, with a heavy tenor, and a light peal of ten, then he was with Alderman Pritchett, and would have a heavy peal of eight. There was a real objection to encouraging the augmentation of peals that are too light to produce the full music. If a peal was to be recast it might be suggested that ten bells should be cast from the same metal as the old eight. That meant a loss of tone; but if the weight was not to be decreased he saw no objection to increasing the number of bells.

The Rev. H. Law James invited Mr. Pritchett to go to Surfleet. The tenor was 12 cwt. 9 lb., and the treble 2 cwt. 2 lb. It was a ring of ten, and everyone who listened to the bells imagined the tenor was a ton in weight, and the bells were beautiful music.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said if they were to follow Alderman Pritchett he did not know where they would be. Had it not been for augmentation they would have had no Painswick bells, and no Cheltenham twelve either. He entirely disagreed with Ald. Pritchett. Two more bells gave a lightness and buoyancy that was rather wanting in an octave. Twelve was, perhaps, rather more of an open question, but if they had acted in the past upon Ald. Pritchett's contentions, he did not know what they would have done. They certainly would not have got some of their finest and most famous peals of ten and twelve in the country (hear, hear).

(To be continued.)



## 'STEDMAN' AND 'DUFFIELD.'

By GEORGE BAKER.

There is very little doubt that Fabian Stedman, who was born in Cambridge in 1631, was the first individual to produce a principle, and, what is more, he produced it symmetrically.

Anyone would have thought that Stedman Doubles being the first principle discovered, would for that reason, if for none other, have been exempt from attack but, no, that Principle, like 'Duffield' and 'Leek,' was being described in 1913 and 1914 as 'illegitimate'!

The false definition that made the attack possible has now been exposed, but I venture to think that had anyone told Fabian Stedman, in his day, that his Principle was 'illegitimate' there would have been something more than a 'jovial dog fight,' and the individual, whoever he might have been, would have been given the choice of swords or pistols, and a meeting-place near Cambridge in the early morning to settle the difference.

'We are not now quite as savage as our forefathers.' I mentioned this fact in my first contribution to the late controversy on 13th June last, and at that time I made up my mind I would endeavour to bring to an end the constantly recurring disputes about the subject of method construction.

There is no evidence that Stedman extended his Principle to seven bells and upwards, and the individual who did is not likely to have known that such a thing as a 'pivot bell' existed, but, whether or no, he produced the only correct extension possible without making additional 'moves' and the round blocks and transpositions that follow will prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Principle is the same on all numbers, in spite of the fact that the division heads in Doubles have, coursing order, and in the higher numbers they have not.

## STEDMAN DOUBLES.

|                 | Rd. Blocks. | Transpositions. |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 12345 x 53412 = | 53412       | 53412           |
| 21354 x 35421 = | 34512       | 41253           |
| 23145 x 34512 = | 24531       | 15324           |
| 32415 x 43152 = | 31452       | 31245           |
| 23451 x 34125 = | 23514       | 12534           |
| 24315 x 31452 = | 34251       | 53241           |
| 42351 x 13425 = | 53124       | 12534           |
| 43215 x 14352 = | 41253       | 31245           |
| 34251 x 41325 = | 25134       | 15324           |
| 43521 x 14235 = | 51423       | 41253           |
| 45312 x 12453 = | 45123       | 53412           |

|                 |       |       |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| 54321 x 21435 = | 45231 | 12345 |
| 53412           | 24153 |       |

## STEDMAN TRIPLES.

|                     | Rd. Blocks. | Transpositions. |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1234567 x 6347251 = | 6347251     | 6347251         |
| 2135476 x 3642715 = | 3751624     | 4126537         |
| 2314567 x 3467251 = | 2467153     | 1637452         |
| 3241657 x 4376521 = | 3175624     | 3124567         |
| 2346175 x 3475612 = | 2367451     | 1267453         |
| 2431657 x 3746521 = | 3725614     | 6324517         |
| 4236175 x 7345612 = | 6317452     | 1267453         |
| 4321657 x 7436521 = | 7125634     | 3124567         |
| 3426175 x 4735612 = | 2617453     | 1637452         |
| 4362715 x 7453162 = | 5172634     | 4126537         |
| 4637251 x 7541326 = | 4617352     | 6347251         |

|                     |         |         |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 8432715 x 5743162 = | 7523614 | 1234567 |
| 6347251             | 5471326 |         |

The halfway transpositions from Doubles to Cinques are as follows, and compared with the Doubles the progression is equivalent to 312 on all numbers to infinity.

|         |             |
|---------|-------------|
| Doubles | 53241       |
| Triples | 6324517     |
| Caters  | 632451789   |
| Cinques | 6324517890x |

It will not be out of place to mention here that the late Rev. H. Farle Bulwer was the first gentleman to give me encouragement in the subject of method construction, but, it is to the late Sir Arthur Heywood's writings that I am chiefly indebted for what I know at the present time, and it seems to me that it was a cruel fate, after all that he, Sir Arthur, had done for the Art and for the Exercise, and no man had ever done more, that the last few years of his life should have been clouded by a false definition, according to which, his interesting and perfect method? (Principle? or System?) was illegitimate

I was able in 1914 to prove that 'Duffield' was produced by two Quick Double Bobs, and my one regret is that I had not then the foresight to see what I have discovered since, i.e., that all methods, principles and systems consist of round blocks, produced by making single 'moves' in the Primary Principles or the Treble Bob Principle.

Could it have been possible for Sir Arthur to have learned this before he passed on, he would have had the satisfaction of knowing that all the care, time and money spent in preparing his book on 'Duffield' (a copy of which he presented to me) had not been thrown away.

## DUFFIELD MAJOR.

|                       | Rd. Blocks. | Transpositions. |
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| 12345678 x 25136847 = | 25136847    | 25136847        |
| 21436587 x 52318674 = | 61427533    | 82354671        |
| 12463578 x 25381647 = | 26581437    | 26418537        |
| 21645387 x 52836174 = | 51763284    | 82354671        |
| 12654378 x 25863147 = | 24836157    | 25136847        |
| 21563487 x 52681374 = | 31472586    | 12345678        |
| 25136847              | 56218734    |                 |

## DUFFIELD ROYAL.

|                           | Rd. Blocks. | Transpositions. |
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| 1234567890 x 2513684079 = | 2513684079  | 2513684079      |
| 2143658709 x 5231860497 = | 6142759303  | 8235467190      |
| 1246357890 x 2538164079 = | 2658143079  | 2641853079      |
| 2164538709 x 5283610497 = | 5176329408  | 8235467190      |
| 1265437890 x 2586314079 = | 2483615079  | 2513684079      |
| 2156348709 x 5268130497 = | 3147259608  | 1234567890      |
| 2513684079                | 5621803947  |                 |

The mathematical progression in Duffield is equivalent to 312 on the back end to infinity.

N.B.—There was one little printer's error in the transpositions of Grandsire Doubles, the halfway transposition row should be 51234.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGE.—On Saturday, May 30th, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Fields 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, Miss C. Fields 3, H. J. Hazell 4, W. Ibbett 5, A. E. Austin 6, B. D. Buttress 7, A. G. Rivers 8. Longest length in the method by all except 2nd and 8th, and longest length by the Ely Association by a band of all resident members.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Whit Monday evening, June 1st, at All Saints' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, C. W. Woolley 3, F. Warrington 4, H. J. Hazell 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6, George E. Crisp 7, E. Wakeling 8. Ring with tenor covering, and with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Harry Croot, who for 24 years was churchwarden of All Saints, and was buried there the same afternoon.

BRAINTREE.—On Tuesday, June 2nd, at the Parish Church, with clappers half-muffled, as a token of respect to Miss Gault, who was buried on that day, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Webb 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Tuesday, June 2nd, for practice, 720 Burton Treble Bob.—Also on Tuesday, June 9th, as being appropriate to the season of the Holy Trinity, 720 Trinity Sunday: W. C. Lawrence 1, C. S. Ryles 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. Corfield 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6. This is the first 720 in each of the above methods by all.

ALTON, HANTS.—On June 4th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 50 minutes: E. P. Duffield 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, G. Noakes (first in the method) 3, E. Haw 4, J. Ballard 5, J. Chesterman 6, R. Philpott (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, Q.M.S. G. Gilbert 8.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Michael, for Empire Day celebrations, on May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes: E. Harding 1, B. Hawkins 2, F. Marchant 3, F. Ewens 4, F. Nye 5, H. Hunt 6, J. Smith 7, H. J. Hunt 8. First quarter on the treble, conducted by F. Nye.

At Sproughton, on Friday, May 22nd, 720 Double Court Bob Minor: C. E. Mee 1, A. Rodwell (Bramford) 2, W. Brown (Bramford) 3, E. J. Trimmer (London) 4, F. Bowell (conductor, Ipswich), 5, H. Shennings (Ipswich), 6. Also 504 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by E. Rivers. These touches were rung to oblige E. J. Trimmer and Ernest Rivers, who were on holiday in the district.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**EARL SHILTON.**—For evening service, on Sunday, June 28th, in 45 minutes, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Ernest E. Pickering 1, Chas. Hy. Webb 2, Arthur Waters 3, Geo. Newton 4, Percy Aldham 5, Thomas K. Deacon 6, Harry Wright 7, William Reynolds 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor for W. Reynolds, and first quarter in the method for E. E. Pickering.

**MARLOW-ON-THAMES.**—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, June 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 minutes: J. Watkin 1, H. W. Mance 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, H. H. Mance 4, E. A. Reeve 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8. Rang on the annual outing of the St. Luke's, Chelsea, ringers.

**WINDSOR.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, June 28th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: J. W. Croft 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, T. Farr 4, W. Henley 5, A. Bateman 6, L. Stillwell (conductor) 7, G. Adecock 8. Rang for patronal festival, the preacher being the Rev. J. H. Ellison, late Vicar of Windsor, and now Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill.

**BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 755 Grandsire Caters: A. Martin 1, R. Matthews (conductor) 2, Miss A. Johnson 3, J. Bass 4, H. Martin 5, H. V. Cooper 6, H. Price 7, W. H. Cooper 8, W. Gibbs 9, A. Barrett 10. First touch of Grandsire Caters by the treble, 6th, 8th, 9th and tenor ringers.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, 874 Bob Major: W. W. Bailey 1, A. D. Wilson 2, H. C. Balls 3, Reggie Kersey 4, A. Keeble 5, C. F. Bailey 6, J. M. Bailey 7, J. G. Rumsey 8. Longest length by 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, A. Prior 4, G. Wiffen 5, E. J. Butler 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

**POYNTON, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for evening service, at the Parish Church of St. George, 720 Poynton Treble Bob: L. Clough 1, J. P. Fidler 2, H. Langley 3, W. Fernley 4, J. Fernley (conductor) 5, J. W. Hartley 6.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, June 14th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Frayne 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, E. G. Locke 4, A. Cutmore 5, A. V. Selby 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. R. Tompsett 8.

**PONTYPRIDD.**—On May 31st, at St. Catherine's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., in honour of a visit of Mr. W. Knight, of St. Stephen's, Bristol: I. Mitchell 1, S. Ridgway 2, F. J. Thyer 3, A. E. Gray 4, A. Burgess 5, W. Knight 6, J. Dartch (conductor) 7, C. Williams 8.

**RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—At the Parish Church, on Whit Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 53 mins.: A. White 1, P. S. Parker 2, J. T. Tansom 3, S. Gardner (first quarter-peal of Major and first attempt) 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, A. R. Ward (conductor) 8.

**CROMER.**—On Whit Sunday, 720 Bob Minor, for evening service: S. Love (Norwich) 1, Miss D. E. Lewis (Chilvers Coton) 2, E. Wilson (Cromer) 3, M. V. Godderidge (Chilvers Coton) 4, G. A. Black (Woodford) 5, W. Tennant (Cromer), conductor, 6.

**HENDON.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. Bevan 1, R. Bevan 2, E. Yeung 3, E. Bonfield 4, E. Pratchett 5, C. H. Martin (conductor) 6.

**KIMPTON, HERTS.**—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: J. Wells 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, R. Hall 4, H. Fellows 5, T. Cann 6. First 720 in the method by all.—For evening service, 300 Grandsire Doubles, with G. Gattward taking part.

**FEERING.**—On Whit Sunday, for early service, at 7 a.m., 720 Oxford Treble Bob.—For Matins, at 11 a.m., 720 Oxford Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob, 42 Singles: J. C. Newman 1, W. Knopp 2, G. Hayward 3, R. Fisher 4, C. J. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

**BRATTON, WILTS.**—At the Church of St. James-the-Great, for evening service, on Whit Sunday, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): J. Cook 1, C. H. Lawrence (first quarter-peal) 2, H. G. Smith 3, W. Chapman (conductor) 4, B. Cook 5, A. J. Smith 6.

**WALLINGFORD.**—On Sunday, May 24th, for evensong, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Zululand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: P. Dyke 1, J. Bower 2, F. Woodward 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, W. Button 7, F. Davis 8.

**SHIPLEY, YORKS.**—On May 24th, for anniversary services, in the morning, touches of Kent Treble Bob Major.—For evening service, 1,200 Kent Major: T. Wilcock (longest length in method) 1, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 2, H. Haigh 3, A. Gill 4, T. A. King 5, F. Hopwood (Bolton) 6, H. Stott 7, E. H. Simpson 8.

**HEADINGTON, OXFORD.**—At St. Andrew's Church, after service, on May 24th, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: T. Tooley 1, P. Sumner 2, W. Collett 3, F. Taylor (conductor) 4, H. Tooley 5, F. Beckett 6.

**BURTON LATIMER.**—On Sunday, May 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Lines 1, D. Meadows 2, J. Saddington 3, A. Smeathers 4, M. Norton 5, J. Leamark 6, L. Chapman 7, G. Lines (conductor) 8. This was arranged for Mr. Leamark, of Irchester, and was his first quarter-peal.

**ACKWORTH, YORKS.**—At St. Cuthbert's Church, on Sunday morning, May 17th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Lindsey 1, W. Beetham 2, W. Lindsey 3, W. Palmer (Badsworth) 4, P. Atkinson (Wragby) 5, C. E. Lamprey (conductor) 6.—1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th ringers belong to local band.

**DOVER.**—For evening service, on Sunday, May 17th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 46 mins.: H. Jones 1, A. S. Binfield 2, S. Binfield 3, C. Turner 4, H. Saunders 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, R. H. Stevens 8.

**ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, May 17th, for evensong, 1,248 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 56 mins.: J. Preston 1, G. E. Large 2, H. C. Spencer 3, W. J. Meers 4, J. W. Pomberton 5, M. J. Morris 6, G. F. Garrison 7, G. F. Swann (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method for front five.

**DORE.**—At Christ Church, on Sunday, May 17th, for Matins, 224 Bob Major. For evensong, 360 Bob Minor and 448 Bob Major.—On Friday, May 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: R. Johnson 1, N. Fisher 2, A. Robinson 3, H. Bell 4, J. E. Lewis Cockey 5, J. W. Sykes (conductor) 6. First 720 by the band.—On Sunday, May 24th, for evensong, 872 Bob Major: R. Johnson 1, H. Bingham 2, J. W. Sykes 3, H. Bell 4, A. Robinson 5, J. E. L. Cockey (conductor) 6, R. Smith 7, N. Fisher 8. Longest touch by all except ringers of 3rd, 6th and tenor.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, May 17th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 640 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. H. Dyson 1, C. H. Howard 2, F. Claydon 3, W. Keeble (conductor) 4, H. E. Hammond 5, G. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, A. Saunders 8.

**PONTYPRIDD.**—At St. Catherine's Church, in 45 mins., on Sunday, May 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hallett 1, Iver Mitchell 2, F. J. Thyer 3, A. E. Gray 4, S. Ridgway 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Dartch (conductor) 7, C. Williams 8.

**FELSTEAD, ESSEX.**—At the Church of the Holy Cross, for morning service, on May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Steward 1, H. Reason 2, A. H. Farrow 3, A. Shuffelbottom (conductor) 4, W. T. Farrow 5, H. Ebert 6, J. Wood 7, H. Fuller 8. Rang to commemorate the 50th birthday of the ringer of the 5th.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Biss 3, E. Hunt 4, A. Parnell 5, W. Richards 6, G. Large 7, E. Coles 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

**WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Feast Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,300 changes), being 360 Original, 400 Plain Bob, and 540 Grandsire, in 48 mins.: A. Turner 1, W. Stockford 2, P. Asplin 3, T. Wise 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

**GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: B. C. Mann 1, A. C. Langford 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, E. Rutter (Chelmsford) 6.

**LEE, KENT.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, May 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Crowder 1, J. Dafters 2, H. James 3, J. Lawson 4, R. Thompson (Woolwich, conductor) 5, C. Moulton 6, H. Brasher 7, B. Heisterman 8.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples, in 25 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, W. B. Kynaston 8. Rang as a birthday compliment to R. Kynaston, and a farewell to H. T. Hughes on his leaving the district.

**WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Cutsforth (Bolton) 1, R. Allred (Tyldesley) 2, J. Howarth (Worsley) 3, B. Welsby 4, J. Freeman (Worsley) 5, F. Grundy (Worsley) 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8.

**HITCHIN, HERTS.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 51 mins.: H. Elke 1, E. Day 2, L. Fidler 3, F. Bacon (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare 6, H. Day 7, W. Croft (conductor) 8.

**TENTERDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, May 3rd, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Cramp 1, R. Edwards 2, J. Neve 3, W. Tickner 4, C. Tribe 5, L. Honess 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, A. Baitin 8.—Recently, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,925 changes): Mrs. H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. E. Pitman 3, W. Tickner 4, H. Baker 5, C. Tribe 6, H. Parkes (conductor) 7, A. Baitin 8. Composed by L. Head.—Also 504 in same method.

**SAFFRON WALDEN.**—On Sunday, for morning service, the society rang 1,000 changes of Stedman Caters. Mr. Waghorn, aged 83, of London, taking part, and proved himself a veteran of the Exercise.

## NOTICES.

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**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Central Division will be held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Rector). Half rail fare (maximum 1s.).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Maurice Hall, Winchester, on Saturday, July 4th. Committee meeting at 11 a.m., general meeting at 2 p.m., service in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in St. Maurice Hall (6d. to members, 1s. to visitors). The following towers will be open for ringing: Cathedral (12), Twyford (8), St. Maurice, Winchester (6).—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec., 17, Stoke Park Road, Eastleigh, Hants.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kington on Saturday, July 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at All Souls' Church, Halifax, on Saturday, July 4th, the draw to take place at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, July 4th. The recently recast peal of 8 available from noon. Service at 5. and tea at 5.30. All visitors welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells: Cathedral 3 to 3.45 and 5 to 5.45, St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant 5.50, 1s. 6d. (1s. to fully paid up members).—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 4th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will arrange tea, with strawberries if possible.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, July 4th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 (unveiling of first peal board). Tea to follow.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, July 4th. Bells 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Owing to its importance, it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The summer festival will be held at Southill on Saturday, July 4th. The bells will be available at 2 p.m. Service at 4. Preacher: The Ven. Archdeacon of Bedford. Tea at 5. We hope all who possibly can will try and attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whiston, near Rotherham, on Saturday, July 4th. Church of St. Mary (8 bells), tenor 12 cwt., ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head, about 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m.—J. E. Lewis Cockey, Hon. Treas., 'Leamwood,' Dore, Sheffield.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A practice is to be held at Swanage, on Saturday, July 4, from 2.30 to 7.30, and at Wareham from 8 to 9 p.m.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 5th, at 10 a.m.; Monday, the 6th, at 6.30, followed by quarterly business meeting at 8; and Monday, the 20th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1537).**—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 30th; St. Magnus the 9th and 23rd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral the 14th; Southwark the 21st; \*St. Mary le Bow the 28th, 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 Cranbrook on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, July 7th. 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 next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. The general committee of the association meet at Whalley the same date.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Those requiring tea kindly notify me by July 7th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, July 11th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. J. Darvill.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 11th. The bells of St. Giles will be available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 5 o'clock. Will all who wish for tea please notify me by July 7th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.



**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Upwell and Outwell, Wisbech. Both towers 6 bells. Will those who want tea please notify me early? All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Charing after service. Business meeting to follow. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m., in the Church House, 1s. each. This will be followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present kindly advise me as quickly as possible? Subscriptions can be taken at this meeting.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Annual festival will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty on Saturday, 11th July. Tower open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 bells). St. Mary's, Swansea (8 bells), and St. Catherine's, Gorseinon (8 bells), also available. Service 3 p.m., preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at 4.30 p.m. by kind invitation of Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart. Meeting to follow. Please notify me by 4th July, without fail, number to be expected for tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, July 11th. Buses leave Royston at 1 o'clock and 3.20 p.m., returning at 5 o'clock and 7.55 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. Those requiring tea at 1/- each should inform Mr. W. Mansfield, Church End, Barley, near Royston, not later than Thursday July 9th.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the district will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 11th. Tea will be provided for those who advise me not later than July 8th. (Bells 8.) Meeting after tea. The foundry bells will also be available after 7 o'clock onwards. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The branch annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Cranford on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 7th?—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, July 11th, bells available during the afternoon and evening. Ringers' service at 4.15, tea afterwards. All ringers cordially welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Milton, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 7th?—T. Tebbitt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilcompton, on July 11th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Intending visitors should notify me, in order that adequate tea arrangements can be made.—J. T. Dyke, Branch Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fittleton, on Saturday, July 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45; short meeting follows tea. The following bells will be available on that date: Netheravon (6), Fittleton (6), from 3 till 4.30; Enford (6), Upavon (6), from 6 till 8; Marden (5) Chirton (5), from 8 till 9.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The Midsummer meeting will be held at Laxton, Saturday, July 11th (Tuxford or Dukeries Junction Stations). Bells (6) will be ready early afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Dove Court Inn at 5 p.m., 1/6 per head for those who notify Mrs. Price. Dove Court Inn, not later than July 8th. Members please note this is important.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Barnet, on Saturday, July 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Hadley (8) will probably be available during the evening.—W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 18th (not 11th) as intended. Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Prittlewell (10 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. R. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2/6 members, 3s. non-members. Application for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to General Sec. by Wednesday, July 15th. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant cheap tickets from any station in the Diocese. The G.W.R. will grant return tickets for single fare from any station in the Diocese on application for same 'to attend Bell Ringers' Festival.'—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Meeting in the Infants' School at 3 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Will visitors who wish to ring early let Mr. G. Aitkins, 125, Cher, Minehead, know the time they wish to ring.

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**TRURO CATHEDRAL RINGERS' OUTING.**

The Truro Cathedral ringers held their annual outing on Whit Monday. The ringers, with their wives and friends, numbering about 40, left Truro at 7.30 a.m. by charabanc, the first stop being made at Lanivet. This church contains a light ring of eight, lately augmented from six. Touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round. The next stop was Liskeard, where the ring of eight were found to 'go' rather stiffly, and after a short time the bells were lowered, and a ride of eight miles brought the party to the beautiful old church at St. Germans. This church was originally attached to a monastery of Austin Canons, founded here in 1050 by Bishop Leofric. The ring of eight (six of which were cast in 1775, and two added in 1913) were found to be an excellent peal, the 'go' and tone of which are perfect. Touches of Grandsire Triples were again rung. The next stop was at Looe, where the afternoon was spent by the sea, and, after tea, the party visited Fowey. The handy ring of eight were set going, and 336 Grandsire Triples brought round. The last stop was made at St. Austell, where the church contains eight fine-toned bells (tenor 19½ cwt.). The 'go' is excellent, and touches of Triples were brought round. Truro was reached again at 10.30 p.m. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and those who made the trip such a success.

EALING.—On Sunday morning, May 3rd, at Christ Church, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Burton 1, G. Harbour 2, E. W. Elwell 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollops (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. Mr. Elwell is the hon. secretary to the Chester Diocesan Guild.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor: S. Gregory 1, J. Key 2, W. J. Cope 3, A. Bowler, senr., 4, F. Cope, junr., 5, F. Cope, senr., 6, J. H. Gallimore 7, A. Bowler, junr., 8. Rung on the 82nd anniversary of the birth of the ringer of the 2nd. Mr. Key was heartily congratulated by his brother ringers.

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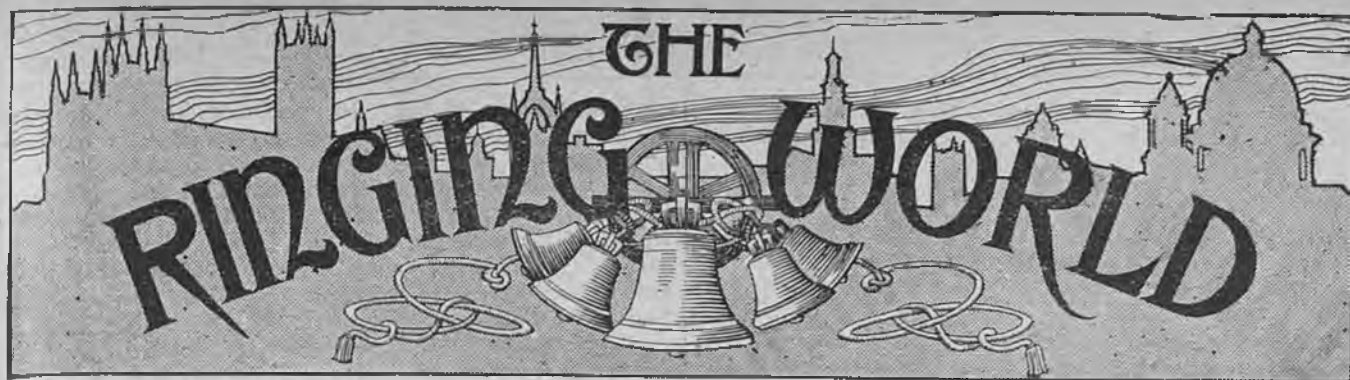
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### THE CARE OF CHURCH BELLS.

The Central Council is undertaking a work of considerable value in their effort to place in the towers of this country a carefully drawn up card of instructions on the care of church bells. This is not the first time they have turned their attention to the subject, for there has been for years, among their publications, a brochure dealing with the preservation of bells. Useful as the latter is, however, it is probable that the card which has now been printed, may be of even greater utility, for, whereas this should find a permanent place in the belfry, a leaflet is likely to be torn or lost. A matter of importance in putting these cards to the most effective use is that of distribution. They will be valuable in any belfry, but they will be of greatest value if they can be got into the neglected belfries and the authorities brought to realise the importance of the instructions being acted on. Here is where the difficulty arises, because where the bells are neglected there is seldom anyone to be found who would trouble to act upon the advice. The Council were well advised to take steps to bring the cards to the notice of the Rural Deans, as the most likely means of giving effect to their desires, but they will probably find it necessary to go a step further if they are to make the most of the opportunity they are creating.

The present position with regard to the oversight of bells, as with other church property, is that it is the duty of Rural Deans to inspect belfries periodically and report to the Bishop. This report, in some dioceses at any rate, is gone through by the Archdeacon, and recommendations with regard to repairs, etc., are made to those responsible for the upkeep of the church. There is, however, no power to enforce these recommendations, and it lies with the Incumbent, Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council to accept or reject the advice as they think fit. We have no doubt that when recommendations come from higher quarters to the church authorities, every effort is made, as far as funds permit, to carry them out; but the trouble in the case of bells and belfries is that very few Rural Deans bother about them—were it otherwise there would not be so many instances of dilapidated bells and dirty belfries. Indeed, so little do some Rural Deans know about bells that they could hardly be expected to be able to report upon their efficient maintenance, even if they climbed into the tower.

This particular matter is exercising certain members of the Chester Guild, and it is likely that the Central Council may be asked at their next meeting to discuss a suggestion that, through diocesan or other channels, Rural Deans be asked, where they have no personal tech-

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nical knowledge of bells, to appoint as their deputy for the purposes of inspection, some person with the requisite qualifications. If this suggestion could be carried out, we believe it would prove a most useful one, and there should be no practical difficulties if the Rural Deans would fall in with the scheme. Indeed, it would not be surprising if, in the long run, many churches would find that it would mean a saving of money—on the proverbial 'stitch in time' principle.

### THE NORTH OF ENGLAND RINGING WEEK.

The North of England Ringing Week resulted in the successful accomplishment of ten peals, as recorded below. Nine visitors and nine local men, who took part in them, desire to acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the kindness and co-operation of the respective clergy and towerkeepers at the churches visited during the week, June 20th to 27th. Thirteen peals were attempted in all, at twelve different towers in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, three of which were lost through mistakes on the part of the band.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND. THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, June 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes*

AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. NICHOLAS,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt. in E flat.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. BARBER... .. 7    |
| CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... 2   | HARRY PARKES ... .. 8        |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3     | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.... 9 |
| JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 4   | ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. 10    |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5     | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 11      |
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*On Monday, June 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6    |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 2   | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7      |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 3   | HARRY PARKES ... .. 8       |
| WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. 4      | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 9    |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5    | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

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*On Saturday, June 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 2      | JOHN G. HALL ... .. 7            |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3         | THOMAS METCALF ... .. 8          |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 4       | HARRY PARKES ... .. 9            |
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Tenor 17 cwt. 28 lb. in E.

|                               |                            |
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| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble | WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. 5    |
| C.S.M. JAS. BENNETT, R.M. 2   | HARRY PARKES ... .. 6      |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3       | WILLIAM H. BARBER... .. 7  |
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**JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, NORTHUMBERLAND.**  
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| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3         | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. 4         | HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST E. FERRY.

**HEXHAM, NORTHUMBERLAND.**  
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*On Wednesday, June 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,*

*At the Abbey Church of St. Wilfred,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5    |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2      | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6    |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 3   | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7      |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 4   | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.**  
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*On Thursday, June 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Cuthbert,*

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Treble | EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5            |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2     | THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 6          |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3         | HARRY PARKES ... .. 7             |
| WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. 4         | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... Tenor |

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*On Thursday, June 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Margaret,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble | C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 5 |
| EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2       | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 3   | THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. 4      | HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor  |

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**SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.**  
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*On Friday, June 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Ignatius the-Martyr,*

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Treble | WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. 5    |
| JOSEPH W. PARKER ... .. 2       | HARRY PARKES ... .. 6      |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3         | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7   |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 4      | EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor |

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**STRANTON, HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.**  
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*At the Church of All Saints,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble | WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. 5       |
| JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... .. 2   | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 6 |
| WILLIAM FUSSELL ... .. 3    | THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 7      |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 4   | HARRY PARKES ... .. Tenor     |

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|                              |                           |
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| *RICHARD GRANT ... .. Treble | ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 6     |
| FREDERICK W. SHARMAN... .. 2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7    |
| ALFRED BALLARD ... .. 3      | JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 8    |
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| KOWLAND BARROW ... .. 5      | JOHN GRANT... .. Tenor    |

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*On Wednesday, July 1, 1925, in Three Hours,*

*At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,*

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb. in A.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble | JOHN A. COLE ... .. 5          |
| FLT.-SGT. F. HOLDEN, R.A.F. 2    | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6  |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 3         | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 7      |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 4      | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

The band wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mrs. and the Misses Mills for their hospitality before the peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

*On Wednesday, July 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble | FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5    |
| CHARLES BAKER ... .. 2       | WALTER BARRETT ... .. 6       |
| FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... .. 3  | CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 7      |
| CHARLES ROOPE ... .. 4       | FRANK R. COPEMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the sixth bell.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, July 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,*

*At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALBERT GILBERT ... .. Treble | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 5 |
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2    | ROBERT HOWARD... .. 6      |
| WILFRID C. IBBITT ... .. 3   | SAMUEL E. ROBERTS ... .. 7 |
| *WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 4    | ROBERT G. KING... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

\* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Marshall, M.A., who was inducted on June 29th, 1925, by the Lord Bishop of St. Albans. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Marshall for his kind hospitality after the peal. The 2nd ringer hails from Great Shelford; 3rd and 5th, Cambridge; 4th and 6th, Barley, Herts; 7th and tenor, local.

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NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.  
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY, NORTH STONEHAM.)

On Thursday, July 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| OWEN H. GILES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5  |
| REGINALD BROWN ... .. 2     | D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6   |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 3   | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7   |
| WALTER G. ROWE ... .. 4     | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE, of Dunedin, N.Z.  
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This is the first time the composition has been rung, the figures of which arrived in a letter to the conductor, from Mr. Wilde, dated Dunedin, N.Z., April 10th, 1925.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of our general secretary, Mr. George Pullinger to Miss Christina Butler, of Malden, Surrey. Also Mr. W. T. Tucker's 200th peal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5        |
| JOHN WHEADON ... .. 2          | WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... 6         |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 3     | JAMES GEORGE ... 7              |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4        | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

GRAVESEND, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5  |
| JOHN BURLES ... .. 2          | C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... 6 |
| * EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 3     | JAMES GEORGE ... 7      |
| JOHN WHEADON ... .. 4         | JOHN AVIS ... Tenor     |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal in any method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| FREDK. BORRETT ... .. Treble | WM. BARRETT ... .. 5 |
| CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 2     | FRANK COPEMAN ... 6  |
| † CHAS. BAKER ... .. 3       | FREDK. SMITH ... 7   |
| * WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 4    | GEO. CROSS ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

† 200th peal. \* 100th peal.

SHILDON, DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
RAILWAY CENTENARY PEAL.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM NEWTON ... .. Treble | THOMAS CLARK ... .. 5        |
| ALFRED COATES ... .. 2       | JAMES W. NEWTON ... 6        |
| WILLIAM D. LISTER ... .. 3   | WILLIAM BROADLEY ... 7       |
| GEORGE W. PARK ... .. 4      | ROBERT B. ROBINSON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

Rung for the centenary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. All the above ringers are employed by the L.N.E. Railway, and work on the route served by the old S. and D. Railway.

RUSHOLME, MANCHESTER.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Six and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SAM GREENHALGH ... .. Treble | JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 5    |
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 2       | JOHN WILKINSON ... 6      |
| THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 3      | EDWARD JENKINS ... 7      |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 4       | ALLAN F. BAILEY ... Tenor |

Composed by J. T. WILDE (No. 5). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 79th anniversary of the dedication of the church's 6th year of Rector's ministry, and a 79th birthday compliment to Mr. William E. Ryder, who has been a ringer in this tower for 65 years.

CHILHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5 |
| ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 2      | FRANK BENNETT ... 6       |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3     | ERNEST POWELL ... 7       |
| WILLIAM NEVARD ... .. 4      | HARRY PARKES ... Tenor    |

Composed by the late SAM THOMAS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

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

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 24 lb.

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble | ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 5    |
| MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... 2      | ARTHUR HARDING ... 6     |
| CHARLES J. TRICKER ... .. 3     | JOSEPH MILNER ... 7      |
| WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 4        | WILLIAM HENLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by J. E. BORTON.

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. A. Beckensale, one of the local band. After the peal the band were invited to a substantial repast at the residence of Mr. Beckensale, when an enjoyable evening was spent, everyone wishing the happy couple continued health and prosperity.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.  
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * THOMAS JONES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... 5    |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2     | JAMES H. RIDING ... 6      |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3     | † ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 7   |
| HARRY OVERTON ... .. 4       | ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... Tenor |

Composed by the late T. THURSTAN.

Conducted by A. J. HUGHES.

\* First peal of Stedman. † First in the method as conductor. This is the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the Rev. O. Rees, Rector of Bagillt, Flint, to Miss Evelyn Poulkes, of Ark Holme, Bagillt, which took place at Bagillt on July 4th, 1925.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY ARGYLE ... .. Treble | * CHARLES E. RAYSON ... 5   |
| MISS EVA LEWIS ... .. 2    | WALTER MARTIN ... 6         |
| ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 3    | JOHN E. MORETON ... 7       |
| MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... 4 | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by A. T. KING.

Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

\* First peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. A. H. Beamish on the eve of his 21st birthday.

### HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE. THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN BROWN ... .. Treble   | TOM CHAMBERS ... .. 5      |
| ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 2      | WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 6 |
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3 | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7  |
| FRED RIGBY ... .. 4        | JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON  
First peal in the method for ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th.

### SIX BELL PEALS.

#### SPALDWICK, HUNTS. THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST WAKELING ... .. Treble | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 4  |
| *CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2     | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. 5  |
| FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 3      | HERBERT FIELDS... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

#### CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

#### THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called ten ways. Tenor 8 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ALBERT COOMBS ... .. Treble | EDGAR BOURTON... .. 4         |
| *WILLIAM SHERBORNE ... 2     | HARRY PROUT ... .. 5          |
| FRANK BOUCHER ... .. 3       | ALBERT SHERBORNE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. PROUT.

\* First peal. First peal as conductor.

#### WISSETT, SUFFOLK THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, July 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble | WALTER KERRISON ... .. 4      |
| FREDERICK PECK... .. 2          | JAMES HOWARD ... .. 5         |
| ARTHUR H. TOOK... .. 3          | HERBERT G. PRATT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

#### CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH & CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

#### A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Stedman, Grandsire, April Day, Morning Star, Canterbury, Old, and Bob Doubles. Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LIONEL HAMMOND ... .. Treble | FREDERICK PECK... .. 4      |
| FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2   | ARTHUR H. TOOK ... .. 5     |
| HERBERT G. PRATT ... .. 3    | JERETHAN JOLLY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for Mr. H. G. Pratt, of Croydon.

#### ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

#### THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

#### A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| ERNEST HUNT ... .. Treble | JOHN MALYAN ... .. 4     |
| *FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 2    | CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 5   |
| THOMAS J. HOLL ... .. 3   | WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

\* First peal of Minor, and elected a member. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to E. Hunt.

### CAWTHORNE, YORKSHIRE. THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. (BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

#### A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Royston Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt. in F.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HENRY CROSSLAND ... .. Treble | *GEORGE LORD ... .. 4      |
| HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 2     | ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5       |
| ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 3       | CHARLES WALSE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

\* First peal on an inside bell. Rung on the eve of H. Crossland's birthday, who was 80 years of age on the following day, Sunday, July 5th, to whom great credit is due for the way he rang all through the peal. He has been a ringer at Cawthorne 62 years. The remainder of the band belong to the Wath company.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting was held at Winchester on Saturday, July 4th, and was attended by some 90 members from many towers of the diocese.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews was in the chair, and was supported by Mr. G. Williams, Mr. A. H. Pulling, Mr. F. W. Rogers, Mr. G. Stone, Mr. E. Raddon, Mr. J. Hessey, Mr. W. Tucker, and other officers. All the retiring officers were re-elected.

It was agreed that a donation of £5 5s. be made to the Washbrook Memorial Fund, and Messrs. Williams and Pulling spoke of the great work of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Portsmouth in 1926, and at Guildford in 1927, on the first Saturday in July in each case.

The balance sheet and report were adopted, and the Chairman spoke of the apathy of many of the clergy towards change ringing and the Guild. Mention was also made of the great loss sustained by the death of the Rev. W. E. Colchester.

It was decided to hold a meeting at Arreton, Isle of Wight, on July 25th, in connection with the restored tomb of William Rayner, the service to be held at 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends are invited to attend.

The Secretary announced that the augmented ring of six at Woolton Hill would be dedicated on Saturday, July 18th, at 3 p.m. All ringers would be welcome, and tea provided for those who notified Mr. Balaam, Woolton Hill, Newbury, Berks, early.

After a long discussion, the motion to provide free certificates was referred for further consideration.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Bishop of Southampton, who was lying seriously ill in a London hospital.

A vote of congratulation was passed to the hon. secretary on his recent marriage.

The service was held in the Cathedral, and the Guild form of service was used. The Dean of Winchester gave a very interesting and helpful address, and said that he understood that this was the first time that a dean had taken a service of the Guild.

Tea was served to nearly 100 in St. Maurice Hall, where the Rev. C. E. Matthews presided, supported by the Rev. S. M. Watson.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter, the Rector of St. Maurice, and the Vicar of Twyford for the use of their respective bells.—The Rev. S. M. Watson suitably replied.

During the afternoon and evening the bells at the Cathedral, St. Maurice (Winchester) and Twyford were available for ringing, and various methods practised, ranging from Stedman Cinques and Bristol Major to Grandsire Doubles.

It was with deep regret that the members learned of the ill-health of the Editor of the 'Ringing World,' and wishes for his speedy recovery were expressed.

### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

#### SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

On Saturday, July 4th, a meeting was held at Harlington, when over 40 members and friends attended.

Ringing lasted from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m., when a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Wilson), accompanied by the organist and choir.

An excellent address was given by the Rector, who gave the association a most cordial welcome.—After the service, tea was served to all present.

The business meeting followed, and votes of thanks to the Rector, choir, and others who had helped to make it such a success, was carried. The tower was again visited, and some handbell ringing was given by Messrs. Herbert, Roberts, Kippin, Goodfellow, and others, and much enjoyed by all.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

The custom of the Central Council is never to go a second time to any place where it has once met. But I fancy the year is not far distant when this will have to be altered. The number of towns really suitable for the meeting is not too large, and is becoming used up. The place you want is a small town, with a Cathedral that can offer its Chapter House, or such like, for the actual meeting, a good peal of bells or two, plenty of historical and architectural buildings, the whole set in beautiful country, and last, but by no means least, good railway facilities. A big order, you say, but Salisbury supplied it with something added; and Chester equalled, if it could not surpass, Salisbury's record. What can Ipswich do next year? You can be pretty sure that so far as warmth of hospitality goes the East will not lag behind the West or the South. The country round Ipswich is fairly interesting, but there is no New Forest and no Eaton Park. And the town is well enough in its way, but there is no Cathedral, or even a parish church of first rank. The biggest church, St. Mary-le-Tower, is a modern affair, and rather uninteresting at that. One thing Ipswich has, and that is a most historical ring of twelve bells. There is no other twelve-bell tower that has anything like the record that Ipswich has. Peals of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise on eight, ten and twelve. Peals of Grandsire and Stedman on seven, nine and eleven; besides Superlative and London Major. And the reputation for good striking has always been as high as anywhere in the country. They used to say that all the peals at Ipswich had to be good ones, because if there was a muddle nobody could put the bells right. It was a case of a good peal or none at all. There is something to be said for that.

It must be ten years or more ago when we first began to think about going to Ipswich. Anyway, we are much overdue, and the pity is that Jimmy Motts, first-class ringer, and best of fellows, is no longer alive to meet us.

But for one thing, what a glorious place for a C.C. meeting Wells would be! There is everything you want. A beautiful Cathedral—Chester is not to be mentioned along side it—one of the heaviest and finest rings of bells in England, a quaint old city, set in most beautiful country. Then there is St. Cuthbert's Church, with its noble tower and heavy peal of bells—that by itself is worth a visit. While for the fortunate ones who manage to begin on the Saturday and end on the Wednesday or Thursday, there are Glastonbury and Cheddar, and Bath and Bristol quite handy. Really we must think of going to Wells one of these days. Only would that the railway facilities were better.

Big towns are not much good. I suppose we must not altogether neglect them. There is Nottingham and Liverpool and Southampton. Their turn will no doubt come, but the small towns are the thing. Even the London meeting might sometimes be held with advantage in a small town. Which is not so Irish as it looks. Why not hold it one year at St. Albans or Guildford?

Alderman Pritchard's motion to discourage making eight-bell rings into ten was treated naturally enough as a huge joke, the crowning touch of comedy being supplied when the only one who voted for it was Mr. Pryce Taylor. But don't you think there is something to be said in its favour from the point of view of change ringing? Just see what happens often enough. You have an eight-bell tower and a good band. They ring Stedman Triples, Kent and Double Norwich, and perhaps two or three of the Surprise Methods. Plain Bob and Grandsire they could ring, but probably don't. Then, says one: How much better to have ten bells! And they agitate, and with a little luck the money comes, and they get their ten bells. And then? Well, instead of ringing five or six methods, henceforth and for evermore they ring Stedman Caters, and nothing else but Stedman Caters. Now, Stedman Caters may be a very fine method, but I submit you can have too much of a good thing—even of Stedman Caters. But, say you, you can ring Major methods in an eight-bell tower if you want to, can't you? Yes, you can; but the point is that you don't. At least not unless you meet short.

Of course, tastes differ. There are men who are content to ring nothing but Stedman Cinques from year's end to year's end.

Talking of Stedman Caters, why does not some brave conductor call a peal with the big bells in the natural round at back position? It is pretty nearly as good as the luttums position, and a lot better than the handstroke position. But no. It's not done. We are a lot of sheep. We all go the same way as the others.

Mr. Young has given notice of a resolution practically condemning what is called Simpson tuning. You may be sure we shall have a heated debate. The partisans on one side and the other will rally to the call. The trouble with so many of us is that we really don't know anything definite about the matter. We know what we like, and we know what we dislike. And we say what we think pretty often, and without sparing of words. But the experts have us at their mercy. You can't argue with an expert, for he knows and you do not. He may be wrong in the long conclusion; and you may be right. But what he knows he does know; while you don't know anything. In the

interests of sportsmanship and fair play let us hope we may have experts on both sides. Then we can enjoy the battle. And perhaps (who knows?) learn something worth knowing about the matter.

And surely the Coventry people ought to think twice and thrice before they put their famous ring of ten into the melting-pot. When we were young—how many years ago, alas!—the old uns used to say that the three best peals of ten in England were Coventry, Rotherham and Stepney. I think they were the three. Anyway, Coventry was one. Rotherham have been recast; Stepney are somewhat fallen from their high estate; and now Coventry are to go. I dare say a good deal of their reputation was due to the tower they hung in. I dare say that what made a good ringing peal will not necessarily make good carillon bells. But if they are anything like as good as people said, it would be a pity to recast.

## NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As is self-evident, a slip has occurred in setting up the type of sub-section III. of the proposed new names, in the paragraph of 'Recommendations,' as printed in your issue of June 26th, page 410. The fourth and fifth items in the 'Old Names' column—'Duke of Norfolk' and 'Grandsire Treble Bob,' which are one and the same method, should have been bracketed, and the new name proposed is, of course, Grimsby for both of them.

And, as a further result of this slip, the whole of the column of 'Proposed New Names' from 'Grimsby' downwards, is one line too high, as far down as 'Vale Royal,' which should be in line with Shaftesbury, the new name 'Woodbridge' appearing twice in error. This misprint is unfortunate, as there is a possibility of these Recommendations of our Committee, being in consequence, misunderstood.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON,

Convener of the Nomenclature Committee.

30th June, 1925.

In order to make clear the names proposed to be substituted, we reprint the list of Section III. as it should originally have appeared: (III.) Unsuitable and inconvenient. (1st instalment.)

| Old Name.                       | Proposed New Name. |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| British Scholars' Pleasure (12) | Britford           |
| College Bob 4th (21)            | Becking            |
| Duke of Clarence (24)           | Clarence           |
| Duke of Norfolk (3)             |                    |
| Grandsire Treble Bob            | Grimsby            |
| Evening Star (25) (26?)         | Eccleston          |
| Francis Genius (39)             | Tamworth           |
| Kent Delight (13) (14)          | Kenley             |
| Kentish Delight (7)             | Kenilworth         |
| Loch Lomond (18)                | Lomond             |
| London Scholars' Pleasure (7)   | Fulham             |
| London Victory (27)             | Lambeth            |
| Lytham Pleasure (14)            | Lytham             |
| Morning Star (6)                | Mornington         |
| Norton-le-Moors (29)            | Norton             |
| Old Oxford Modernised (17)      | Dorchester         |
| Princess Mary (Royal)           | Goldborough        |
| Queen Victoria (36)             | Victoria           |
| Ringers' (Surprise) (38)        | Preston            |
| St. James' Youths' Exercise (8) | St. James.         |
| Trinity Sunday (15)             | Trenton            |
| Vale Royal (9)                  | Shaftesbury        |
| Woodcock's Victory (11)         | Woodbridge         |
| Wooler (10)                     | Ripon              |

Mr. J. E. Wheeldon writes pointing out that there was an obvious error in the list as originally published, and calls attention to the fact that the name Tamworth appears in the proposed new names both in Sections I. and III. He adds: I think, frankly, that the Central Council are on the right track to get a uniformity of names for methods, which has been lacking for many years, and sincerely hope at their next meeting they will be able to make out a complete list, and be able to publish them in book form.

## A BIRTHDAY COMPLIMENT.

On Midsummer day, 1904, the bells of Southover Church, Lewes, were rung to celebrate the birth of a son-and-heir to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking. On June 24th last the same bells celebrated the coming-of-age of this young man, who, though not a ringer himself, has found ringing affairs very much commingled with his family life. It had been intended to attempt a peal—his father had called a peal on these bells on his own twenty-first birthday—but a service intervened, and only a touch could be substituted. This was 798 Grandsire Triples by G. T. W. Ward 1, R. W. E. Dawe 2, R. J. Dawe 3, R. Heasman 4, T. Scrivens 5, D. White 6, A. J. Turner 7, J. F. Steadman 8. Afterwards, 'the health of Mr. J. H. Goldsmith' was toasted at a hostelry known to most ringers who have visited the county town of Sussex.



**ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST (LEYTONSTONE) OUTING.**

June 20th and 21st were the days chosen for the above, and on Saturday, June 20th, ten members joined the 5.30 a.m. train from Paddington to Chippenham, to try some of the rings of bells in the Devizes district of Wiltshire. Mr. T. H. Beams, of Bradpole, Dorset, and one of the local ringers, met the party at Chippenham. After breakfast, a start was made on the ring of eight at St. Andrew's, Chippenham, where Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. The next place of call was St. Nicholas', Bromham, a peal of six (tenor 19 cwt.). Here 720 Beverley Surprise was rung, the bells not going too well, as the bell hanger had not finished with them. St. Matthew's, Rowde, was next visited (6 bells, tenor 13½ cwt.). Lincoln Surprise was lost when two leads from home, owing, no doubt, to the very long draught of rope. Lunch over, a drive through lovely scenery brought us to St. Leonard's Church, Keevil, where 720 York Surprise was rung on the grand ring of six (tenor 21 cwt.), and the 'go' was excellent. Then on to the grand old church of St. Mary, Steeple Ashton, where 720 London Surprise was rung, non-conducted, on this good peal of six (tenor 19 cwt.). The next stop was at Trowbridge to try a pull on the first peal of ten in Wills, where Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung in fine style. Hilperton was soon reached, where, on the light peal of six (tenor 7½ cwt.), 720 Southwell and Norwich were soon tapped off. The last place for Saturday was the Church of the Holy Cross, Seend, where on the sweet-toned and well-going ring of six (tenor 14½ cwt.), a 720 each of Ipswich and Lincoln Surprise was rung.

At the hotel, where the party stayed the night, a pleasant hour was spent with touches on the handbells, etc. Sunday saw the party at St. Mary's Church, Devizes, where a 720 London Surprise was called on the grand peal of six (tenor 19 cwt.). Also a 720 Norwich Surprise by Mr. Prior. St. James' Church was next visited, where Mr. S. Hillier conducted 720 Plain Bob, after which a 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung, conducted by Mr. T. Faulkner, and then on to St. John's Church, where, on the splendid peal of eight, Stedman Triples and a good touch of Kent Treble Bob Major were brought round.

After lunch, the organiser had the party on the move again, this time by charabanc to his native village of Bishops Cannings. Permission was soon obtained from the Rector to ring on this grand old ring of eight. Stedman Triples and a good touch of Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, conducted by Mr. T. Faulkner.

After an early tea, a pull on St. Paul's, Chippenham, was arranged, where the local ringers had everything in readiness, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major being brought round. Various touches of

Plain Bob, Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung at all the places visited. The members wish to express sincere thanks to the clergy who so readily granted permission to ring; to all the local ringers who had the bells ready; and to Mr. Hillier, of Devizes, who assisted in making the outing a great success.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Battle, on Saturday, June 27th, members attending from the following towers: Eastbourne, St. Saviour's; Christ Church, St. Leonard's; Christ Church, Blacklands; Rye, Southover, Lewes, Salehurst, Shoreham, Pevensey, together with members of the local band. Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel bell foundry, was also present.

Ringings commenced at 2.30 p.m. The usual service was attended by the members, and the Dean (the Rev. W. W. Youard, M.A.) gave an excellent address, which was thoroughly appreciated by everyone present.

Between 30 and 40 members sat down to a splendid tea, which had been provided in the Parish Room, through the kindness of the Dean, who presided.

At the business meeting, the Dean (the Rev. W. W. Youard) occupied the chair prior to reading the minutes.—The Hon. Secretary made a touching reference to the passing of Mr. S. Deadman, of All Saints', Eastbourne, and an old association member, and on being put to the meeting by the chairman, the whole company stood in silence for a moment.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the following new members were elected: Canon C. R. C. Frewer, of the Little Rectory, Brede, and the Rev. Roger de Goeij-Hampson, of Christ Church, Blacklands, as hon. life members.

Following a discussion, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Waldron, in September.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the bells, his address at the service, and also for his great kindness in entertaining the members to tea.

The Dean, in responding, stated that it was a great pleasure to him to welcome the ringers. He was glad that there was an enthusiastic band of ringers at Battle, and he hoped that association would do all they could to encourage young ringers.—This terminated the meeting.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going until 8.30 p.m.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A garden party (by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cawley Roberts) is to be held in the grounds of the Manor House, Torkington, on Saturday afternoon, in aid of the Norbury (Cheshire) Church Bells Restoration Fund.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by Mr. J. S. Wilde, of New Zealand, which was published on Friday, was rung for the first time on the preceding day at North Stoneham, Hants.

What a link with the past is Mr. Ted Horrex, 'father' of the College Youths! We knew he took part in the 15,840 of Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green in 1868, and now we learn, from his pertinent letter last week, that he was one of a band that rang at Coventry in 1864—sixty-one years ago!

It was pleasant to meet in the belfry at Lichfield, on Saturday, Mr. W. W. Worthington, whose business claims have prevented him from taking part in any ringing for more than two years past. Mr. Worthington began ringing in his Undergraduate days at Oxford, but was some years before he came acquainted with a change ringing band. When he did so, his enthusiasm quickened apace, and his interest is still maintained, despite his restricted opportunities of taking part in a favourite hobby.

Mr. Worthington's home is the beautiful place, Maple Hayes, just outside Lichfield, and overlooks some of the most charming scenery to be found in the county of Stafford.

The first peal of Erin Caters was rung at North Shields on July 12th, 1909.

On July 15th, 1830, a peal of 5,000 new Treble Bob Royal was rung at Leeds. What in those days was known as 'New,' is now the Kent Variation.

An interesting notice concerning Yeovil bells, appeared in the 'Western Flying Post' of July 14th, 1760: 'There is lately Hung to Sally and set going by John Bush, Bell Hanger, of Chew Stoke, near Bristol, in the County of Somerset, a large Peal of Six Bells in the Town of Yeovil, in the said County.

'The Tenor consisting of near 50 cwt., they are allowed to be the largest Peal of Six that is in the Country, and required, before new Hung, 22 or 23 Men to ring the Six Bells; but since they are hung by the said Bush, the same has been rung for several Hours by 7 Men only, and 50 3 or 4 different Peals of Changes, consisting of 128 Grand-sire Changes in each Peal.

'N.B.—The said Bush has work'd in the Business for upwards of 30 years, and is thought to be a very experienced Man, and will be ready to serve any Parish if required.'

There are now ten bells at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Yeovil, the tenor being 42 cwt. This bell and the present 9th were recast by Bilbie in 1728.

## ANOTHER BROADCAST OF BIRMINGHAM BELLS.

The jubilee of the restoration of St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, is to be celebrated from July 18th to 25th. A special service is to be broadcast on Sunday, the 19th, and the bells will be heard over the wireless from the Birmingham station for a quarter of an hour beforehand, commencing approximately at 7.45 p.m. Ringers who have receiving sets should hear some good Stedman Cinques, and the public will hear the 'real thing,' as contrasted with what the Rev. C. D. P. Davies recently described to the Central Council as the 'footling' imitation, which commonly precedes the services broadcast elsewhere.

It is interesting to note that at one of the special services at St. Martin's, the new Rector's son is to be baptized. He will be named Martin Hartley Guy—the first name being after the church of which his father, Canon Guy Rogers, is the head.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Thorne, on Saturday, July 4th, and was attended by some 30 members and visitors representing many towers, and the local company. Ringing was enjoyed throughout the afternoon and evening, the various standard methods being rung on the recently recast peal of eight, the tone and 'go' being perfect.

A short service was held in the interesting old church of St. Nicholas, where an instructive address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Littlewood.

Tea was provided by the local ringers and their wives.

The business meeting followed, six new members being elected: S. Coates, of Hull; Messrs. W. N. Hains, J. Crossland, C. E. Long, J. R. Long, and A. H. Howeroft, of Eastrington.

An invitation, which was unanimously accepted, was received from Escrick for the September meeting.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies, and the local company for their services, were carried, to which the Vicar suitably replied.

## THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Continued from Page 426.)

Alderman Pritchett said he put the motion on the agenda at the invitation of the hon. secretary, who said he did not think there would be enough to talk about (laughter), but somebody else came forward, and on that ground he claimed the Council's sympathy (laughter). He did not expect that anybody would agree with anything that he had said, but he did not expect, he must confess, that he would be made fun of (laughter). He apologised to the Council, and thought he had better withdraw (laughter and 'No').

Amid further laughter, the motion was then put, and declared lost by a large majority. Except for the mover and seconder, only two hands were held up in favour, and these were two of the bell founders, with a keen sense of humour.

### A CHANGE OF RULE.

Mr. W. A. Cave moved a resolution, of which he had given notice: 'That on Page 13 of the Rules and Decisions in the paragraphs headed (a) "on nine and eleven bells, (b) on eight, ten and twelve bells," the words, "in any one method," be omitted.' He pointed out that this alteration was necessary in view of the development of ringing, and the fact that peals on these higher numbers would in the future be rung in more than one method, the rule as it stood limiting peals on numbers higher than six bells to one method only.

Mr. Beams suggested that 'seven bells' should also be included, but this, it was pointed out, would involve a separate resolution.

The motion was carried without discussion.

### NAMES WANTED!

The Rev. E. S. Powell proposed 'that it be an instruction to the honorary secretary to add the names of the proposer and seconder of a motion, when the same is printed in the agenda.' He said they had had that day an illustration of one good reason, although not his real reason, for recommending the course he proposed. Had they had the name of the proposer of a certain motion on the agenda it might have conduced to more peace in St. Martin's Guild, if the Guild could have known beforehand what their respected Master was going to do (laughter). A resolution ought to show what lay behind it, and it ought to have the names of the proposer and seconder. If, for instance, they saw the name of Mr. James to a motion they would expect, when they came to the meeting to hear something about Bob methods, and perhaps Canterbury Pleasure. On the other hand, if a motion bore the names of members of the Chester Guild, they could, by way of preparation to deal with the matter faithfully, turn out their books on botany and study them (laughter). In two different persons' hands the same resolution meant two totally different things. The real thing at the back of his mind, however, was, that there was getting to be a great congestion of business at the Central Council meeting. To have the names of the proposer and seconder would be a guide as to the probable importance of what was behind a resolution, and so help to strengthen the hands of the president in regard to the earlier part of the business.

Mr. G. P. Burton seconded the motion, but Alderman Pritchett opposed it. He did so, first of all, on general grounds, as he did not see it could serve any useful purpose if it were carried. He also opposed it on the special ground, that if he had had to put the names to his motion that day he might have had to hunt in vain for a seconder. There would then have been no discussion, for the Council would not have had the great amusement that had been afforded it (laughter).

The Rev. H. Law James supported the resolution.

The President pointed out that no subject could be proposed for discussion unless it was sent in one month before and signed by two members.

The motion was carried nem. con.

### COUNCIL TO VISIT IPSWICH.

The President said the Standing Committee had had under consideration the question of the place of next meeting. Following the regular cycle which they had adopted for more than 30 years, their first meeting of a session was always in London; the meeting this year was in the north-west of England, and consequently next year it should be in the south-east. Two places were suggested to the committee, viz., Canterbury and Ipswich. They had met at Canterbury in the past, and although they were agreed it would be a good place to go to, they felt that they ought to recommend Ipswich in preference to any other place. The Council had never been there; it was very 'get-at-able,' and they thought it would be the best place for the Council to meet next year. On behalf of the Standing Committee he therefore proposed Ipswich.

The Rev. H. Drake, on behalf of the Suffolk Guild, gave the Council a hearty invitation to Ipswich. They had not got quite as interesting a place as Chester, but they would do their best with the interesting things they had, and they would give the Council a hearty welcome.

Mr. C. Ince supported the invitation, and said the Suffolk Guild would try to give the Council the time of their lives.

The motion was carried unanimously.

### THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenhyn said the Council at the last meeting entrusted the Oxford Guild with the task of putting up a memorial to James William Washbrook, in Oxford, and it also called upon all Associations and Guilds to support the Oxford Guild in doing so, in order that it might be a national one. The treasurer had informed him that he had actually in hand £115 15s. They wanted £160, or, it might be, £170, although he thought £160 might be sufficient. Out of that £115, the Oxford Guild, by means of private subscriptions, and from towers and branches, had contributed £90 9s.; so that he thought they might say the Oxford Guild was doing its part (hear, hear). He also thought that those Guilds and Associations throughout England, who had sent anything at all, had responded very well indeed. He asked those associations who had not yet subscribed kindly to let the treasurer know what support they could give, so that he would be able to announce, when the Oxford Guild met in July, that the money was in hand.

The promise of a number of subscriptions from associations was made by various representatives.

### CHALLENGE TO SIMPSON TUNING.

The Hon. Secretary gave notice that at the next meeting he would move: 'That the time has now arrived when the Council should consider whether the so-called scientific or Simpson tuning is in the best interests of the Exercise' (hear, hear, and laughter).

Alderman Pritchett moved a vote of thanks to the Bishop of Chester, the Dean and the Cathedral authorities for the kindness extended to the Council, and the facilities they had afforded for the holding of a successful meeting. This was unanimously carried, as was also a vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Mr. J. Griffin, and a vote of thanks to the committee and secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild, proposed by Mr. W. H. Hillier.

This terminated the business, and the Council then rose.

Many of the members and their friends afterwards went into the Cathedral for the evening service, the singing being chiefly remarkable for the clear enunciation of the words. Then, following a procession to the cloisters, where they joined in a short service, at which two memorial lights were dedicated.

By this time the lower part of the Refectory was transformed into its original use, as a dining hall, and, as the guests of the Chester Diocesan Guild, about 120 sat down to tea. This number was about 50 per cent. in excess of those who had accepted, but those in charge of the catering rose nobly to the occasion, so that none went empty away. The chair was taken by Mr. H. A. Heywood, who was for some years hon. secretary of the Chester Guild.

During the meal the Dean gave a brief, breezy, but nevertheless informative, address on the history of the building, especially mentioning those things most worthy of a visit. He also placed the bells at the disposal of the ringers till 7.30 p.m.

In the handsome ball room of the Grosvenor Hotel a party of about 150 afterwards foregathered under the capable chairmanship of the Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Rev. C. A. Clements). There another treat was in store, for the musical portion of the evening was rendered by the Cathedral Quartette, whose part singing was of a most pleasing and well-balanced character.

Canon Coleridge also delighted his listeners by one of his 'Devonshire Stories.'

During an interval he presented Mr. H. W. Wyld with a handsome pair of silver candlesticks, as a slight recognition of all he had done, especially in getting the house and grounds of Eaton Hall open to the Council and their friends on the previous day.—Mr. Wyld, taken by surprise, feelingly responded.

Thanks to the Diocesan Guild for the arrangements made was followed by Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

### THIRTY YEARS A RINGER.

Thirty years a ringer in the belfry of the Lang Kirk of Craven. Mr. C. Brown is leaving Kildwick for Blackpool. On Sunday evening last there was a farewell ring, in which members of the local belfry were formed by ringers from Skipton Parish Church. The members of the band were G. Bottomley 1, T. Rogers 2, C. Brown 3, J. Garlick 4, W. Hillary 5, H. Roe 6, W. Billows 7, C. Law 8. They rang 576 Trelile Bob Major, a touch of Violet and a touch of Oxford. Mr. Brown carries with him the good wishes of many Yorkshire ringers, with whom he has come in contact during his long period of service in the historic old church at Kildwick.

### RINGER'S RECOVERY.

Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, is now lying in the West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, having undergone a successful operation on Thursday last. His many friends will be pleased to hear that he is making favourable progress.

READING.—On Sunday, July 5th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Saunders (first quarter) 1, A. W. Osborne 2, L. Osborne 3, A. Evans 4, A. Bailey 5, E. Humphrey (conductor) 6, H. Osborne 7, R. Sawyer 8.

## STAFFORD ARCHDEACONRY SOCIETY. RESTRICTIONS AT LICHFIELD.

Lichfield Cathedral is one of the nation's most beautiful possessions, an ornate and stately pile, whose central spire rises nearly three hundred feet, and is the dominating feature of the country for miles around. In one of the smaller but none the less imposing western towers hangs a fine peal of ten bells, now, alas! heard all too little, on account of the restrictions which are placed on the ringing of them. The bells themselves are in excellent order—they were relung a few years ago by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham—but the local band, of which the veteran, Mr. Cape, has been an active member for more than half a century, receive scant encouragement, and there are few, if any, opportunities for outsiders to ring. Even the Society of the Archdeaconry of Stafford, which operates in the area of which Lichfield is the centre, and which has shown its loyalty to the mother church of the diocese by returning to it practically every year for its annual festival, is finding that its visits to the Cathedral are not altogether welcome. This is really very deplorable, and in these days—when almost everywhere ringers are receiving acknowledgment as valued helpers in the Church's work—difficult to understand. Year after year in the past the society has turned to the Cathedral for its annual gathering, to be met this year with a consent to ring the bells for an hour and a half on condition that no application is made for the use of the bells next year.

When the society met on Saturday last this condition was much commented on and regretted. Over eighty members attended, and made the best use of the bells during the limited time at their disposal. The ring of eight at St. Mary's were also open, but here, unfortunately, illness near the church put an early end to the ringing, leaving only the six-bell tower of St. Michael's for use in the evening.

The tea and business meeting were held at Lloyd's Restaurant, Mr. J. E. Groves presiding, and being supported by the Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) and Mr. H. Knight (lay secretary).

The business was largely formal, and included the re-election, en bloc, of the officers.

The committee, in their report, stated: 'We are able to record another year of progress. The number of peals rung during the year was 26, made up as follows: Grandsire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 15, Stedman Caters 2, Stedman Cinques 1, Bob Major 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich Major 3. The members of the Central Council must have been gratified at the warmth and sincerity of the welcome extended to them at Chester. The Dean of Chester, in the course of his remarks, said he hoped "we should recover presently the notion in England that the Cathedrals did not belong to a group of old gentlemen, but really were the mother church of each diocese, the Bishop being the head of it, the Dean and Chapter trustees, and the Cathedral belonging to everybody. That Cathedral was the one great building in the county that really belonged to everybody." "We should like," added the committee, "to be able to feel that about our own beautiful Cathedral at Lichfield. Our brothers in the Diocese of Chester will sympathise with us when they know that we are allowed to ring the bells of our Cathedral for 1½ hours this year on condition that we do not ask to do the same next year." The report concluded with an expression of deep regret at the death of four members, Messrs. Wm. Benton (Cannock), W. Rock Small (Tipton), J. Bradney (Wolverhampton) and A. Everitt (Tamworth).

The balance sheet showed that there was a balance in hand at the end of the year of £30 15s. 9d., a decrease of £3 2s. 2d., compared with the preceding year. Of the receipts, £22 18s. was from subscriptions, including those of 221 ringing members, whose numbers showed an increase.

The report and balance sheet were adopted.

Mr. H. Knight stated that contributions amounting to £2 7s. had been received towards the Washbrook Memorial, and he asked those who had not already sent donations to do so as quickly as possible.

The three quarterly meetings, recommended by the committee, were confirmed, viz.: Kingswinford, in July; Wednesbury, in January; and Stafford, in April. The committee suggested Wolverhampton or Lichfield for the annual meeting.

The Rev. C. H. Barker said when they came to Lichfield two years ago, and did not have the Cathedral bells, the attendance fell off to almost exactly a half of what it had been the year before. This year they had got the bells on condition that they did not ask for them next year.

Mr. Brindley urged the members to stick to Lichfield. The experiment of moving away was once the downfall of their society. Perhaps if they tried they might get the Cathedral bells next year.

The Rev. C. H. Barker said he did not see how they could ask for them, in view of the condition made this year.

Eventually Lichfield was selected by a considerable majority, eighteen hands being held up for Wolverhampton.

Mr. H. Knight, for the committee, suggested that an effort should be made to revive the cycle runs to outlying towers, and it was decided to try them and see what success attended the effort.

It was resolved to print the annual report this year, there being sufficient funds in hand for the purpose.

Five new members were elected from Erdington (2), Penkridge (2) and Nuneaton (1).

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the officers for their services, and to the chairman for presiding.

### THE LICHFIELD BELLS.

According to an article by Mr. J. R. Jerram which appeared in 'The Ringing World' some years ago, an old record has it that the ori-



ginal bell tower and bells at Lichfield were destroyed by fire in 1315. No more is heard of the bells till the 15th century, when the 'Jesus Bell,' a gift of Dean Heywood, was installed. This bell was destroyed during the Commonwealth. It is recorded in an MS. in the Bodleian Library that 'one Pickens, a pewterer, on July 26th, 1653, knokt in pieces the fair bell called Jesus at Lichfield; he being the chief officer appointed for demolishing the Cathedral.'

In 1670, Bishop Hacket contracted for 'six bells becoming a Cathedral,' three of which were cast before his death, but the tenor only was hung. The peal was completed by his son and executor, Sir Andrew Hacket.

In 1687, the Hacket bells having become 'bad and useless,' a subscription was raised to replace them by a peal of ten. But the bell founder, Henry Bagley, used up all the metal provided, in casting the back eight, and £80 more was required to complete the peal of ten. The money was raised in some way, and many persons gave trees for the timber of the frame.

**GORSEINON.**—At St. Catherine's Church, on June 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: \*J. Mac-Milton 1, C. Willis 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, W. Dobbins 5, J. Williams (conductor) 6, A. Sluman 7, \*J. Hanson 8. \* First quarter. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Dobbins, the local captain.



## DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB EXTENSION

By GEORGE BAKER.

In the 'Ringing World' of 29th July, 1921, I gave the figures of what I had then for at least seven years believed to be the correct extensions of Double Norwich Court Bob Major to Royal and Maximus. I also pointed out that the Royal was only a three-part touch, and here I might add that Royal of any description having either of the following lead-heads will never be more than a three-part touch, a fact which can be easily proved by transposition, i.e.:-

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| 1234567890 | 1234567890 |
| 1860492735 | 1795038264 |
| 1795038264 | 1860492735 |
| 1234567890 | 1234567890 |

These are not isolated instances, of lead-heads producing touches only, but this subject has little to do with the present article.

I am now able to prove by the round blocks and transpositions that the figures given in these columns on the date above mentioned are undoubtedly the correct extensions of Double Norwich Court Bob Major to ten and twelve bells, and as a consequence the only possible Minor is 'Double Court,' e.g., see half-leads, round blocks, etc., which follow:-

## MINOR.

|                 | Rd. Blocks. | Transpositions. |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 123456 x 156342 | = 156342    | 156342          |
| 214365 x 513624 | = 624513    | 253416          |
| 241356 x 531642 | = 543621    | 143652          |
| 423165 x 356124 | = 365421    | 325641          |
| 243615 x 536214 | = 634152    | 156342          |
| 426351 x 352641 | = 452135    | 345612          |
| 462531 x 325461 | = 534126    | 156342          |

## MAJOR.

|                     | Rd. Blocks. | Transpositions. |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 12345678 x 18674523 | = 18674523  | 18674523        |
| 21436587 x 81765432 | = 72856341  | 28345671        |
| 24135678 x 87164523 | = 87362514  | 17368524        |
| 42316587 x 78615432 | = 87546132  | 42865137        |
| 24361578 x 87651423 | = 87465212  | 73615248        |
| 42635187 x 78564132 | = 87531642  | 84567213        |
| 24365817 x 87654312 | = 68452371  | 23674518        |
| 42638571 x 78563421 | = 75634128  | 14567238        |
| 46283751 x 75836241 | = 67452318  | 23674518        |

To economise space as much as possible I have given only the half-leads of Minor and Major, and I propose doing the same with the Royal and Maximus.

## ROYAL.

|                         | Rd. Blocks.   | Transpositions. |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1234567890 x 1860492735 | = 1860492735  | 1860492735      |
| 2143658709 x 8108947253 | = 7295038164  | 2834567190      |
| 2413567890 x 8016492735 | = 80368291745 | 1036892745      |
| 4231658709 x 0881947253 | = 9754018263  | 4286517093      |
| 2436157880 x 8069142735 | = 8049521736  | 0369524781      |
| 4263518709 x 0896417253 | = 9703168254  | 8416027359      |
| 2436581790 x 8069471235 | = 6049287135  | 2965437810      |
| 4263857109 x 0896742153 | = 9503712864  | 1406729835      |
| 2436587019 x 8069472513 | = 6840271593  | 2865491730      |
| 4263850791 x 0896745231 | = 7593816240  | 1436729850      |
| 4628305971 x 0987654321 | = 6849271530  | 2865491730      |

## MAXIMUS.

|                             | Rd. Blocks.    | Transpositions. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1234567890et x 1860412e3957 | = 1860412e3957 | 1860412e3957    |
| 2143658709te x 810614e29375 | = 7295e3e10486 | 2834567190et    |
| 2413567890et x 8016412e3957 | = 80362e1e4957 | 1036812e4957    |
| 4231658709te x 086114e29375 | = 9754e1e20386 | 4286517093et    |
| 2436157890et x 806114e29375 | = 804521e3967  | 0361524e8917    |
| 4263518709te x 081641e29375 | = 97e316e20485 | 841602739te5    |
| 2436581790et x 80614e123957 | = 60412e713958 | 28654e781903    |
| 4263857109te x 0816e4219375 | = 95e311280476 | 14063218957e    |
| 2436587019et x 80614e291357 | = 68412e109357 | 286e4715903t    |
| 4263850791et x 0816e4923175 | = 75e311924086 | 1436e298e057    |
| 2136587091et x 80614e293715 | = 6840211937e5 | 2860471e395t    |
| 4263850719et x 0816e4927351 | = 7593e102846t | 14365298e07t    |
| 462830597e91 x 0816e4927351 | = 68402e19375t | 2860471e395t    |

Following are the half-way transposition rows grouped for clearer comparison. It will be seen that the progression is equivalent to 231 from Minor to Maximus inclusive, and it will be the same to infinity, but when the number of working bells, from and including Royal are an odd multiple of three, viz., 9, 15, 21, etc., the figures then will represent touches only.

## PROGRESSION.

345612  
14567238  
1436729850  
14365298e07t

I can find no mathematical relationship whatever between Double Norwich Court Bob Major and the methods given in 'Shipway' as Double Norwich Royal and Maximus, and the following fact should be obvious to everyone, i.e., the progressive cannot be the same unless the place-making occurs in similar positions on all numbers.

For comparison, I give the half-way transposition rows, and I think the mathematicians will agree there is no progression between the Major and Royal, neither is there any near relationship between Shipway's Royal and Maximus.

## PROGRESSIONS.

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Double Court Minor    | 345612       |
| Double N.C. Bob Major | 14567238     |
| Shipway's Royal       | 7540398612   |
| Shipway's Maximus     | et4739125806 |

## GREAT HASELEY, OXON.

## REDEDICATION OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH BELLS.

The dedication service of the six bells of the above church was held on Sunday, June 28th. Nos. 1 and 3 of the six bells were recast in the presence of their Majesties the King and Queen, on the occasion of their visit to the Croydon foundry on May 12th. The bells bear the following inscriptions: 'Thos. Rudhall Founders Gloster 1775 I was recast to the glory of God and the memory of Lionel Muirhead 1925'; 'Honour the King 1641'; 'Thomas Plater and Roger Hurst C.W. Will and Rob Cor. Recast as a thankoffering to God by E. J. Lovell 1925'; 'Fare God 1641'; 'Love God 1641'; 'I to the Church the Living call and to the Grave do summon all 1774.' Several members of the South Oxon branch of the Oxford Guild had the pleasure of ringing the opening touches of Grandsire Doubles during the afternoon and for evening service. A good 720 of Grandsire Doubles were rung by C. Tyler, Warborough; H. Cooper, Milton, Berks; H. Stockwell, Haseley; H. Hurst, C. Woodward and F. W. Woodward (conductor), Chalgrove. Other ringers taking part during the afternoon were W. Hutton, Dorchester, J. Smith, Pangbourne; J. Allen, Great Milton and Mr. C. F. Johnson, of the Croydon bell foundry, whose firm have carried out the above restoration very satisfactorily. An excellent tea was provided for all ringers who attended, and was greatly enjoyed. Many thanks are tendered from the visiting ringers to the Vicar and local ringers, and to Mr. C. F. Johnson for their respective courtesy and kindness. Disappointment was felt in meeting one short for Minor, but it is hoped to have a good band for same at an early date.

## FARNHAM (SURREY) OUTING.

On Saturday, June 27th, the ringers of the Farnham Parish Church, some accompanied by their wives and children, together with a number of friends, making altogether a party of 32, held their annual outing, which took the form of a trip by road to Bournemouth. Leaving Farnham early, by road, the party proceeded through Alton and Winchester to Lyndhurst, in the New Forest. Here a halt was made for half an hour whilst the company partook of light refreshments. The journey was then continued through the lovely scenery of the forest as far as Ringwood, where the ringers were met and welcomed by Mr. Cheater, of the local band. A visit to the belfry of the fine old church was made, and touches of Grandsire Triples were enjoyed. After two short touches on the bells, the journey was resumed, and Bournemouth was reached at 12.30.

The return journey was commenced at 6.15 p.m., the route being through Boscombe and Christchurch to Lyndhurst, where a short stop was made, after which the party proceeded to Winchester and Alresford. Leaving Alresford at 10 p.m., Farnham was again reached at 11.40 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Max Binney, of Ringwood, for giving permission for the use of the bells, and Mr. Cheater for having everything in readiness.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 28th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: J. Burrows 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson 3, G. Jackson 4, A. Brown (conductor) 5, W. H. Dennison 6, T. Metcalfe 7, T. R. Jackson 8.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Brown 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson 3, G. Jackson 4, W. H. Dennison (conductor) 5, T. Metcalfe 6, T. R. Jackson (cover) 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Sunday, June 28th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Springham 1, H. Wacey 2, P. C. Springham 3, C. Beeston 4, F. Bird 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8. First quarter-peal 'inside,' by H. Wacey.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, 720 Double Court: W. S. Butler (conductor) 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, E. Bright 4, A. Evers 5, H. Dorking 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: V. Glass 1, W. S. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, A. Evers 4, E. Bright (conductor) 5, H. Dorking 6. First 720 as conductor by W. S. Butler. Also his first 720 of Cambridge on an inside bell.

HULL.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, 1,241 Grandsire Caters, in 45 mins.: G. F. Williams (conductor) 1, A. B. Cook 2, J. McKeag 3, J. Chamberlain 4, J. Clark 5, G. Dowling 6, J. Hodges 7, G. T. Miller 8, H. Howell 9, J. H. Howell 10.

WHITBY, YORKS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. White 1, W. A. Breckon (conductor) 2, A. E. Oxley 3, Mr. Gledstone (Sheffield) 4, A. V. Coates 5, Mr. Cuttsforth (Bolton) 6, G. H. Corner 7, J. Waters 8.

OLD LEAKE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Lakin 1, P. Lakin 2, J. W. Lakin, senr., 3, J. W. Lakin, junr. (conductor) 4, G. W. Houghton 5, W. Small 6. Also 120 Plain Bob, with Miss Elsie Lakin treble, the others as before.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary's, on Sunday, July 5th, for the 711th dedication festival of the church, 1,280 changes of Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Mackrill 1, T. H. Taffender 2, H. Dyas 3, W. C. Stacey 4, A. Cutmor 5, H. Rivers 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

CHESTER-LE-STREET.—On June 28th, for evening service, at the Church of SS. Mary and Cuthbert, a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (704 changes): F. Sheraton 1, Miss A. Dennison 2, W. F. Pattison 3, J. Crawford 4, W. Brown 5, G. Ward 6, G. Liddle 7, C. T. P. Brice 8. Conducted by Mr. Brice, of Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk.

WEYBRIDGE.—On Sunday, June 28th, for Magna Carta Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Burley 1, J. B. Hessey 2, H. Worsfold 3, A. Cross 4, E. Butler 5, E. Gosling 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, E. Hain 8.

BRAMPTON, SUFFOLK.—On June 28th, for evening service, 1,260 Doubles, being 300 of Stedman, 240 each of St. Simond's, Old Doubles, Plain Doubles and Grandsire, in 45 mins.: W. Myall 1, E. Self 2, J. Ford 3, F. Ford 4, J. Larter (conductor) 5. Also rung as a farewell to J. Ford, who is leaving shortly for Australia.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, at the Parish Church, two courses of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. Arnold 1, H. Meeteens 2, H. Tutlitt 3, G. Norris 4, W. Hillman 5, A. Gatland 6, C. V. Ebberson (Willesden Green) 7, E. H. Lindup 8. Also two courses of Stedman Triples, conducted by C. V. Ebberson.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, May 31st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 41 mins.: E. Croft (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Markwell 2, W. Collison 3, Miss Dorothy E. Orlebar 4, R. B. Lambert 5, R. T. Lambert 6, W. Latter 7, F. White (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8. Rung in honour of the baptism of the infant son of Mr. S. H. Green.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.—On Sunday, for evensong, 840 Grandsire Triples, from Parker's Six-Part: J. Butterfield 1, F. Hutton 2, C. Ellison 3, H. Pearce 4, A. Pickles 5, T. Senior 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, C. Drake 8. Longest length in method for all except the conductor.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER, GLOS.—On Sunday evening, after service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Banning 1, B. Phillips 2, E. Parden 3, J. Collett 4, H. Gillett 5, F. E. Davis 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Buttler 8.

## 5,152 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

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| 23456 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| 34256 |   |   |   |
| 64235 | S | S | — |
| 32465 | — | — | — |
| 24365 | — | — | — |
| 43265 | — | — | — |
| 62345 | — | — | — |
| 23645 | — | — | — |

This is the calling of the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th parts.

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| 23564 | 1 | 4 | 6 |
| 35264 |   |   |   |
| 62435 | — | S | — |
| 24635 | — | — | — |
| 46235 | — | — | — |
| 32645 | — | — | — |
| 26345 | — | — | — |
| 63245 | — | — | — |
| 42365 | — | — | — |
| 23465 | — | — | — |

The above is the calling of the 3rd and 6th parts.

Contains all the combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5-6, the 3rd never in 6th's, and the 2nd never in 5-6.

Rung at Ranmore Common, Surrey, on 16th May, 1925.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH OUTING.

On Saturday, June 27th, the above ringers and friends, to the number of 32, held their annual outing. Travelling by bus via St. Neots, Cambridge, to Saffron Walden, the party arrived at 10 o'clock to the sound of ringing bells, it being 'Great Ringing Day.' A house of 'Eight Bells' was first sought out, being welcomed by Messrs. Pit-slow, of the local band, and other members of the Essex Association, who kindly handed over the bells. A course of Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major was brought round on the back eight (and a good eight, too). The party moved on to Sawbridgeworth, being welcomed by the Rev. A. Rust (assistant priest, and sometime secretary of the Beds Association), and other members of the local band, who soon had the bells raised. The 'go' was not all that could be desired, but the party managed to get through courses of various methods. After lowering the bells in peal a move was made to headquarters (Harlow Common), being met by Mr. G. Dent (churchwarden), also a member of the local band, and some of his fellow-ringers. Thanks to their great kindness, an excellent luncheon was in readiness. After lunch, the beautiful musical peal of eight in the tower close by were soon going to various methods. Touches in most of the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, including a well-struck course of Bristol Surprise Major, this being the first course of Bristol on the bells. The local ringers and their wives, not content with what had already been done for the party, prepared tea. Mr. Perkins then made a pleasing announcement, stating that the party were the guests of Mr. Dent and the local ringers, and proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Dent, the local ringers, and their wives.—Mr. Barber, in seconding, said he was sure he should be expressing the views of all when he said how deeply they appreciated the great kindness and generosity of Mr. Dent, his fellow-ringers and their wives, and should they ever see fit to visit Northamptonshire they would be only too pleased to return the compliment.—Mr. Dent, in replying, said that as soon as they knew of the visit to Harlow they set to work with a will to make things as pleasant as they could, and it was plainly evident they had succeeded. He went on to say that he had very pleasant recollections of Irtlingborough, having rung peals there 28 or 29 years ago, and hoped they would have a pleasant time on the remainder of their journey. The journey was continued to Ware, and seeking out Mr. G. Barker, of the local band, were soon busy again with this fine peal of eight, and various methods were brought round. After lowering the bells in peal, which was a rare occurrence, the party made their way to the last tower of the day, at Hitchin, being met by Mr. Foster, of the local band, where they were soon busy with another fine peal of eight. Though time was short, various methods were brought round, and a course of London was attempted, but after going well, came to grief in the last treble lead or two. Touches and selections on the handbells were given in the hostelry, as a fitting finish to a splendid day. Through the 'Ringing World,' all the members of the party beg to tender their warmest thanks to all those who in any way helped to make the outing such a great success.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

By kind permission of the Rev. J. L. Kyle, an enjoyable meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, June 20th.

The meeting was very well attended, and good use was made of the beautiful peal of eight bells during the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held in the church, after which tea was provided.

A business meeting followed tea, the Rev. J. L. Kyle presiding, in the absence of the vice-president (the Rev. E. Drage).

The ringers much regretted the resignation of their Ringing Master (Mr. H. Ferguson), and after deciding that the Northern Division of the Association should go back to its original organisation, Mr. Barker, a member of the Thornaby band, was unanimously elected Ringing Master.

Mr. Gibson, of Scarborough, and Miss I. Simpson, of Pickering, were elected members of the district committee, and Mr. Gibson was also re-elected a member of the general committee.

The next meeting is to be held at Thirsk, in September, the exact date to be published later.

The annual general meeting next January is due to be held in the Northern Division, and the Thornaby ringers have extended a hearty invitation to the association to hold this meeting in their tower at Thornaby.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Kyle for all his efforts on behalf of the ringers, and for the most enjoyable day's outing he had afforded them, concluded the meeting.

TOTTENHAM (All Hallows').—On Sunday, May 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Racher 1, S. W. Crabb 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, G. G. Nash 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. A. Button 7, H. W. H. Strickland 8.

## NOTICES.

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**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Cranbrook on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service, 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 next branch meeting will be held at Whalley on Saturday, July 11th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. The general committee of the association meet at Whalley the same date.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Hough-on-the-Hill on Saturday, July 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The annual general meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 11th. The bells of St. Giles will be available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 5 o'clock. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at Upwell and Outwell, Wisbech. Both towers 6 bells. Will those who want tea please notify me early? All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Charing on Saturday, July 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar of Charing after service. Business meeting to follow.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Linton, Maidstone.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 11th, at St. Mary's Church, Sawbridgeworth. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m., in the Church House, 1s. each. This will be followed by business meeting. Will all intending to be present kindly advise me as quickly as possible? Subscriptions can be taken at this meeting.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The Annual festival will be held at St. Paul's Church, Sketty on Saturday, 11th July. Tower open for ringing from 10 a.m. (8 bells). St. Mary's, Swansea (8 bells), and St. Catherine's, Gorseinon (8 bells), also available. Service 3 p.m., preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Tea at 4.30 p.m. by kind invitation of Rev. Canon H. J. Stewart. Meeting to follow.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, July 11th. Buses leave Royston at 1 o'clock and 3.20 p.m., returning at 5 o'clock and 7.55 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the district will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 11th. Bells 8. Meeting after tea. The foundry bells will also be available after 7 o'clock onwards. A hearty invitation to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—The branch annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Cranford on Saturday, July 11th. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Sible Hedingham on Saturday, July 11th, bells available during the afternoon and evening. Ringers' service at 4.15, tea afterwards. All ringers cordially welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Milton, on Saturday, July 11th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbitt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilcompton, on July 11th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Intending visitors should notify me, in order that adequate tea arrangements can be made.—J. T. Dyke, Branch Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fittleton, on Saturday, July 11th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 4.45; short meeting follows tea. The following bells will be available on that date: Netheravon (6), Fittleton (6), from 3 till 4.30; Enford (6), Upavon (6), from 6 till 8; Marden (5) Chirton (5), from 8 till 9.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The Midsummer meeting will be held at Laxton, Saturday, July 11th (Tuxford or Dukeries Junction Stations). Bells (6) will be ready early afternoon. Tea will be provided at the Dove Court Inn at 5 p.m.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Est. 1537).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 30th; St. Magnus the 23rd; \*St. Paul's Cathedral the 14th; Southwark the 21st; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 18th (not 11th) as intended. Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Prittlewell (10 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Barnet, on Saturday, July 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Hadley (8) will probably be available during the evening.—W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. R. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2/6 members, 3s. non-members. Application for same, accompanied by remittance, to be made to General Sec. by Wednesday, July 15th. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant cheap tickets from any station in the Diocese. The G.W.R. will grant return tickets for single fare from any station in the Diocese on application for same 'to attend Bell Ringers' Festival.'—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Meeting in the Infants' School at 3 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Will visitors who wish to ring early let Mr. G. Aitkins, 125, Cher, Minehead, know the time they wish to ring.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 14th.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on July 18th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., and meeting to follow.—J. A. Fenton, General Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements. Tea 5 o'clock, provided by the Rector. Members must advise me by Tuesday, July 14th, that require tea.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A special meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, July 18th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5, to all those who notify Mr. F. Willford, 149, Ashburnham Rd., Northampton, on or before Tuesday, the 15th. Meeting to follow, when it is hoped a new branch of the Guild will be formed. All ringers cordially invited.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Will those intending to be present for tea please notify me by July 14th?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bromfield on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than July 15th?—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. A good attendance is requested.—W. Cope, Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and meeting to follow. One shilling will be charged for tea, and I shall be glad to know by the 22nd how many require same. Harrow Weald bells also open for ringing after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham, Sevenoaks, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Half fares (maximum 2s.) will be paid at this meeting. Further particulars next week.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale at Saturday, July 25th. Tea at the Golden Lion Hotel (1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members) at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present at tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 22nd.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—Secretary, Miss Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath, Somerset.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. P. J. Johnson is now 306, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

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**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY OUTING.**

The first annual outing of the above society took place last Saturday, the venue being Loughborough, where the party numbered 32. A start was made from Waterdale. Proceeding via the Dukeries and Nottingham, Loughborough was reached at 12.30.

The chief attraction at Loughborough was the world-famous bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co. Here the visitors were conducted round the foundry and workshops. After lunch, the bell foundry campanile was visited, and touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. The tit-bit of the ringing was a perfectly struck course of Bob Minor, which was rung on the six smallest bells, the heaviest of which is 2½ cwt.

The bells of Loughborough Parish Church were placed at the service of the visitors, by kind permission of the Rector, and further ringing was enjoyed.

The Loughborough War Memorial was also visited; this consists of a dignified campanile 152 feet in height, with a wonderful carillon of 47 bells. Messrs. John Taylor and Co. were responsible for this carillon, which as a war memorial is unique in this country.

After tea, a start was made for Doncaster, which was reached at 10.45.

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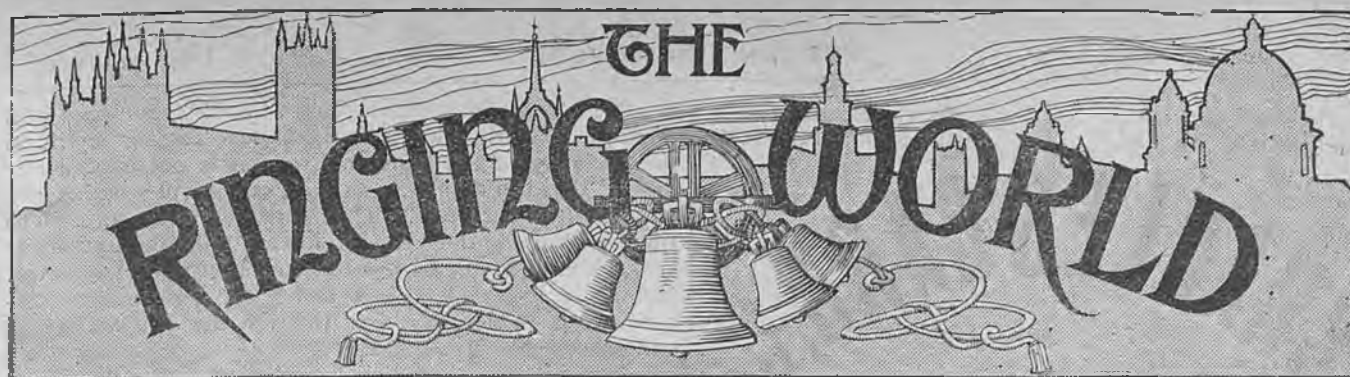
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### APATHY, AND A WAY OUT.

The apathy of the clergy and many of the ringers towards change ringing and the Guild was a position which was emphasised at the annual meeting for the Winchester Diocese the other day. In a large area, such as that covered by the Winchester Guild, there is bound to be a number of parishes where interest in ringing affairs falls flat, but it would appear that the conditions are such that they call for special action. Where 'both members and towers in union fall much below standard,' as recorded in the annual report, it is well to face the position to see what can be done by way of reaching a more satisfactory level.

The Winchester Guild is not alone in its complaint of the apathy of the clergy. The recognition given to ringers by the Church in these days is far in advance of that which was experienced even twenty years ago, but ringers are entitled to expect even more encouragement in their work than many at present receive. The question is, do they go the right way to induce this treatment? The clergy, for the most part, are acknowledged to be badly overworked; in many parishes they have scarcely time to keep in touch with all the multifarious branches of par. hial life, and, we imagine, as long as they hear the bells rung for the services, and see the ringers in their pew, they are content. Many of them, perhaps, cannot tell whether all or only part of their bells are being rung—some, probably, would be totally unconcerned if they did know, and, as long as the rubric is complied with, would not mind what happened to the bells. This latter, of course, is a deplorable state of affairs, where it occurs, yet it may easily develop, if the ringers do not themselves keep in close touch with their incumbent.

Where ringers are apathetic it is only to be expected that the clergy will also be without interest—the two generally go hand in hand—and it is, therefore, to the ringers that the 'ginger' must be most applied. But all those who have had anything to do with efforts to 'stir up' ringers know what a heart-breaking job it is. They are the most difficult people in the world to move. A good deal of the ringers' interest, however, depends, we think, upon the stage of advancement which he has reached in the art. The further he gets on, the keener he is, and we believe that one of the greatest incentives to interest in an association is to be found in the progress he makes in peal ringing. A man who never gets, say, beyond Grandsire Triples, can hardly be expected to show the same enthusiasm as a man who has reached the Surprise ringing stage; therefore one direction in which an association can attempt to overcome the existing apathy is to extend the scope of the instruction which

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is given, and do more in the way of organising peal attempts. With few exceptions, peal ringing is left to the initiative of the individual, and it is not infrequently argued that if a man wants to get on he will seek his own opportunities for peals. That is true in a measure. The ringer whose enthusiasm is inborn will unquestionably bestir himself, and, as it were, carve out his own career. But there is another class which the associations cannot afford to ignore, and that is the ringers whose enthusiasm has to be created. They are usually those who are not quite so quick in grasping the intricacies of the art, or whose limited opportunities have prevented them from making headway. If associations, and we speak generally now, would lay themselves out a little more to give this direct encouragement, we believe they would be well repaid by results. Occasionally the interest of the ringers is secured by first interesting the incumbent, but in the majority of cases the incumbent has his interest aroused by the work done by his own ringers, and we feel sure that the best way to overcome the apathy of the clergy is to attack it through interest created in the local bands.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... .. Treble | CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 7     |
| FRANK SMITH ... .. 2           | *LEONARD H. BAYBUTT ... .. 8 |
| ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. 3       | ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 9     |
| THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 4         | *PERCY MERSON ... .. 10      |
| GEORGE A. CARD ... .. 5        | WILLIAM BOTTRILL ... .. 11   |
| HARRY PARKES ... .. 6          | *EDWARD PUGH ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

\* First attempt for a 12-bell peal.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES A. HART ... .. Treble   | †FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE H. SHUKER ... .. 2     | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7         |
| *PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3  | ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 8        |
| *HAROLD S. HODDEN ... .. 4    | BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 9        |
| †ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... .. 5 | ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6048 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| BENJAMIN ETHERIDGE ... .. Treble | JESSE GILLET ... .. 5           |
| WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 2       | JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 6            |
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3          | ERNEST E. DAVIES ... .. 7       |
| FRANCIS T. WAITE ... .. 4        | GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Benjamin Etheridge, who attained the age of 78, and is his first peal of Stedman Triples. Also Mr. J. Austin's 350th peal for the above association, having conducted 235.



LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Treble | ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 5 |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... 2             | GEORGE CONDICK ... 6     |
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... 3          | ERNEST E. DAVIS ... 7    |
| JESSE GILLET ... 4            | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

This peal has the 2nd never in 5-6, and the 3rd never in 6th.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FREDERICK CLAYTON ... Treble | FRED PRICE ... 5               |
| *REGINALD T. DAVIES ... 2    | †CHARLES DALE ... 6            |
| JAMES GEORGE ... 3           | BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7      |
| †JOHN BAYLISS ... 4          | †WILLIAM J. SIMMONDS ... Tenor |

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. Also first of Grandsire on the bells. This is the 800th peal on tower bells by James George. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Canon G. E. Salter, M.A., Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church and Parish Church, Birmingham. Illness near Bishop Ryder's Church prevented the peal being rung there.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS BEVAN ... Treble  | WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 5     |
| WILLIAM POSTON ... 2     | WALTER T. BENNETT ... 6     |
| MRS. R. RICHARDSON ... 3 | JOHN CLARK ... 7            |
| ROBERT E. SOMMERS ... 4  | ROBERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. W. PARKER'S SIX-PART No 2. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... 5   |
| JAMES PAGETT ... 2          | GEORGE CHATLIN ... 6   |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 3      | JAMES GEORGE ... 7     |
| JAMES F. CLARKE ... 4       | JOSEPH SLADE ... Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This peal was the 150th peal of Stedman Triples which Mr. J. George has rung on tower bells. This composition is now rung for the M.C.A. for the first time.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM THORLEY ... Treble | *GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 5 |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2    | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6      |
| F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 3  | †EDWARD READER ... 7       |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... 4        | †JOSIAH MORRIS ... Tenor   |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* 100th peal. Aged 17½ years, believed to be youngest ringer to attain a century. † 200th peal.

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CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLY'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| STEPHEN A. BAKER ... Treble | *ALFRED G. WRATTEN ... 5 |
| ALBERT CASTLE ... 2         | FRANK VERNEY ... 6       |
| *RICHARD J. BIRCH ... 3     | LOUIS HEAD ... 7         |
| GORDON WEBB ... 4           | ALEC WEBB ... Tenor      |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal for ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in F.

|                           |                                   |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| SAMUEL MEADOWS ... Treble | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5         |
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 2 | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 6        |
| ARTHUR ALLEN ... 3        | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7            |
| ROBERT T. EVANS ... 4     | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

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**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM F. TILLET ... Treble | *CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5 |
| JAMES BETTS ... 2            | ERNEST F. POPPY ... 6       |
| *HARRY R. ROBER ... 3        | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7     |
| H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 4  | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal of Superlative with an inside bell. Rung as a compliment to Messrs. Betts, Poppy, Symonds and Rumsey, whose birthdays fall within nine days of each other. First peal on the bells since the tenor has been rehung and the others overhauled by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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| WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble | FREDERICK CLAYTON ... 5     |
| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 2        | JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 6 |
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... 3         | JAMES GEORGE ... 7          |
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 4     | WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor    |

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 63rd anniversary.

STONY STRATFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

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| *M. G. PEDLEY ... Treble | HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 5 |
| THOS. C. TOMKINS ... 2   | WALTER W. BONHAM ... 6   |
| WM. M. J. PEDLEY ... 3   | ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7  |
| EDWIN YATES ... 4        | WM. G. CLARK ... Tenor   |

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

\* First peal. Rung at the first attempt, and to celebrate the treble ringer's 14th birthday.

WINGHAM, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

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| ALBERT CASTLE ... .. Treble | LUTHER HONESS ... .. 5 |
| FRANK VERNEY ... .. 2       | ROBERT WEBB ... .. 6   |
| FRANK SLINGSBY ... .. 3     | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7    |
| STEPHEN BAKER ... .. 4      | ALEC WEBB ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Birthday peal for ringer of the 5th.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

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| WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. Treble  | ERNEST WHITING ... .. 5      |
| GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2       | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. 3 | FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 7     |
| WALTER MOBBS ... .. 4         | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

BINGHAM, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 15½ cwt.

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| ALBERT H. WARD ... .. Treble | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 5   |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 2      | NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... .. 6 |
| ARTHUR BRAINES ... .. 3      | GEORGE WEST ... .. 7          |
| LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... .. 4   | *FRED HOLEHOUSE ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

First peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. \* First peal. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the Rector for his hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

OLD DUSTON, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

**A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

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| †ALFRED BECKWITH ... .. Treble | THOMAS J. H. WISE ... .. 4 |
| *ARTHUR MARLOW ... .. 2        | THOMAS LAW ... .. 5        |
| FRED WILFORD ... .. 3          | TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven differently called 720's. Tenor 13½ cwt.

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FREDERICK PEARSON ... .. Treble | FRANK DEWEY ... .. 4          |
| *ARTHUR YOUNG ... .. 2          | JOHN YOUNG ... .. 5           |
| WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... .. 3      | ARTHUR H. PALMER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

\* First peal, and first attempt. Also there is great credit in the way he rang his bell, having lost a leg in the Great War.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| W. COUSINS ... .. Treble | J. H. RAPER ... .. 4     |
| A. BACON ... .. 2        | C. COUSINS ... .. 5      |
| E. BARKER ... .. 3       | W. N. ASHBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. RAPER.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD  
(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Friday, July 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                                |                           |
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| MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. Treble | WALTER T. WILSON ... .. 4 |
| MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... .. 2    | TOM GARLEY ... .. 5       |
| ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 3       | HARRY BAXTER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

Rung as a birthday peal for the conductor.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 10, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

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| *FREDERICK TARGETT ... .. Treble | R. T. CLARK ... .. 4    |
| †WILLIAM YOUNG ... .. 2          | REGINALD BECK ... .. 5  |
| RONALD BECK ... .. 3             | J. T. DYKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD KEMP ... .. Treble     | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4       |
| EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 2 | HARRY BRADLEY ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM HAWKES ... .. 3       | ISAAC T. POULTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First Surprise Minor by all except the conductor. This peal was rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, who attained his 80th birthday two days previously, and had not rung a peal for 30 years. He was heartily congratulated by all.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, July 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6017 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17 in B flat.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 1-2     | GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 5-6    |
| ALBERT WALKER ... .. 3-4       | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 7-8 |
| *H. DOUGLAS HARRIS ... .. 9-10 |                               |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Arranged for Mr. H. D. Harris, of Woburn, Bucks, on his 50th birthday. Also his first peal on ten bells, which was duly celebrated at the conclusion of the peal.

EPWORTH, Lincs.—On Sunday, July 12th, at the Church of St. John and St. Charles, for evensong: Robert Sissons 1, H. Filsforth 2, T. Clark 3, J. W. Crowder (Barrow-on-Humber) 4, Hy. Balmforth 5, H. E. Dannatt (Barrow-on-Humber) 6.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, July 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Washer 1, Saml. Mason 2, C. Strawbridge 3, W. Hoyle 4, F. Date 5, Sydney Mason 6, G. Atkins (conductor) 7, W. Male 8. This was arranged for Mr. D. Washer, of Bristol, and was his first quarter-peal.

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**CHANGE RINGING CONTEST.**

Halifax and District Association of Change Ringers held their annual meeting on Saturday, and an eight bell contest took place at All Souls' Church, Halifax. The length of contest was 768 changes, any method. Four teams had entered, and the draw took place as follows: No. 1 Bradford, No. 2 Birstall, No. 3 Huddersfield, No. 4 Batley. All the teams rang 'Kent Treble Bob Major.'

An excellent tea, which over 60 enjoyed, was provided.

During the evening the annual meeting was held in the School, the president (Mr. J. Hardcastle) occupying the chair.

The Treasurer (Mr. F. Salmon) said he was sorry to report a loss on the year, but he thought if the ringers would attend to their subscriptions he would be able to report at the next annual meeting a credit balance.

The officers for the next twelve months were elected as follows: President, Mr. C. E. Carrington (Halifax); treasurer, Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax).

A vote of thanks was accorded the retiring officers.

Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe), on behalf of the association, thanked the Vicar and Church Council for the use of the bells, also the ladies for providing the tea. He specially thanked Mr. F. Gaukroger and Miss Mitchell, as it was through their generosity that the All Souls' bells had been made ringable.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), Mr. F. Schofield (Lindley), with Mr. C. E. Carrington (Halifax) marker, gave their decision on the ringing as follows:—

No. 1—Penalties 20, faults 213, total 233.

No. 2—Penalties 20, faults 238, total 258.

No. 3—Penalties 10, faults 193, total 203.

No. 4—Penalties 30, faults 209, total 239.

No. 3 Company, Huddersfield, were therefore declared winners.

Mr. F. Gaukroger, in presenting the cup, apologised for the absence of the Vicar.

A vote of thanks was accorded the judges.

**THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**

A very successful meeting of the above society was held at Whiston on Saturday, July 4th.

About 40 ringers and friends turned up from Anston, Barnsley, Dore, Gainsborough, Killamarsh, Norton, Penistone, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Sheffield (All Saints'), Pitsmoor, Cathedral, St. Mary's, Handsworth, St. Marie's (R.C.) and St. John's, Ranmoor, Treeton, Whiston and Wortley.

The bells (tenor about 12 cwt.) were raised in peal soon after 3 p.m., and were kept going in methods ranging from Grandsire and Plain Bob to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise till late in the evening.

Tea, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Allton) and his wife, was followed by a business meeting, presided over by the Rector, supported by Mr. J. Holman (vice-president) and Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (hon. treasurer).

The Rector, after a few words of welcome, emphasised the difficulties of forming and keeping together capable change ringing bands at the present time.

The Hon. Treasurer explained to the meeting that the absence of the president, secretary and assistant secretary coinciding with some items of importance, it had been necessary for him to take matters in hand pro tem. At a committee meeting, held just previously, the pending resignation of the hon. secretary (Mr. T. W. Chown) was discussed, and the committee decided to ask the meeting to accept the nomination of Mr. Colin Harrison as secretary pro tem. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Harrison for his work in organising the successful Sunday Service Ringing Competition at the previous meeting at Norton was carried with acclamation. Mr. Harrison suitably responded.

Only one new member—Mr. J. Wingfield, of Ranmoor, was elected.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and local company, and to Mrs. Allton and other ladies for their kindness in arranging the tea, to which the Rector suitably replied.

**BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**

The monthly meeting was held at Felkirk on Saturday, July 13th. Members and friends attended from Sandal, Wath, Darfield, Barnsley, Rawmarsh, Badsworth, Wortley, Royston, South Kirby, Shelley, Horbury, and from the local company.

Ringing commenced at 3.15, and easy methods were practised until 5 p.m., when tea was served. The business meeting followed the tea, Mr. R. Thickett being in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting, held at Cawthorne, in May, and the report of the cup contest were adopted. The secretary was instructed to write to Kirkthorpe asking for permission to hold the August meeting there.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Felkirk for his welcome to the church and use of the bells; to the sisters for their kind help in providing tea; and the local company for all arrangements made.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A most successful meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Cranbrook on Saturday, July 11th, which was attended by upwards of twenty members. The members were met on arrival by the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. C. Swingle). The heavy going of the bells proved rather too great a task for ringing Surprise methods, but some good practice was obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. A service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Vicar. Tea was partaken of, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. Burt Haffenden, of Mayfield, Sussex, was elected a non-resident life member, and seven members of the Breckley band were elected practising members, the District Secretary remarking that as the result of holding a meeting at that tower all the ringers there were now members of the association.

The Vicar of Cranbrook was elected an hon. member.—Mr. S. H. Green (Tonbridge Wells) urged the members to try and arrange combined practices at the various towers.—The Vicar replied to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells, etc., and for his election as a member.—The District Secretary, in replying to a vote of thanks for his services, said that he hoped some of the meetings would be better attended than they have been during the past. The Vicar conducted the members round the ancient church.

**BRISTOL BRANCH.**

An interesting meeting of the Bristol branch was held at Marshfield on Saturday, July 4th. At 4.30 a service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Asplin), being away, the Rev. T. C. Fowler (vice-president) officiating. Immediately after the service he proceeded to the ringing chamber, followed by the members, where Mr. Lewis, the conductor of the local ringers, was asked to unveil the board which recorded the first peal ever rung on the bells and by local men.

On unveiling the board, Mr. Lewis remarked that it had taken a long time to achieve, being 15 years since the trebles were added, several peals having been attempted by some of the best of ringers, but it was to them that the first peal belonged. The ringers were congratulated on their success, and the bells were then rung by those who took part in the peal. An excellent tea was served by Mrs. and Miss Lewis. Mr. C. Harding, of Marshfield, was elected a member. The usual vote of thanks was passed, and the tower again visited, several touches of Grandsire and Plain Bob being rung.

**BELL RINGING A DYING ART.**

Addressing church bell ringers at Halifax, recently, Bishop Frodsham said it was not generally recognised that bell ringing, in which the bells were hung round in full swing, was an art peculiar to this country. It was a very different thing from chiming, in which the bell was swung just enough to make the clapper strike the side of the bell. The art of bell ringing was in danger of being lost which would be a vast musical loss, for there was all the difference in the world between chiming and a full peal of bells. Mr. Salmon, chief bell ringer at Halifax Parish Church, said the older generation of ringers refused to teach the secrets of the art to young men.

**MUFFLED RINGING.**

At St. Mary's Church, Hornsey, on July 13th, 390 Kent Treble Bob: H. Blee 1, T. G. Deal 2, J. G. Nash 3, T. Langdon 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Also touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles, and the whole pull and stand. Rung half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. H. Childs for upwards of 50 years a ringer at the above church.

**DEATH OF GEORGE HENRY JOHNSON.**

We regret to report the death of one of the veterans in ringing circles in Nottingham, at the ripe age of 73. George Johnson came of an old ringing family, which is still in active continuity in the sixth generation. His grandfather rang with the famous Wm. Doubleday Crofts, and George himself was one of the two veterans who formed the 'connecting file' between the old and newly revived Society of Sherwood Youths. He is also the one and only Nottingham man to call Holt's Original, which performance took place as far back as 1877. The history of ringing in Nottingham has been carefully recorded by him, and it is to his efforts, and his only, that a complete survey of past peals in this district is available. Several of the most important peal boards in the towers of St. Mary's and St. Peter's are his handiwork. His peals number 32, of which he conducted 18, the methods being Stedman, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major, Kent Major and Royal. Several of these peals were rung in Eccles, where he resided for a few years. Nottingham is the poorer for his loss, and many have lost in him an old and valued friend.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

Although he was not a change ringer, nor I think any sort of ringer, the name of Henry Thomas Ellacombe will always be held in honour in the Exercise. Many of us, no doubt, knew him only as the inventor of the familiar chiming apparatus, but besides being a most learned bell antiquary, he was one of the first who promoted what we used to call 'belfry reform.' You don't hear very much about belfry reform nowadays, because, happily, the abuses that were to be removed are largely things of the past. Some time ago, I came across an account of Ellacombe, which may be interesting. It is in a book called 'Oriol College and the Oxford Movement,' written by the Rev. Thos. Mozley, who was a Fellow of Oriol, brother-in-law of Cardinal Newman, and brother of a man who had a big reputation as a theologian. The book is dated 1882, when the writer had retired, and an old man.

This is the extract: 'Very early did I hear of Henry Thomas Ellacombe. Happy were they that knew him, or had talked with, or even seen him. Yet I am ashamed to say I did meet him once in Oriol Common room, and failed to retain an image, which was not eclipsed by the name. Ellacombe survives, and is ninety-three, or thereabouts. He is of that fortunate race—"sons of the gods" they may be truly called—that care for everybody and everything. There is no wealth like sympathy, for it is inexhaustible. I had heard of Ellacombe's addiction to church bells, to plants and flowers, to armorial bearings and genealogies, but, when I went into Devonshire, I might say that not half had been reported to me.

'His magnificent quarto on the bells of Devonshire gives the size, tone, quality, date, and legend of every church bell in the county, with full particulars of their condition and surroundings. The first thing that strikes the reader is the evidently strong attachment of the people to their bells, and the lead bells have taken in church restoration. Long before Simeon was skeletonising our sermons, churchwardens were recasting our bells, and doing it very well, too. They made mistakes sometimes, and they dealt rather recklessly with the church towers. When they had not room for a larger peal, or even one more bell, they thought nothing of scooping out a waggon load of solid masonry. What was worse, when the "cage" would oscillate so much as to disturb the ringing they drove in big wedges between it and the walls, thereby communicating the oscillation to the walls, and in many cases cracking them from top to bottom.

'Ellacombe went about suitably apparelled, and with proper tools and materials, running up every tower in Devonshire. He did not think it always necessary to ask the parson's leave, but when the parson heard his bells tinkling, clanging and jangling, he knew somebody must be at them, and rushed out to see who or what it was. He found an extraordinary figure that might have stepped out of a scene of German diablerie, ascertaining the keynote of the bells, or taking a tracing of the legend, or a cast of the devices. One clergyman exorcised Ellacombe at once, and his church is conspicuous by its absence from the book . . .

'Ellacombe is a very short man, very much bowed with age, with a white beard reaching half-way to the ground, a beaming countenance, a pair of bright eyes, and a good clear ringing voice . . .

'One could not be in Ellacombe's company five minutes without learning something worth knowing, and in a distinct and positive form. What a loss it is that there are not the men to rescue these accumulations of knowledge before they sink into the ground, where all things are forgotten!

And we may add, too, what a loss it is that when a man dies, full of knowledge and experience, there is not someone at hand to collect and preserve the books and MSS. that he had got together! Where, for instance, are Ellacombe's books? I did hear somewhere and somehow that there was a goodly collection, many of great interest to ringers, but they have all, or almost all, disappeared, probably lost for ever. And so, too, with many a lesser man. Mr. Jones is an enthusiastic ringer, and has got and treasures a good many books and letters about ringing. Mrs. Jones does not value them a little bit. Probably, good honest soul, she detests ringing and ringers, and everything connected with them. She would rather her good man stopped at home with her instead of going about peal ringing. And she can't hear these people coming to her place and talking about bells and bells, and nothing but bells; and so when Jones dies after a decent interval, she clears out the whole of the rubbish. Small blame to her, but once in a while a great loss to the Exercise.

Ellacombe's 'Bells of Devonshire' was the first of that series of books on church bells, which includes L'Estrange's 'Bells of Norfolk,' Raven's 'Bells of Suffolk,' North's 'Bells of Northamptonshire,' and others, which are monuments of learning and patience, and industry. It is a stupendous task to collect the details and inscriptions of the church bells of a whole county, not to be undertaken, and still less to be accomplished, unless the man has time and money and enthusiasm. And all these would not avail without learning, and the true archaeological spirit.

A paper on bells by Ellacombe was published by the Bristol Architectural Society in 1850. Whether any copy exists now I do not know. This was reviewed in the 'Quarterly' of 1854. As was the custom, the reviewer used it as a peg on which to hang a lengthy discourse on bells, beginning with Tubal Cain, and so on, to the time of the writer.

For all its parade of learning, there is nothing much in it. He gives an account of change ringing as far as three bells, which, however is given wrongly, and goes on: 'One unparalleled enthusiast, whose book was printed in 1618, devoted 475 pages to prove that the principal employment of the blessed in heaven will be the continual ringing of bells. Southey pronounces that the art is at least entitled to the praise of being the most harmless of all the devices for obtaining distinction by making a noise in the world. The justice of the remark, however, is more than doubtful. Bell ringers as a class have always had the credit, or discredit rather, of being a disorderly set. The fellowship commenced in the belfry conducts to the public-house, all gratuities are spent in tipping, and it is a common observation that the ringers, after summoning the congregation to church, are prone to slip away themselves.' So there you are. And I confess that I, too, have formed fellowships that have led from the belfry to the public-house, and oftentimes after a peal a bitter has tasted wondrous good.

I am not acquainted with the reasons which were advanced for saying that change ringing is the principal employment in heaven; but assuming the fact to be so, what a complete answer it is to Mr. George Burton's objection that there is no need for the forthcoming Central Council collection of Major Methods. Or is he one of those who would like to ring Stedman Caters to all eternity?

There is a good deal of interest and fascination in copying inscriptions and taking rubbings of bells. It is a far nobler hobby than, say, stamp collecting, which depends to such a great extent on luck and a deep pocket. A good many of us, when we were young, were bitten with the hobby. Temporarily, of course, for the genuine collector is a rare animal. I came across such a one in one of my holiday excursions. I was looking at one of the old churches in, I think, Norwich, when he turned up. He had paper and heel-ball, and all the rest of it, and his quarry was monumental brasses, being very learned in the different kinds—the sixteenth century, and the fifteenth century, the Flemish School, the French School, and so forth. I called in my little—very little—knowledge of the matter, and, spreading it out very thin to make it go as far as possible, I talked with him. Had he been to Lynn? Of course he had been to Lynn. But (sadly) they would not allow him to take a rubbing. But he had so and so, and so and so, and he opined that they were at least as good, if not so big, as those at Lynn. Holidays, however, were rare, and he had pretty well worked out his local district. Why not try bells? I suggested. He had never heard of such a thing. I explained the matter fully, urging him to eschew everything later than the sixteenth century. He was highly delighted with the idea, and went away happy. I saw him no more.

In my childhood, when I certainly was not more than six or seven years old, I read an account, somehow and somewhere, of a visit to a village church. The writer took his readers all round the building, showing and explaining as he went. At least I think so; for on this point my recollection is very hazy. At last he came to the tower and the bells, and he tells you to take a rubbing of the inscriptions. But, says he, you must be very careful, or (and this is the only part I do really remember) 'ten hundredweight of metal will crush you against the framework.' It was that one sentence that stuck in my mind. I knew nothing then, nor for long after, about bells, and I got a curious impression of what a bell must be like. Something like a cat of uncertain temper, harmless so long as you treated it right and stroked it the right way. But if you should happen to upset it, well, look out for teeth and claws.

But why should that particular sentence stick in my childish memory? And why should it continually recur? And this question I have never been able to answer. Was the man talking about what he did not understand? Or did he actually get down into the pit and take his rubbings with the bell up? And if so, how long was it before the providence that he so sorely tempted, lost patience with him, and put a period at once to his rubbings and his life.

I shall never find a solution to this problem. No, never.

## RINGER'S ACCIDENT IN BELFRY.

While ringing at Battle Parish Church on Sunday last, Mr. Percy Carter missed the rope, which curled round his neck and pulled him off the ground twice before he could release himself.

He was badly shaken, his neck and ears were severely grazed, and the muscles of his arms sprained.

We wish him a speedy recovery.

## CORRECTION.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Jesmond during the North of England tour was conducted by Herbert E. Audsley, and not by Ernest E. Terry, as recorded.



**DOUBLE NORWICH EXTENSION.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir, I hope Mr. Baker will forgive me for butting in, but as I understand it, the Royal was the 'parent' of the Double Norwich family, the Maximus and Major being its 'offsprings.'

If this be correct, then there can be no question as to what is Double Norwich Royal. If any question is raised, it can only be with reference to the Major and Maximus.

G. LINDOFF.

**DEATH OF MR. HENRY ROBINSON.**

Through the death on July 3rd of Mr. Henry Robinson, the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association has lost its oldest member. The deceased, who was sexton and steeplekeeper at St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale, for the past 36 years, was cutting grass in the Churchyard, when he died.

Mr. Robinson was in his 79th year, and had completed 63 years' service as a parish ringer at St. Leonard's, and 28 years as a chorister. The bells were rung fully muffled for matins and evensong on the 5th inst., and after evensong a mixed band rang a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: Messrs. B. A. Knights (conductor) 1, J. H. Gartside (Chorley) 2, W. Sharples (Brindle) 3, F. Harwood 4, E. Armstrong 5, E. R. Martin 6. This was followed by a 240 of Bob Minor: B. A. Knights 1, W. Heald 2, W. Sharples 3, R. J. Armstrong 4, A. E. Woodhouse 5, J. T. Binison 6. On Monday evening, a 720 of Woodbine was rung by H. Martin 1, J. R. Taylor 2, E. R. Martin (conductor) 3, R. J. Armstrong 4, E. Armstrong 5, A. E. Woodhouse 6.

For the funeral on Tuesday, July 7th, the whole pull and stand was rung previous to the service, and after the interment the bells were rung half-muffled, and again in the evening. The Lancashire Association was well represented. The bad going of the 5th prevented any chance of a peal being rung, and it is rather singular that the last peal on the bells was rung for Mr. Robinson's golden wedding in April, 1922. He was a very keen and capable six-bell ringer in his younger days, and used to attend the branch meetings regularly. Mr. Robinson had two 5,040's of Minor to his credit in seven methods, one rung at Walton-le-Dale in 1882, and another at Higher Walton.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—On Sunday, July 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Scott, junr., 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Upton 6, A. Pye (conductor) 7, S. Moody 8. Arranged for Mr. A. Pye, of Seven Kings, on holiday in the Island.

**TRAVELLING FACILITIES TO RINGERS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, appeal to all ringing societies to support an application which we are making for facilities in railway travelling?

On Saturday last, by appointment, a deputation of ringers, consisting of Mr. W. A. Cave (representing Bristol members of other associations), Mr. W. H. Thomas (watching the interest of the lady ringers), and myself (representing the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), met the Divisional Superintendent of the G.W.R.

Our main points were that guarantee numbers demanded by railway companies were of no use to us; that a concession, reducing the guarantee number to less than twelve, would be beneficial, but more than that was really necessary.

In short, we aimed for the privilege of travelling as anglers, viz., single fare for the return journey on the same day.

The superintendent received us very courteously, and we felt that our application had been favourably heard.

After having carefully stated a few facts, we were asked to make a formal application for consideration, and we were assured that the matter would be placed before the Clearing Board with favourable recommendation from the Bristol Superintendent's office.

In order to make a great effort, will all associations and societies kindly make a local application so that the Clearing Board will understand how large a number of ringers will be benefited?

I might add, that in the event of our application receiving the consent of the Clearing Board, it will be necessary to have some mark of identification. To meet this, I would propose at the next Central Council meeting that all qualified members of affiliated associations and societies should be registered members of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, and that the expenses thereof be met by their respective societies.

Each member would then have for production a registration card which might be renewed every year.

Trusting we shall receive the support of every ringing organisation.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

On behalf of Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. W. H. Thomas, and myself.

**HORNSEY, N.**—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: W. G. Blee 1, E. Hibble 2, H. Blee 3, F. Fensom 4, J. G. Nash 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The annual salmon and green pea supper will take place at Lydney on Saturday, August 15th. 'The Leading Saloon is Severn.' Those wishing to attend kindly advise Mr. J. W. Davies, 5, Railway Terrace, Lydney, early.

Mr. W. T. Tucker, who reached his 200th peal on July 2nd, is one of the enthusiastic band which Mr. George Williams has got round him at North Stouham, and is the energetic secretary of the Winchester District of the Diocesan Guild.

Mr. J. E. Sykes, who is in Manchuria, says China is seething with rebellion, but, happily, is able to add, 'I am on velvet.' Lucky Joe. He looks well in Chinese costume.

Mr. J. S. Wilde, of Dunedin, New Zealand, one of whose compositions of Cambridge Surprise Major, was published a fortnight ago, still keeps up correspondence with a number of old friends in England. He went to New Zealand twenty or more years ago, and, having been successful as a bat manufacturer, has now retired from business.

Mr. George Pullinger, the re-elected hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who, at the annual meeting, received the congratulations of the members upon his recent marriage, is one of the few one-armed ringers. He lost an arm in the war, but, in pulling a bell, he suffers little incapacity. Not only is he an expert method ringer, but a remarkably good striker.

The opening peal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was rung by the College Youths on July 18th, 1798.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung at Cubitt Town, London, on July 20th, 1912, when Miss E. K. Parker called a 5,040 of Grandsire Triples.

The record length of Kent Treble Bob Major, 17,280, was rung at Over, Cheshire, on July 21st, 1923, in ten hours.

The broadcasting of the bells at St. Martin's, Birmingham, will take place on Sunday at approximately 7.45 p.m. It has been suggested to the B.B.C. that this should be simultaneously broadcast from all stations, but up to the time of going to press no information on this point had been received.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Lindfield on Saturday, July 4th, 33 being present. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and at 4.30 a short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. R. Mead). At 5 o'clock a tea, which had been provided by the Vicar in a very liberal manner, was served. The Rector presided at the business meeting which followed, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman). Messrs. G. W. Brackpool, C. Bonnett, P. Bonnett, C. L. Lucas, S. Luck, H. Robbins, E. C. Snashford and H. Wild, of the newly-affiliated Turners Hill branch, were elected members of the association; also E. G. Benson, of Ardingley. The election of Mrs. and Mr. C. Hazelden, of Guildford, and Miss C. E. Orlebar, of Tunbridge Wells, was confirmed. At the invitation of the Rev. G. Irvine (Vicar), the next meeting of the division will be held at Turners Hill on Saturday, Oct. 17th. The meeting concluded by the Master proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his very able address, and for his most generous hospitality, also to the organist and choir. The tower was again visited, and various methods were rung. The following towers were represented: Barcombe, Burgess Hill, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Crawley, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Lower Beeding, Southover (Lewes), Turners Hill and independent members.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. GUILDFORD AND YORKTOWN DISTRICTS.

On Saturday, June 27th, the combined meeting at Yorktown was a success, this being the first gathering of the two districts. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and continued until 5 p.m. in various methods. The Guild's form of service was then conducted by the Rev. R. M. Curwen, of Yorktown. The members' tea took place in the Parish Hall. In the absence of the Vicar, Mr. W. Melville, of Guildford, presided, and voicing the pleasure of the gathering that day, proposed that the two districts make it an annual event.—Mr. H. J. Chaffery seconded the proposition, and the voting showed a great majority in its favour.—Mr. Whittington, Mr. Raddon and Mr. Nye also spoke.—It was decided to hold this meeting each year on the last Saturday in June, as both districts were represented. A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Mrs. Hazelden 1—2, Mr. Hazelden (conductor) 3—4, Mr. W. Melville 5—6, Major J. H. B. Hesse 7—8. The ringing was arranged and conducted by Mr. Hazelden. The bells at Hawley were available during the evening, and were well used. The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the lady organist; the Vicars of Yorktown and Hawley for the use of the bells; and to both captains of the towers for the trouble they had taken in bringing success to this meeting.

## THE AUGMENTATION OF NORBURY BELLS A CHESHIRE TOWER WHERE RINGING HISTORY HAS BEEN MADE.

Part of the great church enlargement and restoration scheme at Norbury, Cheshire, is the augmentation of the ring of six bells to a peal of eight. The entire project, which is nearing completion, is costing something like five thousand pounds, and although the bells form the last, they are by no means the least portion of the undertaking. It is not just a question of adding two trebles. The old ring had a tenor of about 9 cwt., and included two bells (the 3rd and 4th cast by Oldfield in 1617. It is proposed to preserve these interesting relics, and they are now suspended from beams, for all to see, across the entrance porch. The new peal is to be increased in size to 14 cwt. by the addition of two tenors, with two new bells to replace the pair by Oldfield, and the recasting of the other four. The work is being done by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and will probably be completed in about three months' time.

Norbury bells have more than a passing interest for ringers, for, upon the ring which has been taken out, ringing history has been made. Twenty odd years ago, Mr. James Fearnley got round him a band which made rapid progress in Minor ringing. They mastered a large number of methods, and, when they became re-established, after the war, got down to the difficult task of ringing 'spliced' methods, and so accomplished did they become that the number of methods included in seven true 720's was extended until, in December, 1923, they rang a peal of 5,040 in 35 methods, one of the greatest performances ever achieved on tower bells. In January of that year they had rung a thirty-method peal, which was scored at the fourth attempt, and aroused real enthusiasm among the parishioners, who had become interested in their ringers' successes. When the 35-method peal was attempted the parishioners were almost as keen upon it as the ringers, and, when it came safely home at the first 'shot,' the Norbury people were genuinely proud of their ringers' triumph.

This interest in the ringers is only an example of the spirit which prevails in the parish in connection with the church, a spirit which has been kindled and maintained by the example of the Vicar and the church officers. Norbury is a 'live' parish, so far as its church affairs are concerned, and there can be no better testimony of this than the way in which it has set about footing the big bill which the project above-mentioned has entailed. Even the Nonconformists have helped, and the expense of providing the new treble is being borne by them. Special collections having been made in their churches for the purpose. The second bell is to be given by the parish in memory of the men who fell in the war. The third will be the gift of the ringers, and the only name that will appear upon it will be that of Herbert Williamson, one of the original band, who died after the Armistice as the result of war service. The Freemasons of Hazelgrove (of which Norbury forms a part) are giving the fourth, the 7th will be the special gift of the congregation, while the new tenor and the recasting of the 5th and 6th will be paid for out of the general fund. The bells will be placed in the tower in a new two-tier frame, and the general equipment of the belfry is to be worthy of the church.

Funds are still needed to complete the cost, and on Saturday a substantial sum was raised by a garden party, given in the beautiful grounds of Torkington Manor House, by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. F. Cawley Roberts. Some hundreds of partisioners of all ages and both sexes flocked to the Manor House, and spent a most enjoyable afternoon and evening, amid charming surroundings, with the flowers at their best, and with a variety of entertainments to amuse them. Stalls for the sale of flowers, fruit, and other articles, were in charge of ladies connected with the church, cokernut shies, clock golf and other less skilful, but more speculative, games, held out their allurements, frequent concerts, in which the ringers, who gave excellent selections on handbells, played their part, and in which also a feature was the exhibition dancing of a number of girls. The vocal items were contributed by local talent, and excellent talent it was, too. Then, also, there were sports for juveniles and grown-ups, and throughout the afternoon and evening Hazelgrove Silver Band performed a delightful programme of music, the proceedings being brought to a close with dancing on the lawn. Throughout the day, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were assiduous in looking after the comfort of their guests, and their kindness in this respect only adds to the indebtedness of the parish to them for placing their delightful grounds at the disposal of their neighbours, and helping so good a cause. To the many helpers who conducted the stalls, the concerts, the games, and, particularly those who had a strenuous time in serving tea—a pleasant and bountiful *al-fresco* meal, of which strawberries and cream were a feature—great thanks are due.

The people of Norbury are looking forward keenly to the return of their bells, which are, we understand, to be dedicated by the Bishop of Chester at a service arranged separately from that at which the new chancel is to be dedicated—thus emphasising the importance which the Bishop places on the bells. The ringers, who are well organised, (Continued in Next Column.)

## BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, COVENTRY.

By E. A. YOUNG.

These bells were cast in 1774 by Pack and Chapman, at the White-chapel Foundry, and were made as a complete peal of ten. The weight of the tenor was 31 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb., and the total weight 138½ cwt. (including the crown staples which were 'cast in'). The 6th was recast in 1799 by Thomas Mears, and the tenor was recast in 1805 by John Briant, of Hertford.

This peal of ten replaced a peal of eight (tenor 25 cwt.) cast in 1675 by Henry Bagley, of Chacombe, and this eight replaced a heavy peal of six (medieval bells), tenor 30½ cwt.

Before the new peal of ten was erected, fear had been expressed that the tower was in danger from the heavy peal of bells (meaning the old eight), and after the old ten were hung, this fear was increased. A committee was formed to go into the question, and in 1794 the bells were taken down and rehung in a new frame, built up from the ground and unconnected with the tower. They were hung in two tiers. In 1805, when the tenor was recast by Briant, they were all again rehung, and brought down to one level. In 1885, at the time of the restoration of the church, it was considered that the tower was not strong enough to carry the bells for 'ringing,' and after several schemes had been put forward the bells were hung again for 'chiming' only, in the octagon. The tenor bears this inscription, which appeared on Bagley's tenor:—

'I am and have been call'd the common bell to ring, when fire breaks out to tell.'

Bells hung as a carillon are not really in accordance with the use for which they were intended in a church tower. Bells hung in churches were always intended to be rung—at least such has been the case for centuries past, and there is a very strong feeling against introducing a foreign idea of their use in an English church. It hardly needs to be pointed out that there is far greater dignity and majesty in a peal of bells properly rung, than in a set of bells (no matter what number) chimed in tunes from a keyboard. There is nothing to say against a carillon of bells in their correct setting, but a Parish Church tower is NOT that setting. What is it that gives such an arresting effect at, say, St. Paul's on a Sunday morning and afternoon—the 'ringing' of the twelve bells. This, of course, applies to all towers where good ringing is the custom, and what a thin effect it would have at, say, St. Paul's, if the bells were merely hand-chimed. There is no comparison.

If, however, the Coventry authorities have made up their minds to have a carillon of fourteen bells—there is no reason why the four additional bells should not be made upon similar lines to the old—and the necessary adjustments in tune carried out to the old bells, but, on the other hand, if the authorities particularly wish to have an entirely new set of bells, there can only be one way of saving the existing bells, viz., by purchase for installation elsewhere. This would present some difficulty, i.e., in finding a church to take them.

If the Coventry authorities wish to have an entirely new peal, could they be persuaded to store their existing bells until another home is found for them? An announcement could then be made in the Church papers, and even in prominent daily papers, to bring the bells before the public.

In the opinion of the experts, both ancient and modern, these bells are amongst the finest in the country. William Shipway, the great expert on ringing, writing over 100 years ago, puts them with St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; York Minster, Painswick, Gloucester and Westbury, Wilts.

## DEATH OF A WELL-KNOWN LONDON STEEPLEKEEPER AND SEXTON.

On Sunday, June 14th, the death occurred of Mr. Daniel Lovell, who had held office at St. Sepulchre's Church for over 45 years. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Society, and assisted in ringing a good number of peals with some of his old friends, the late Mr. John Nelms and Mr. John Rogers, at St. Sepulchre's. He was also beadle for the ward of Farringdon, and when the executions took place at the Old Bailey Mr. Lovell used to toll the tenor bell. This has been done away with a good many years ago. The funeral took place on Thursday, June 18th, at the City of London Cemetery, Ilford. Mr. Lovell was in his 73rd year. Muffled touches were afterwards rung on St. Sepulchre's bells by the local ringers.

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with Mr. J. Fearnley as leader, and Mr. J. P. Fidler as hon. secretary, are naturally anxious to resume their operations, and it is pleasing to observe that, although they will have eight bells, which they will know well how to ring, there is no intention of dropping their practice of spliced-method Minor ringing. They hold a foremost position in the Exercise in this department of the art, and we hope they will continue to do so, even though they have more than six bells to perform on.

## THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.' CENTRAL COUNCIL DELAYS—CARILLON 'MENACE'— LICHFIELD RESTRICTIONS.

We have now been able to read what our learned legislators had to say when the Ringers' Parliament met at Chester, and I think most of us have found in the report something to interest us. I am not one of those who have never seen any good in the Central Council. True, I do not think they have always spent their time profitably in the interests of ringing, although they may have had quite a good time among themselves; but I must say this, I am quite convinced that in the last few years there has been a well-intentioned effort to do good by the Exercise. Folk may ask: 'What have they done that is better or worse (according to the point of view) than anything they did before?' Well, I am not sure that I could define exactly wherein I see the improvement, yet one feels that what has been done in recent years has been of practical use to the Exercise.

The meeting at Chester, however, has emphasised what, to my mind, is one great drawback under which the Council suffers, and that is the slow pace at which it is compelled to move. In any matter which is deferred, at least a year must elapse before any further step can be taken. For instance, the report of the Nomenclature Committee could not be debated because it had not been previously published. Result—discussion adjourned for a year. The Rules and Decisions require overhauling—so the Council of 1924 decided. In 1925 the matter is referred to the Literature and Press Committee—though how in the world this comes within their province one cannot imagine. In 1926 they will probably report—if the Council is lucky. (There have been times when the Council has had to wait for years for a report from this committee.) Next year the report, if presented, will probably be deferred until it has been published, if precedent be followed. In 1927 it will be discussed, and, perhaps, adjourned for amendment; in 1928 it will be presented in final draft, and ordered to be printed; in 1929 (perhaps) 'Rules and Decisions, Revised,' will come from the Press. This may be an exaggerated view to take, and I may be too pessimistic, but it is the style of thing to which we have been accustomed from the Council.

Then there is the Methods Committee. How long is it since they reported they were almost ready to print their collection of plain Major Methods? The delay in this case has been different because of the Literature Committee's past procrastination, but these long-drawn-out affairs are the very things which make ringers, who only look at the surface of things, exclaim: 'The Council never does anything.' But the Methods Committee, apparently, are now to be up and doing. Perhaps I ought, in justice to them, to say that they have been up and doing—doing a second time what had already once been done. In the course of this year, therefore, we ought to have this new Collection of Major Methods, and, despite the view expressed by one member, I believe it will be welcome to the whole Exercise. The six-hill Collection not only sold well, but the scores of methods have been rung. Why, then, should not the Major methods 'go' equally as well? Even if they are not all rung, at least ringers will desire to place the Collection in their 'Library,' but given, say, twenty years, I have little doubt that someone will have rung most, if not all of them. Methods are much more likely to be rung when they are in a published collection than when they appear in isolated issues of a newspaper. For one thing, unless a ringer makes a point of collecting methods for himself, he loses sight of these new productions, and when the time comes that he might perhaps make use of them, he cannot readily put his hand upon them, and so does not bother. If, however, he has these methods on his library shelf, where they are ready at a moment's notice, he is much more likely to be interested in them, and they are brought out for practical use at the first opportunity. I certainly do not agree that the selection of methods which is to be printed will be a 'scrap book.'

By the way, when is the Council going to set up its History Committee, or appoint an historian? Many men have dipped into this branch of research, and there is in existence a considerable quantity of material which needs collecting. Even if nothing further could be done, a chronological record of all peals that have been rung, so far as they can be traced, might well be compiled and placed in the Council's Library. Then there is the collection of all existing methods and peal compositions, so that they can be made into a ready means of reference for those who come after and who, having found what they think to be a new method or peal, can turn to this file to test the originality of their work. Many writers have urged that this should be done. But up to now the Council has taken no action. In these days, when nearly everybody claims to be overworked, it may be difficult to find men with sufficient leisure to undertake tasks of this kind, but I think the Council ought to make an effort to do something. The longer these matters are delayed, the more difficult will be the task when it is put in hand. In the case of peal records, old papers may be destroyed or pass into the hands of those who have no interest in them, or, indeed, may not even understand them. Compositions, we know, multiply every day, and there are constantly recurring instances

of peals published and having to be withdrawn because of a prior right of authorship. This position is likely to get worse rather than improve, because as composers pass away, there will be no one to uphold their claims. I am quite sure there are already cases of young composers claiming credit for figures which were produced years ago by some of the older masters. They have no piratical intentions, but, without any exhaustive means of ascertaining whether their compositions are new, they examine the limited number that are at their disposal, and, finding nothing like their fresh production, naturally claim their handiwork as original.

Many ringers must have been gratified at the timely appeal made by 'The Ringing World' to save Coventry bells, if possible. Whether the scheme suggested for breaking up this famous ring is to be persisted in or not I do not know—it will be more than a pity if it is—but I look upon this proposal as constituting a serious precedent. Hitherto augmentations of bells in this country have been by way of extending rings on lines which will enable a wider practice of our old English art. If, in future, there is to be a tendency to expand the numbers of bells in order that they may be chimed as carillons, it is going to be a serious menace to the Exercise. If the ten at Coventry are to be converted into fourteen merely for tune playing, some day, when another of our famous rings needs restoration, there will be plenty of people ready to advocate the substitution of the carillon for the ringing peal, and thus other bells may be lost to us. Coventry, with all its peculiarities and special circumstances, may be but the thin end of the wedge. We cannot expect our bell foundries to turn down good orders, whether they are for rings or carillons. At the same time, it is to be hoped they will not lose sight of the fact that the 'bread and cheese' of their industry is the maintenance and extension of church bells used in the English and not in the continental fashion. Rather than arguing as to whether it is advisable or otherwise to increase peals of eight into peals of ten, the Central Council might well turn their attention to passing a motion deprecating the conversion of peals of any number into carillons. The Exercise will, I am sure, await with something more than interest and information as to whether the Council have done anything in regard to Coventry. Their interference, of course, might not be acceptable to the people of St. Michael's, but as representatives of three of the bell founding firms are, I believe, members of Towers and Belfries Committee who, presumably, would have to deal with this matter, there ought not to be serious difficulty in bringing the two parties into touch, because one might lay considerable odds that one of the three firms will be entrusted with the Coventry job.

Talking of bell foundries, I read the other day for the first time of 'The Ancient and Honourable Company of Bell Founders.' It occurred to me that these foundries had been hiding their light under a bushel, for though I thought I knew something about the gentlemen who make and hang our church bells, this was the first time I had ever heard of their being bound up in one of those old companies which are characteristic of the civic life of London. I had only taken up and opened the book casually, and my eyes alighted on this line about the foundries, but naturally I was tempted to read on, and I gasped when I saw that they had 'invited designs for a chapel to be erected in memory of the founder of their orphan schools at Longfields.' Then I realised that I had got hold of a work of fiction, but, of course, I read on. What tickled me most was this little speech: 'Father is a Bell Founder. You know what I mean. He goes to a big dinner once a year, and is in a bad temper for a week afterwards, through over-eating and making a long, dull speech.' I wonder if our famous men of the foundry will confirm this? I believe, from all I know, that bell founding, when you are in a big way of business, involves something more than a dinner and a speech once a year. I believe they sometimes cast bells; it may be only in their spare time, but they really do make bells as well as speeches, and undertake big contracts as well as big dinners. Isn't it funny that, whenever anything gets into print about bells, it is nearly always to give the public a topsy-turvy impression of the facts.

All clergy are not lovers of bells. That is a misfortune, but it is doubly unfortunate when their dislike prevents bells being rung. Ringers must have read with some surprise of the attitude of the Dean of Lichfield, who made it a condition of allowing the Staffordshire Society to ring the bells of the Cathedral at their annual meeting, that they should not apply for them next year. No one, I presume, can challenge the Dean's right to grant or refuse the bells, but the condition which he imposed looks as if he found it an easy way out of refusing his permission for 1926. Would he, I wonder, put the same restriction upon the use of any other part of his Cathedral if applied for by any recognised body of Diocesan church workers? On the contrary, I warrant he would welcome them with open arms. Well may the Staffordshire Committee contrast the attitude of the Dean of Lichfield with that of the Dean of Chester! 'The Cathedral does not belong to a group of old gentlemen,' said the Dean of Chester to the Central Council, but 'was the one great building in the county that really belonged to everybody.'

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## CONCERNING ADDITIONAL SHUNTS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In my last article (February 20th, 1925), I described Constructional Shunts. Every method with treble and working bells contains one of these shunts. Many methods contain two or more. They are the framework on which the method is built. In methods which have Bob Major Lead Ends, they alone produce the lead ends. (We need not trouble ourselves at this moment with methods with irregular lead ends.) In some of the best methods these shunts produce the whole work of the method; for instance, the fifteen Major Methods described recently in the 'Ringing World.'

But many methods, and particularly those on the Treble Bob principle, contain other work, and that work is called additional shunts. An additional shunt is a cyclical movement on a number of the working bells less than the total number. Perhaps I can best explain their nature by describing a familiar and simple example. We will take the places in 3-4 in Kent.

34 The places in Kent are a complete hunting course on two bells, which is substituted for the regular dodging of the method, for the purpose of preventing repetition of rows. Now, notice that we have here a complete round block; and, secondly, that it is made quite independently of the work of the other bells, and even of the other similar places made in other parts of the course.

If you please you can omit it in one lead; except for repetition of rows the bells go on as before. Or you can transfer it to 5-6 or 7-8; except that you get different rows, the bells go on as before. But if you alter or omit any of the places in the slow work, be it ever so little, the whole structure of the method collapses.

In this example, the additional shunt is begun and completed straight away. But it need not be so. In Oxford the shunt is begun when the treble is dodging in 1-2 up; it is not completed till she is dodging in 1-2 down. Yet the two parts make one complete independent whole. Compare this with the Bobs in a Q-set. 42356, 34256 and 23456 are a Q-set of Bob Major or London Surprise. They may come as three successive Bobs in three successive courses; but they may come at widely parted peals in the peal. Yet they make one complete Q-set.

Here is one further example of an additional shunt :-

| A        | B        |
|----------|----------|
| 12345678 | 12345678 |
| 21436587 | 21436587 |
| 24135678 | 24135678 |
| 42316587 | 42316587 |
| 24361578 | 24361578 |
| 42635187 | 23465187 |
| 24365817 | 32645817 |
| 42638571 | 36248571 |
| 24365871 | 63425871 |
| 42638517 | 64328517 |
| 24368157 | 46238157 |
| 42631875 | 42631875 |
| 24613857 | 24613857 |
| 42168375 | 42168375 |
| 41263857 | 41263857 |
| 14628375 | 14628375 |
| 14263857 | 14263857 |

A is Double Oxford Bob. It is produced by the following constructional shunts:

- 1 Extreme Before.
- 1 Extreme Behind.
- 4 R. Court Shunts.

These constructional shunts cause continued dodging from the time the treble leaves the front until she returns. Instead of the dodging on the front four bells, from the fifth to the eleventh change, we substitute a complete round block of backwood hunting, thus :-

|      |      |
|------|------|
| 2436 | 2436 |
| 4263 | 2346 |
| 2436 | 3264 |
| 4263 | 3624 |
| 2436 | 6342 |
| 4263 | 6432 |
| 2436 | 4623 |
| 4263 | 4263 |

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It appears to be different in the diocese of Lichfield, when not even a body of church workers can say, 'Here, at our Mother Church, we are always welcome.' What would he said if the boat were on the other foot; if the Dean was proud of his bells and desired them rung for some great annual festival, and ringers turned round and said, 'Yes, we will ring them for you this year on condition that you don't ask us to do so next?' The ringers would probably get 'the sack'—and would deserve it.

CRITICUS.

Directly the additional shunt is completed the bells pick up the same rows as the original method. All I said about the additional shunt of Kent applies to this one.

These are simple examples, and I do not propose now to go into more complex cases. Not all are complete hunting courses; but all are cyclical movements. Here is a useful one: When the constructional shunts give six changes of continued dodging, substitute for it three changes of forward hunting, followed by three changes of backward hunting. Thus :-

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| 5678                 | 5678 |
| 6587                 | 6587 |
| 6857 instead of 5678 |      |
| 8675                 | 6587 |
| 6857                 | 5678 |
| 6587                 | 6587 |
| 5678                 | 5678 |

The uses of additional shunts are as follows :-

1. In methods on the Treble Bob Principle to prevent repetition of rows, as in the cases of Kent and Oxford.
2. To introduce a greater variety of work than is produced by constructional shunts alone; as in the case of Double Oxford and its variation given above.
3. To remove certain blemishes which would otherwise prevent some of the constructional shunts being used in finished methods.

For instance :-

| C        | D        | E        |
|----------|----------|----------|
| 12345678 | 12345678 | 12345678 |
| 21436587 | 21436587 | 21436587 |
| 24135678 | 24135678 | 24135678 |
| 42316587 | 42316587 | 42316587 |
| 24361857 | 24361857 | 24361857 |
| 24368175 | 42638175 | 23468175 |
| 24368715 | 24368715 | 32648715 |
| 24367851 | 42637851 | 36247851 |
| 42637581 | 24367581 | 63427581 |
| 42635718 | 42635718 | 64325718 |
| 42635178 | 24365178 | 46235178 |
| 42631587 | 42631587 | 42631587 |
| 24613857 | 24613857 | 24613857 |
| 42168375 | 42168375 | 42168375 |
| 41263857 | 41263857 | 41263857 |
| 14628375 | 14628375 | 14628375 |
| 16482735 | 16482735 | 16482735 |

C is produced by the following constructional shunts :-

- Two R. Court Shunts
- One 4-bell Slow Work Shunt.

This latter causes some of the bells to lie still for a considerable time.

In D, continuous dodging on these bells is substituted, and we have a method fit to ring.

In E, this is further altered by an additional shunt similar to that in example B.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH.

A Grimsby district meeting was held at Thornton Curtis on Saturday, July 4th. Members attended from Grimsby St. Andrew's, and Grimsby St. James', Ulceby, Bigby, Barton-on-Humber, Barrow-on-Humber, Elsham, and Burton-on-Stather, and the Rev. Douglas Stedman, Vicar of Barrow; Dr. Birtwhistle, of Barton-on-Humber; the Rev. H. C. Frith, Vicar of Elsham, and the local members. The bells were ready early, and were set going to various methods. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Park), who gave an excellent address. Tea was served to 25 members. The business meeting then followed, the Rev. H. C. Frith being voted to the chair, owing to the president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) being absent. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Election of new members then took place. The Rev. H. C. Frith proposed Mr. H. Stainton and Mr. W. Harrington, of Elsham, and was seconded by Mr. Tomlinson.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. C. Frith for presiding, and to the Rev. J. H. Park for the great pains he had taken in making the meeting a success; and further to Mrs. Park and the lady helpers for waiting at tea.—The Vicar suitably replied, hoping that there would soon be a regular band of ringers. Further ringing of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Bob Minor, Stedman and Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles were rung. The next meeting is to be held on Saturday, August 15th, at Burton-on-Stather.

A contemporary publishes an article, entitled 'Bell Ringing as a Hobby'—thus disproving the theory that it is done for spite.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**RICKMANSWORTH, HERTS.**—On Sunday, July 12th, for the evening service, on the back six, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Lord 1, G. Foster 2, J. E. Jones 3, E. Hookem 4, F. Elliott 5, J. B. Marks (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—On Sunday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, to celebrate the occasion of the birth of a son to the ringer of the 3rd: H. Hodgetts 1, L. Simmons 2, C. Kazer 3, C. Leman 4, A. W. Dix 5, H. Cashmore 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, T. Norris (first quarter-peal) 8.

**EARL SHILTON.**—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: M. Coe 1, G. Newton 2, C. H. Webb 3, R. Belton 4, A. Waters 5, T. R. Deacon 6, H. Wright 7, W. Reynolds 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Herbert Pickering 1, C. H. Webb 2, A. Waters 3, R. Belton 4, H. Wright 5, T. K. Deacon 6, C. Briggs 7, W. Reynolds 8. Both conducted by W. Reynolds. R. Belton is from Barwell, and C. Briggs from Stoney Stanton. First quarter-peal of Major for H. Pickering.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church, before evening service, on July 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. E. Large 1, E. Large 2, C. Waithman 3, B. W. Witchell 4, F. Price 5, W. Davies 6, J. George 7, L. Shepherd (first quarter-peal) 8. Composed and conducted by James George. Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., as Vicar of the church and parish, the band wishing him another 25 years, and more.

**BATH.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: John Taylor 1, Joseph W. Bell 2, Miss Norah G. Williams (conductor) 3, Arthur Prince 4, Jesse Hallett 5, George James 6, Chas. W. Bell 7, Henry E. Mills 8.

**OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.**—On Sunday, June 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 42 mins.: Miss B. Holloway 1, W. Welling 2, F. Middleton 3, F. Tindal 4, A. Cross 5, R. Wood 6, E. Gosling 7, S. Boore 8. Taken from Parker's one-part, and rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer.

**SHARNBROOK, BEDS.**—On Sunday, June 28th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Surridge 1, W. A. Norman 2, G. F. Bell 3, R. C. Allen 4, A. J. Barcock 5, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringer of the 5th. Also first 720 by ringer of the 2nd, after about three years' incapacitation. His reappearance in the belfry gave the company much satisfaction.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: L. J. Cullum 1, W. Axtill 2, F. J. Cullum, senr., 3, J. S. Morton 4, E. J. Hott 5, H. A. Holden 6, F. J. Cullum, junr., (conductor) 7, R. A. Cullum 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. F. Cullum for over 50 years a service ringer at the above church, who passed peacefully away the previous day, at the advanced age of 93 years.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

### ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, July 4th, ten members of the above band, accompanied by two ringing friends from Bramford and a non-ringer from Ipswich, had their first outing since 1912. At 8 o'clock a start was made for a tour through West and East Suffolk. The first call was made at Wetherden, where there is a peal of six. Short touches were necessary, owing to the distance to be covered. The next stop was made at Woolpit, where there is also a peal of six, the 'go' being none too good. Drinkstone was next reached at 11 o'clock. Here they were informed that since obtaining permission to use the bells it had been discovered that the learners had broken two stays, and that the 5th was minus a slider. After visiting the tower it was decided to ring without them; each one holding his bell until the next man came to try. A course of Plain Bob was managed, but just as the treble finished the course he forgot himself and over it went. The next stop was at Hissett, a five-bell tower. Here they were soon pulling away at Boy Doubles. The next stop was at Rougham, where there is a good heavy ring of six, and a detour was made via Pakenham. Here the Vicar readily gave permission to ring his bells, although this was not on the programme. These were found to be a fine peal of five, and well worth another bell. These also, hanging left-handed, causes some confusion to some of the band at first. At Ixworth dinner was served, and two members rang a course of Double Norwich Major on the handbells, each taking four. Some well-known tunes were also played on the bells, in which all joined. The next move was to the church where the bells have just recently been rehung by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. After some Double Court and Treble Bob had been brought round a move was made for Rickinghall Superior, where there is a ring of six. Here some good Double Oxford was rung. The next stop was at Diss, where they were

met by five of the local band, including John Souter and William Ireland. A course of Bob Major was brought round in creditable style without any outside help, and the locals and three members rang a good course of Double Norwich Major. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells and a start was made for Thornham Magna, where a good course of Cambridge Minor was rung. Wickham Skeith was reached at 8.30, and a good course of Ipswich Surprise concluded the day's ringing, Ipswich being reached at 10.30. The total distance covered was 76 miles, and 11 towers were visited.

### MALDON RINGERS.

The annual outing took place on Saturday, June 27th. Starting at 8 a.m., they journeyed by charabanc via Colchester to Haulleigh, in Suffolk. There a halt was made to ring the beautiful peal of eight (tenor 28 cwt.) and the tone and 'go' were much admired by all. After a stay of two hours they journeyed to Long Melford, where a ring of eight was recently rehung. Although rather noisy in the belfry, the 'go' was splendid, and several touches were brought round, with some of the local ringers standing in. The next stop was at Clare, where the Vicar welcomed the ringers, and after an hour's ringing on the heavy bells the church was visited, which still retains the ringers' jug in a glass case. The party then proceeded to Yellham, Essex, where they were met by Mr. Cooper, and some of the local band. On a light ring of six, a contrast to the heavy Clare bells, several touches were brought round. Home was reached at 10 p.m., after an enjoyable day's outing. The ringers wish to take the opportunity of thanking the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for meeting them and having the bells in readiness.

### BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

This outing was held on Saturday, July 4th, the company numbering 14, including some of the ringers' wives.

Taking the route through Colchester and along the Ipswich road, through the Constable Country, the party visited East Bergholt for the purpose of seeing the bells hung in a cage on the ground in the churchyard.

After this brief visit, the journey was resumed through Ipswich to Henley, where the light peal of eight were set going in several methods of Double Norwich, Stedman and Treble Bob. At Debenham, a hearty welcome was received from Mr. W. C. Rumsey. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Oxford were rung, after which the party sat down to an excellent lunch. — A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, for the trouble he had taken in arranging all the details connected with the outing, and to which he suitably replied.

At Framsdon, where there is a handy ring of eight, touches in various methods were rung, while at Helmingham the bells were set going to Stedman and Treble Bob. The last place of call before tea was Grundisburgh, where a short stay was made, and one touch rung. Tea was then served at Ipswich.

After tea, a visit was made to St. Mary-le-Tower, where the visitors received a very hearty welcome from the local ringers, where a touch of Treble Bob was rung on the back eight. This was followed by a well-struck touch of 295 Stedman Caters, rung by the following band: W. P. Garrett 1, H. C. Gillingham 2, R. H. Brundle 3, C. H. Howard 4, H. E. Hammond 5, G. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, F. Tillet 8, G. E. Symonds 9, C. Catchpole 10. The ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th hail from Braintree, and it was the first attempt at Caters by the ringer of the 5th. This was followed by rounds upon the full peal of twelve. The ringers wish to thank all those who helped to make the outing a most enjoyable success.

### ST. IGNATIUS, SUNDERLAND.

On June 24th, the annual outing was a most enjoyable 100 miles tour through Tynedale and Weardale.

A pleasant hour was spent at Hexham, looking through the Abbey and listening to a well-struck peal of Cambridge, which was being rung by the London band, who are having a 'ringing week' in the North. Allendale was reached shortly after 12, where the party partook of lunch, and indulged in a light peal of six at St. Cuthbert's. After a look round the pretty village, the long pull out of Tynedale was continued. The party passed through Weardale, Wearhead, St. John's Chapel, Westgate and Frosterley, and shortly after 4 o'clock arrived at Stanhope.

After tea, the homeward journey was commenced, a stop being made at Brancepeth to inspect the beautiful Castle, and while the ringers were enjoying a touch of Stedman Triples on the bells of St. Brandon's, other friends were admiring the wonderful wood carving, etc., in the lovely old church.

While passing through Durham, the party had a fine view of Durham Castle, and saw the elaborate scaffolding which has been erected for the purpose of carrying out the necessary repairs. Sunderland was reached shortly after 9.30, bringing a most pleasant trip to an end.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 30th; St. Magnus the 23rd; Southwark the 21st; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, July 18th (not 11th) as intended. Bells ready 2.30, business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Prittlewell (10 bells), on Saturday, July 18th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow.—E. Butler, Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meeting at Barnet, on Saturday, July 18th. Ringing 3 p.m. Service 6 p.m. Hadley (8) will probably be available during the evening.—W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual Festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 18th (D.V.). Service in Cathedral 11.15 a.m. Preacher, the Ven. R. Wickham Legg, Archdeacon of Berks. Business meeting in Chapter House immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets, 2/6 members, 3s. non-members. The L.M. & S. Railway will grant cheap tickets from any station in the Diocese. The G.W.R. will grant return tickets for single fare from any station in the Diocese on application for same 'to attend Bell Ringers' Festival.'—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Minehead on Saturday, July 18th. Meeting in the Infants' School at 3 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Will visitors who wish to ring early let Mr. G. Aitkins, 125, Cher, Minehead, know the time they wish to ring.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on July 18th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., and meeting to follow.—J. A. Fenton, General Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—The annual meeting and election of officers will be held at Aldwinckle on Saturday, July 18th. Usual arrangements. Tea 5 o'clock, provided by the Rector.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held at Daventry (8 bells) on Saturday, July 18th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow, when it is hoped a new branch of the Guild will be formed. All ringers cordially invited.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 18th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Willingham, Cambs, on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bromfield on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 33, New Street, Ludlow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available from 3.30. A good attendance is requested.—W. Cope, Hon. Sec. Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, July 18th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and meeting to follow. One shilling will be charged for tea, and I shall be glad to know by the 22nd how many require same. Harrow Weald bells also open for ringing after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale at Saturday, July 25th. Tea at the Golden Lion Hotel (1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members) at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present at tea please notify me by Wednesday, July 22nd.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Mr. G. White's 5 o'clock. Please notify me by July 20th.—P. E. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Meat tea at 1s. 9d. per head. It is essential that all who require tea should let me know, by first post, Tuesday, July 21st. Half-fares (maximum 2s.) paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hilt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A service in connection with the completion of the restoration of the tomb of the late William Rayner will be held at Arreton, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at neighbouring towers. All ringers, friends and subscribers welcomed. Teas can be arranged.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Griffen Hotel. Sandon bells will also be available in the evening. All those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, the 22nd.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, July 25th. Short service, tea and meeting. Eight bells, available from 3 p.m. Motion for meeting: 'That the financial year shall end each year on December 31st. Subscriptions still to be payable in advance.'—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**DIOCESES OF GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Bourton-on-the Water on Saturday, July 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Rector (Canon W. E. White, R.D.). Business meeting to follow. Stow-on-the-World (8 bells) will be available, 7 till 9. All those that intend being present please notify me by the 21st inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Fishlake (6 bells) on Saturday, July 25th. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me before the 22nd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Darley Vale on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. — Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Southport, at the Church of St. Emmanuel, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. A good meeting is requested.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Puttenham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available at 3. Service at 5. Tea and short business meeting after. — E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Names of those requiring tea must reach me not later than July 20th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marple on Saturday, July 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clifford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting at Rulland Cafe. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. W. Ward not later than July 23rd? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Special ringers' service at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 26th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 (business meeting to follow). Free to those who notify me not later than Monday, July 20th. — Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tattershall on Saturday, 25th July. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. Arrangements are being made with Mr. S. G. Lovell, of Stickney, for a charabanc, which will run by way of Sibsey, Old Leake, Benington, Freiston (Halltoft End) and Boston. It will leave Boston not later than 2 p.m. for Tattershall. Those requiring tea and a seat in charabanc must advise me not later than Wednesday, 22nd July. Coningsby bells (6) will also be available.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston, Lincs.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wenham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton, on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. F. W. Lack, Great Staughton, Hunts, by Thursday, July 21st?

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—The address of Mr. P. J. Johnson is now 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Arthur Mason has removed to 16, Bennett Park, Blackheath, S.E.3. Mr. J. Wheadon, of Dartford, has removed to Crewkerne, Five Wents, Matfield, Paddock Wood, Kent.

**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.**—Mr. Reginald D. Marshall has removed to 10, Royal Sussex Crescent, Victoria Drive, Eastbourne, Sussex.



**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — Secretary, Miss Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath, Somerset.  
**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden will be held at Leeds on Saturday, September 19th.

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The bells are a sweet-toned ring of six, having been rehung in recent years, and the 'go' is admirable. Mr. W. Mansfield kindly provided tea. At the meeting, Mr. T. R. Dennis (the Central Council representative for the Ely Diocesan Association) was voted to the chair. It was arranged that Stevenage be the next place for meeting.—Votes of thanks were recorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to Mr. Dennis for presiding, and to the ladies for their good catering. The ringing included Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Stedman, Cambridge and London Surprise. By kind invitation of the Rector, the grounds of the Rectory were at the disposal of the ringers.

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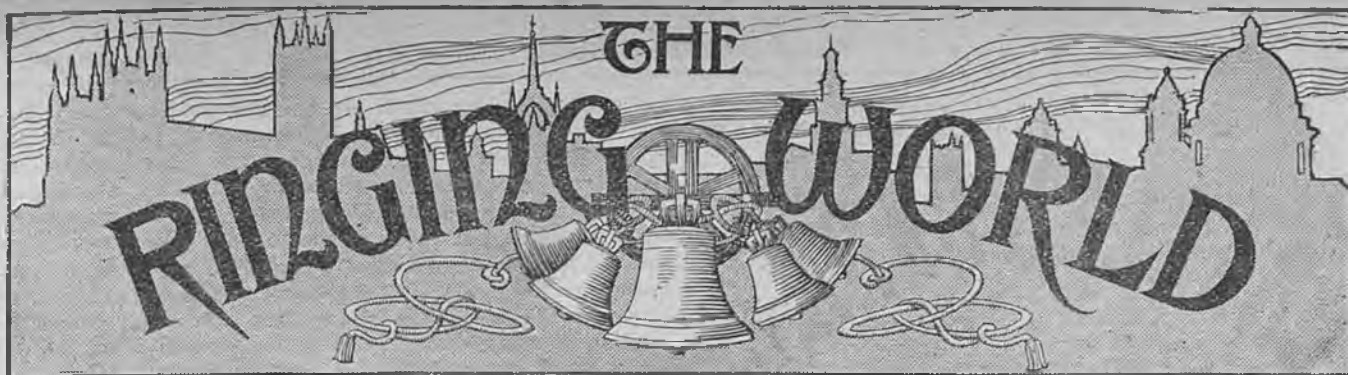
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### CHEAPER RAILWAY FACILITIES?

The question of cheaper travelling facilities for ringers when going by train, which the action of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has again brought to the fore, revives a subject which has more than once been under consideration. There was a time, now thirty or more years ago, when ringers of some few societies (the Sussex Association among them) were able to travel individually as well as in parties at reduced fares when going on ringing expeditions. The Central Council then took the matter up with the Railway Clearing House, and, unfortunately, not only were they unsuccessful in their efforts to obtain cheap tickets for ringers in all parts of the country, but the facilities already granted were withdrawn. From time to time since then the subject has been revived, but the railway companies have been unrelenting, and all demands for special treatment have been turned down.

The advances now made at Bristol have been apparently received in a more sympathetic spirit, locally at all events, but it would be well not to be too optimistic as to the outcome. That ringers can claim to be entitled to privileges equal to those granted to fishermen is hardly likely to be disputed (except perhaps by the railway companies), and it is well worth making a combined effort to achieve what the Gloucester and Bristol Association has in view. Ringers, as a whole, do much travelling in pursuit of their hobby, but for obvious reason they seldom travel in a body between any two points on the railway. As at Oxford on Saturday, they concentrate in one spot in considerable numbers for their meetings, and in this case both the London, Midland and Scottish and the Great Western Railways granted cheap fares to members travelling to the festival from any station in the diocese. If these two companies can issue tickets at reduced prices on such an occasion, there is an excellent precedent to work upon in the attempt to get the facilities made general.

This, however, is a case in which the associations ought to act together, either collectively or simultaneously. To attempt to do the thing piecemeal may result in the first application being refused, with the result that those which come after will be treated likewise. We would suggest that the Gloucester and Bristol Association should organise this approach to the companies, and not trust to chance action being taken on the strength of the letter which appeared in our last issue. The Oxford Guild happened to be meeting on Saturday, and promptly decided to take action, but some of the associations will not meet until the early months of next year, and unless something is done to induce their executives to move in

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the matter it may either be too late or be entirely forgotten by the time these societies meet. Having got the ear of their District Superintendent, the Bristol organisers should be in the best position to put other association officials into the most likely track for achieving the desired result, but there ought to be a common plan of action. The Central Council, through its Standing Committee, would doubtless lend its weight to any scheme for bringing the associations together, and if it comes to sending a deputation to either the general managers or some other persons representing the various companies, the Council, as the head of the ringing organisations of the country, should be officially represented. But what is most urgently needed at the moment is that all associations should get into line and make common cause with Gloucester and Bristol.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HENRY ROMENS ... .. Treble | JAMES C. ADAMS ... .. 6        |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2     | HAROLD A. EDWARDS ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3  | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 8       |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4    | FRED C. MAYNARD ... .. 9       |
| HERBERT J. ELDRED ... .. 5 | ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirt Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | WALTER THOMAS ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM JONES ... .. 2        | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6     |
| THOMAS CATHERALL ... .. 3     | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7      |
| HARRY PARKER ... .. 4         | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.  
First peal in the method by ringer of 4th.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| CYRIL PORTER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM POYSER ... .. 5    |
| JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 2      | JOSEPH LORD ... .. 6       |
| ALFRED MOULD ... .. 3      | JACK BAILEY ... .. 7       |
| CYRIL J. JENNINGS ... .. 4 | JAMES STEVENS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by T. THURSTON. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

\* First peal. Elected a member before starting the peal. Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a last mark of respect after the funeral of the late Dr. Sims, churchwarden, since 1920.

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At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JOHN BEAMS ... .. Treble | †ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 5       |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 2  | ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 3 | *JOHN HOYLE ... .. 7          |
| *GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 4 | ALFRED H. POLLING... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal in the method, also on the bells. This is the first peal of London rung for the above association by a resident band. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. N. Burdock.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, July 14, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART, Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANCIS W. BOND ... .. Treble | WILFRED H. HAYWARD ... 5  |
| FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... .. 2     | J. EDWARD CAWSEY ... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM C. CUSS ... .. 3      | H. CHARLES BOND ... .. 7  |
| WILFRED G. COOK ... .. 4      | JOHN HAYWARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

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(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, July 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S FIVE-PART.

|                        |                               |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MARK COE ... .. Treble | ARTHUR WATERS ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE NEWTON... .. 2  | THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 6     |
| C. HARRY WEBB... .. 3  | C. HARRY WRIGHT ... .. 7      |
| RICHARD BELTON... .. 4 | WILLIAM REYNOLDS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. REYNOLDS.

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APPLEDORE, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION, Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... .. Treble | CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... 5  |
| †WILLIAM E. PITTMAN ... 2       | CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 6     |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 3         | HARRY PARKES ... .. 7      |
| KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4         | GEORGE JOHNSON... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

\* Proposed a member previous to starting. † Hundredth peal.

FRITH, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION, Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5      |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 6    |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3      | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7         |
| EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4        | HERBERT A. HOLDEN... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION, Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWARD J. BEER... .. Treble | C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 5   |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2    | GEORGE MORRAD... .. 6        |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3     | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7        |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4   | WILLIAM J. BEER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HENRY SIMMONS ... .. Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5   |
| JOHN BURLS ... .. 2         | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. 6  |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 3  | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN... 7 |
| THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4   | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt, 23 lb.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... Treble | ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 5      |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2      | WILLIAM H. CLARKE... .. 6  |
| ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 3        | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 7 |
| C. ARTHUR MANNING... .. 4      | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... Treble | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 5    |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2       | THOMAS CATHALL ... .. 6       |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3       | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7     |
| JAMES H. RIDING... .. 4        | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE, Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Treble | GEORGE POWNALL ... .. 5    |
| MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2       | WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 6     |
| EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3          | HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 7    |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4          | FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells; rung after meeting short for Rutland Surprise.

TYNEMOUTH.—The following touches were rung by the Parish Church ringers on their annual outing, Thursday, June 25th: Shildon, Durham: 504 Stedman Triples: J. Robertson 1, J. Scott 2, G. Dix 3, E. Gosden 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, J. George 6, A. Tully 7, W. Robson 8. Bishop Auckland: 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Gray 1, E. Hern 2, J. Scott 3, E. Gosden 4, A. Tully 5, W. Robson 6, G. Dix (conductor) 7, J. George 8. Staindrop: 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Robertson 1, G. Dix 2, J. Scott 3, J. Shipp 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, J. George 6, E. Gosden 7, A. Tully 8. 504 Stedman Triples: J. Robertson 1, A. Tully 2, J. Scott 3, J. George 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, G. Dix 6, E. Gosden 7, W. Robson 8.

## FRITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 8056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| *EDWARD J. ILOTT ... .. Treble | JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 5           |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2      | ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 6          |
| ROBERT THOMPSON ... .. 3       | HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 7           |
| ALFRED G. HILLS ... .. 4       | †FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by F. J. CULLUM, JUN.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major as conductor. Also the first peal of Major on the bells, after being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## REDHILL, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 5    |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 2       | JOHN A. COLE ... .. 6       |
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3     | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7    |
| *RAYMOND PHILLPOTT ... 4       | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. \* First peal in the method.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

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| GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. Treble | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5  |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2      | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3        | WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM PYE ... .. 4          | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

## ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt, 3 qr, 12 lb.

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| ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2      | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6      |
| ALPHRUS J. BERRY ... .. 3    | FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 7     |
| WALTER MOBBS ... .. 4        | ERNEST F. POPPY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

Mr. Ernest F. Poppy has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal. This is the sixth tower in which he has rung them all to a peal.

## EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt, 2 qr, 17 lb.

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| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. Treble | FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5    |
| GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 2      | WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 3         | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7      |
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4      | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by Mr. W. J. Eldred.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings.

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| F. J. L. BROWN ... .. Treble | W. SHORE ... .. 4        |
| REV. L. G. KETCHLEY ... 2    | R. T. CLARK ... .. 5     |
| W. ROSEWELL ... .. 3         | *D. PARFITT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

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

## CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN &amp; STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars, Kingston and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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| TOM WILDE ... .. Treble  | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 4 |
| JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 2  | JAMES FERNLEY ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 3 | FRED HOLT ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Rung to commemorate the 700th anniversary of the church.

## CHEDDINGTON, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

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| FREDERICK VICKERS ... .. Treble | HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 4    |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 2       | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 5    |
| CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 3      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Cambridge Minor by all except the ringer of the 4th.

## COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.

(WIGAN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John-the-Divine,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

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| *JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. Treble | FRED RIGBY ... .. 4        |
| *WILLIAM AUSTEN ... .. 2        | *JOHN BOOTH ... .. 5       |
| *WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3        | JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM LANCASTER.

\* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three methods as conductor. First peal in three methods on the bells.

## SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of York, Durham, Stamford, Lancashire, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise.

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| *WILLIAM STOCK ... .. Treble | †HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 4     |
| *R. CHARLES ALLEN ... .. 2   | *ALBERT J. BARCOCK ... 5      |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3   | *EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods. † First peal in seven Surprise methods away from the treble.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, July 7th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: William Bunn 1, George Lee 2, Francis W. Naunton (conductor) 3, Ernest Bailey 4, Frederick Wade 5, Albert J. L. Naunton 6. First 720 by the treble ringer, aged 15. Also touches of Cambridge, Norwich and Norfolk Surprise Minor, with E. Bailey, sear., taking part.

THATCHAM, BERKS. — On Monday evening, July 13th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,200 changes), with ten different callings, was rung by the following members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in 47 mins.: H. W. Curtis 1, A. Smith 2, C. Pearce 3, E. Crocker 4, E. Smith 5, E. Challis 6. Conducted by H. W. Curtis. Ringer of 2nd is from Thatcham; the remainder are Newbury ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DISTRICT.**

A meeting was held on Saturday, July 11th, at Sible Hedingham, amongst those present being Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association), Mr. L. W. Wiffen (District Master) and Mr. W. H. Dyson (district secretary); also ringers from the following parishes to the number of 30, viz., Great Bardfield, Braintree, Stebbing, Earls Colne, Halstead, Greenstead Green, Long Melford, Sible Hedingham, Belchamp St. Paul's.

The usual ringers' service was held in the church.

After the service the ringers sat down to tea, the Rector presiding. At the close of the tea the business meeting was held, the District Master presiding. After the confirmation of the minutes the following new members were elected: Oliver Broyd, Sible Hedingham, and C. H. Smith, Halstead, the Rector (the Rev. J. A. Evans, D.D.) becoming an hon. member. Three places were nominated for the annual meeting in November—Dunmore, Braintree and Earls Colne. It was then proposed and carried that the meeting be held at Earls Colne. It was also decided that bi-meetings be held at Withersfield and Black Notley. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for his helpful address; and to all the ladies who had arranged the tea. The Rector suitably responded. The following methods were rung during the meeting: Boh Major, Double Norwich, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Triples.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.**

The eleventh annual general meeting was held at Reading on Saturday, July 11th. There has been a steady improvement in the attendances at the annual meetings, and on this occasion there were present between 20 and 30 members from various parts of the country.

Ring commenced at St. Giles' Church, Mr. A. W. Osborne, who had made all arrangements, meeting the members. Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung, the last method being necessary on account of the treble rope breaking just before the service. Among the visitors to the tower were Canon Coleridge and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn.

A choral service was held at St. Giles, conducted by the Vicar. The Secretary tendered the Guild's thanks to the choir and organist.

Tea was served, and the members were joined by Mrs. T. Hibbert, Canon Coleridge, Messrs. Benson, Cole, Caudwell, Deal, Fletcher, Hewett, Pulling and Roberts.

The business meeting was then held, at which the chair was taken by the President (Mrs. A. Pulling). Minutes of the previous meeting were adopted. The accounts were presented, subject to audit, and showed a surplus on the year's working of £3 14s. 11d., making, with the balances brought forward from previous years, the sum of £20 1s. 9d. The accounts were duly accepted.

One new member was elected, viz., Miss Marie Cross, of Twyford.

The Secretary then read the annual report. The Guild has been progressing steadily. The Secretary regretted the lack of a ringing secretary in one of the districts, which is now in the hands of a non-ringing member, who kindly stepped into the breach when the former secretary resigned, and who is doing excellent work. The members of all districts are urged to support the meetings, and so reward the secretaries for their work.

The Secretary deeply regretted to have to report the death of Miss Brudenell, of Bagshot.

The next meeting is to be held in London, it being usual to visit London every third year.

Mrs. A. W. Clark, of Croydon, was proposed as president, and unanimously elected, Mrs. Deal declining to stand for the office.

The Secretary (Miss E. K. Parker) was re-elected.

The Secretary asked for the opinion of the members with regard to reports, and there was considerable discussion on this matter. The question was raised as to whether a charge should be made for these, but this was not considered practicable, in view of the difficulty of collecting the money. The meeting decided against any increase in the subscription at the moment, but agreed to print the report for one year, and discuss the matter further at the next annual meeting.

Mrs. Hairs stated that the Central District had decided to organise a visit to Wembley in October, and invited all who were able to take part in this.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed to the success of the meeting, to the president for presiding, and for her work in connection with the Southern District during her year of office, and to the secretary. A special vote of thanks was passed to the gentlemen who had interested themselves in the Guild. Canon Coleridge suitably replied.

This concluded the meeting, and the majority of those present visited Caversham tower, where Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. A course of Double Norwich was rung by eight members, and Cambridge was also attempted.

This was one of the most successful meetings held by the Guild, and was greatly enjoyed by all.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting of the St. Albans district was held at Kimpton on Saturday, July 4th, and was attended by about 20 ringers from various towers. The ringing ranged from Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor. The Vicar conducted a service at 5 p.m., and gave a very interesting address on the origin of bells and their use. The party were entertained to tea at the Vicarage. At the business meeting Mr. Bacon (president) occupied the chair, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at North Mymms on August 8th. A vote of thanks was passed for the use of the bells to the Vicar for so kindly entertaining the party to tea, and to Mr. Bacon for acting as chairman; also to Mr. Gillings, of the local band, and Mrs. Gillings for presiding at the organ.

**BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, July 11th, a very pleasant meeting of the Midsomer Norton Deanery branch was held at Chilcompton. Ringing before the service consisted of Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob Minor. The service was taken by the Rev. L. G. Kethley, of Farnborough, who officiated, in the unavoidable absence, through illness, of the president, the Rev. A. N. Bax, of Radstock. Tea, for which the ringers were indebted to Mr. Bailey, then took place. The business meeting followed, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Litton on October 10th.

Further ringing then took place, the additional methods being Single Court, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman. A welcome visitor was Mr. Bailey, of Farnham, Hants, who happened to be in the district.

**LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A most successful quarterly meeting was held at Llantwit-Major on Saturday, June 27th, when a number of ringers from both dioceses attended. The bells, a ring of six, recast some few years ago, were raised and rung in different methods until 4.30, when a service was held, conducted by the Vicar. The address was most interesting. Following the service, tea, which had been most generously provided, was partaken of. Then followed the business meeting, presided over by Mr. G. E. Kibblewhite (lay reader of Llantwit), in the absence of the Canon, who was conducting a party of students from Aberystwyth College through the church. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and before any business was done the Honorary Secretary moved a vote of condolence with the relatives of two of the oldest association members, who had recently passed away, namely, Mr. William Biss and Mr. William Coombes, which was passed by all present standing in silence for a few moments.

Instructors' reports were accepted, and also the reports of the representatives to the Central Council meeting at Chester. It was arranged to hold the next quarterly Glamorgan meeting at Pendoylan. Two or three very interesting items were reported on proposed restorations and augmentations.

With regard to the late Mr. W. Bliss, who has left a widow and several children, the best thanks were accorded to Mr. S. Dawe for the kindness he has shown by appealing to all towers affiliated to subscribe something on their behalf, and it is most gratifying that a substantial sum has been subscribed, which will be handed over to Mrs. Bliss by Mr. Dawe. New members were elected, and included a dozen young hands belonging to Llantwit, who have recently learned to handle a bell, can just manage rounds and propose learning ringing, the association promising to give every assistance. Votes of thanks were heartily accorded all those at Llantwit for their kindness and help. The Canon visited the meeting just at the close, and was delighted to learn that his bells would soon be put into change ringing. The bells were afterwards rung during the evening.

**DEDICATION OF BELL, DUBLIN.**

The new treble bell at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, was dedicated on Sunday, June 28th, a short service being held in the belfry before ringing for morning service, conducted by the Dean, Dr. Lawlor.

Lady Seers Kaye, the donor, was present in the Cathedral, and was represented in the ringing room by younger members of the family.

After the service, the bell was raised, and touches of Triples, Caters and Cinques were rung upon the new combinations.

The new bell, which gives great satisfaction to all concerned, and weighs 6 cwt. 17 lb., is by Taylor.

**BIRMINGHAM BELLS BROADCAST.**

In connection with the Jubilee celebration of the restoration of St. Martin's, Birmingham, much service ringing has been done by the St. Martin's band. The thanksgiving services began on Saturday evening, and the bells were rung for an hour and a half. In addition to the usual Sunday morning service ringing, the band rang for evensong, and again for a special service afterwards, when the ringing was broadcast from the Birmingham station of the B.B.C.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It is gratifying to see that 'The Morning Post' protests against the recasting of Coventry bells; it was better to notice the general tenor of its remarks. Although—so we may summarise them—although we have several times expressed our approval of carillons, that does not mean we prefer them to ringing peals. On the contrary, as a general rule we think the latter are the best. And that, I think, is the general opinion. English people as a whole are by no means anxious or willing that our ringing bells should be displaced by carillons.

Still we must realise that there is a number of gentlemen—well informed, enthusiastic, painstaking—who are doing their utmost by writing and speaking to proclaim the advantages of carillons and to create a popular interest in them, with considerable success. Further, although there is a professorship of campanology in one of the smaller modern universities, it is concerned solely with carillon music, and takes not the slightest notice whatever of change ringing. The whole tendency of these people's efforts is to create a popular impression that the carillon is a far nobler thing than the ringing peal, and carillon playing an infinitely superior art to change ringing. They do not indeed say anything actually against our English ringing. Their attitude is that it is well enough in its way, but that the other is much the better. I have heard Dr. Stainer, the most accomplished and learned of the carillon advocates, say that he loves to hear our English bells, but that, of course, they are not music; and he plainly infers that no one who knows anything about the matter would or could possibly put change ringing in the same category as carillon music. What we have to consider is this. Assuming that these ideas are uncontradicted and become popular, there is the possibility that authorities will be persuaded to put up small carillons instead of ringing peals; and even, as in a case like, say, Liverpool Cathedral, instal a full carillon instead of heavy ringing peal. You will say that the cost is prohibitive. But not necessarily so. Truly, only once in a while can such a set as that lately put up at Loughborough, or that recently sent to New York, be afforded. But our modern bell foundries have learnt the art of casting good small bells, and a carillon of a dozen or so small bells; the largest, about half a ton, would not cost more than a moderately-sized peal of eight. Agreed that ambitious carillon music could not be played on such a set; but a large number of airs of the hymn tune variety, ambitious enough for the class of carillonneur likely to be available could be played.

There are quite sufficient people among church authorities to whom this would appeal if once it became the fashion.

We, the Exercise, ought to have our answer ready. We must say decidedly, and with conviction, that though carillons are magnificent things in their way, and under some circumstances, yet the ringing peal is far greater. Change ringing is the nobler art. And that while carillon music is a very restricted form of music, English bell ringing is, in its sphere, perfect.

These are bold statements, but they can be justified, and justified not merely from the standpoint of a change ringer, but from the standpoint of the outsider. The carillon claims to be music, and must, therefore, be judged by comparison with other forms of music. Very well, compare it with other instruments—the organ, the violin, the piano, the human voice—in one respect only can it be favourably compared. It can be heard at greater distances. In everything else, in variety of tone, in range, in expression, it is altogether inferior. An average organist can give you results that the most expert carillonneur cannot attempt. And when you consider the cost of the instrument, the comparison should be with a full orchestra. How will it countenance that comparison?

As for the small carillon with its single air without harmony or accompaniment, who was it that said it reminded him of a 'daft' giant trying to pick out hymn tunes with one finger on a Broddingnagian pianoforte?

The ringing peal does not claim to be music, and challenges no such comparisons. But it has a unique power of appealing most profoundly to the listeners' being and memory. Not, of course, in every listener, nor at all times in any listener. Nay, the listener is hardly directly conscious of the effect, and yet it is there. A thing that can do this surely is entitled to belong to true art.

A very striking illustration of this is related by A. W. Kinglake in a book of travels in the East, which he called 'Eothen.' It was published in the middle of the last century, and is reckoned a classic of its kind. He was travelling on a camel across the desert from Gaza to Cairo, and on the fifth day, having closed his eyes against the glare of the sun, he slowly fell asleep. 'For how many minutes or moments I cannot tell—but after a while I was gently awakened by a peal of church bells—my native bells—the innocent bells of Marlen that never before sent forth their music beyond the Blyayen hills! My first idea naturally was that I still remained fast under the power of a dream. I roused myself and drew aside the silk that covered my eyes and plunged my bare face into the light. Then at last I was well awakened, but still these old Marlen bells rang on, not ringing for joy, but properly, prosily, steadily, merrily ringing "for church."

After a while the sound died away slowly; it happened that neither I nor any of my party had a watch by which to measure the exact time of its lasting, but it seemed to me that about ten minutes had passed before the bells ceased. I attributed the effect to the great heat of the sun, the perfect dryness of the clear air through which I moved, and the deep stillness of all around me; it seemed to me that these causes, by occasioning a great tension and consequent susceptibility of the hearing organs, had rendered them liable to tingle under the passing memory that must have swept across my brain in a moment of sleep. Since my return to England it has been told me that like sounds have been heard at sea, and that the sailor, becalmed under a vertical sun in the midst of the wide ocean, has listened in trembling wonder to the chime of his own village bells.'

The explanation is a reasonable one, but you note that it is the bells, that strike the subtle chord, not the village choir, nor any of the many other sounds that memory might have associated with the listener's native place.

But it may be objected. 'Be it so, that does not affect the present argument. The illusion would have been just the same, whether the bells were ringing peal or carillon.' I do not think so. I think this peculiar power in our bells is largely due to the fact that there is no musical air in ringing. Where you have a definite tune, the conscious brain has something to appreciate and understand. In change ringing there is nothing definite to listen to. There are but vague suggestions, and the listener is turned inwards to his own soul and being. The æsthetic effect of change ringing is almost entirely subjective, and not objective. Thus, people talk about bells ringing merrily for a wedding, triumphantly for a victory, and mournfully for a funeral. We know that all ringing actually is the same. It is the listener who supplies the difference.

It is, of course, true that all pleasing inarticulate sound has to some extent this character. For instance, the breaking of waves on the sea-shore, or the sighing of the wind among the trees. They appeal to people just because the sound has no meaning of its own, and can, therefore, suggest such a variety of ideas to those that hear them. Just so the sense of smell, the vaguest and most indefinite of all the senses is by far the most potent in stimulating the memory.

And of all inarticulate sounds that of a bell has this quality the most. I remember some years ago talking with the late Mr. J. W. Taylor. He had just been to Paris, and on his way back he stopped at Rouen to hear the great bell there. I asked him what he thought of it, and his reply was: 'It made me feel religious.' Much the same thing is expressed by Milton, where he says:—

On a plat of rising ground,  
I hear the far-off curfew sound,  
Over some wide watered shore  
Swinging slow, with solemn roar.

What the single bell can do, the ringing peal can do far better. But you are to notice that the effect does not depend to any extent on the quality of the bells or the ringing. We all have friends who have told us of such and such bells. Had we heard them? They were simply lovely. The prosaic truth is as often as not that they were very ordinary bells rung by a quite indifferent hand. But there you have the unique power of the ringing peal.

We ringers are almost the last people to whom bells will appeal in this way. We have too many active interests in them. We are thinking about the line of the bells, the quality of the ringing, the particular method. We are listening for course ends and hobs, and this mental activity is fatal to any of those vague suggestions. We get our full enjoyment out of change ringing, but we inevitably miss its most subtle charm.

## NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

On reading the report of the Nomenclature Committee, which has appeared in your columns, I notice that it proposes to reject the names Bluebell, etc., for Blundell, etc., on the grounds that, as a member of the Council put it last year in London, the former are 'in bad taste, unscientific and inartistic.' The Norbury band have rung as many of the new methods in the Central Council Collection as any other company of change ringers, and, together with other bands, have availed themselves of that unwritten law of the exercise, which has allowed those who first ring a new method to have the privilege of naming it. So far, no good reason appears to have been shown why we should forgo the right on which we have already relied, and accept names which are in no better taste, without science, and less artistic. Nor do we admit the contention that by our choice we have taken any 'retrograde' step, but rather do we strongly assert that we have supported the only scientific system of nomenclature which has yet been proposed.

JAMES FERNLEY,  
Leader of Norbury Ringers.

HORSELL, SURREY.—On June 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Miss Nora E. Shorter 1, Miss Flo E. Wyman 2, Miss Bertha M. Mills 3, J. Coacher 4, Sam Pettor 5, Geo. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 6. Rang after meeting short for a peal.



## FACTS AND OPINIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like to reply to some remarks made by the writer of 'Notes by the Way' in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World.'

He says there is no other 12-bell tower which has anything like the record of that at Ipswich. I can assure him that we of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, raise our hats to all that has been done by that excellent band of ringers at Ipswich. But what of St. Martin's, Birmingham, which, I believe, can claim to have rung more peals in different methods on its bells than any other 12-bell tower in existence, and has also had to date seven different peals of Maximus, viz., Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent, Oxford, Duffield, Forward and Cambridge? This is a record to-day. Also peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge have been rung on seven, eight, nine, ten and eleven bells. The total peals to date on St. Martin's bells approximate 210 in number, from Triples to Maximus. Another record is that more ringers have rung their first peal on twelve bells there than elsewhere. As regards increasing rings of eight to ten, I am sure everyone, with exception of the proposer, was amazed to see the motion on the agenda at the Chester Council meeting and none surprised that it was practically laughed out of court, receiving the only fate it deserved. I shall do all in my power to help King's Norton, as we in Birmingham are especially in need of a good ten-bell tower, and which should be the right and proper stepping-stone to the 12-bell practices at St. Martin's. An instance is St. Andrew's, Derby, which, since two trebles have been added, has a beautiful peal of ten bells, and where Cambridge Royal is rung for the Sunday services. In reference to Stedman Cinques, how many are there that can ring it as it should be rung? Very few comparatively speaking. In conclusion, there are lots of brave conductors, and Stedman has been, and still is, in Birmingham and elsewhere, rung in every possible position—backstroke and handstroke, titlums and home positions. Will the writer of 'Notes by the Way' publish or send me some of his own?

ALBERT WALKER.

Birmingham.

ABERAVON.—On Saturday, June 27th, after the unveiling of the town war memorial, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), half-muffled, with J. G. 8 covering: A. Halton (Neath) 1, G. Lewis (Cardoxon) 2, W. J. Thomas (Cardoxon) 3, J. Weatherby 4, W. Norton 5, C. Jones 6, E. Stinch (conductor) 7, W. Pring 8.

## 'TO PAY OR NOT TO PAY.'

Dear Sir,—I read from time to time the complaints of Guild officials and various comments on this momentous question, and am convinced that the only remedy is for the harassed officials to table a list of names at the annual meeting of all defaulters, and then to resign en bloc and touch no business until the arrears are paid up in full. It is certain that the members who have the welfare of the Guild at heart would soon bestir themselves to compel the defaulters to pay up and save their faces, which are badly in need of a little 'saving grace.' However a ringer can allow himself year by year to remain on the roll and ring peals and make no effort to pay the paltry one or two shillings per annum passes one's comprehension! Less than one halfpenny per week, for which he receives benefits in the shape of (in many cases) a voluminous report, a few free feeds and the honour of union with a decent Guild. Then he expects all his Guild officials to work many hours per year arranging meetings, teas, peals and what not for nothing; he grumbles, to boot, if he, individually, is not suited by the fare put up for his delectation; has the impudence to promise to pay one halfpenny per week, and is too idle or thoughtless or void of honour to carry out his promise. An Englishman's word was the foundation stone upon which our great Empire was built. Where one's Guild is concerned it is wonderful how things carry on so well with such lists of defaulters. So pay up and look big, my merrie men, and show your compeers that you are worthy of your place among them, for, as things stand just now, your principles are too microscopic to cast a shadow.—Yours truly,

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By JOHN HOWES.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers in general, and particularly those interested in rifle shooting, will be interested to learn that Mr. E. Congreve-Pridgeau, a popular member of the St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Ringers' Guild, has gained a place in the King's Hundred at Bisley this year, a feat which he also accomplished in 1923.

Mrs. M. H. Shurtleff, of Boston, U.S.A., who will be remembered by many London ringers as Miss Nicholls, the daughter of the late Dr. A. H. Nicholls, has, after 25 years' absence, again visited England with several of her family. During a short stay in London, she attended the College Youths' practices at St. Magnus, London Bridge, and St. Paul's Cathedral. A quarter-peal was arranged for her at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Sunday, July 12th, but it unfortunately came to grief. She also did some handbell ringing, accomplishing, among other touches, a 504 of Stedman Triples and 224 Grand-sire, conducted by Mr. C. F. Winney, who called handbell peals, in which she took part, when she was in England 25 years ago.

Can any Scotch ringer inform us on the likelihood of getting a 'pull' in Edinburgh during August?

One hundred and forty years ago next Wednesday there arrived in London one whose name will be linked with ringing as long as the Exercise lasts. On July 29th, 1785, William Shipway reached the Metropolis from his native town Bath, drawn to the capital by the greater facilities which he would obtain for ringing.

James William Washbrook, whose memory is to be perpetuated by two bells placed in St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, was born on July 27th, 1864.

The first peal in Ireland was rung on July 27th, 1872. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples at Waterford Cathedral.

On July 26th, 1832, Samuel Thurston called a peal of 6,000 Double Oxford Bob at St. Giles', Norwich.

At Aston Church, where, later, Henry Johnson rang many peals, a peal of 7,552 Grandsire Major was rung on July 30th, 1792.

One of the most useful books of instruction in ringing is Troyte's well-known treatise. It is indispensable to all ringers, and covers the groundwork on all numbers up to eight bells. It has, however, this advantage, that those whose efforts are for the time being limited to six-bell ringing can obtain an edition suitable to their needs at a lower price than the complete publication. Particulars as to this will be found in an advertisement.

## ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

### ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECH BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting was held at Newton, Wisbech, on Saturday, June 6th. A large company of ringers from March, Leverington, Watlington, Shouldham and the local company assembled. Tea was served, and the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Brown) presided at the business meeting. He referred briefly to the belfry reform, adding he had the opportunity of assisting to clear out some abuses which existed in his early days. The chairman became an hon. member and five ringing members were elected. The tower was again visited, and touches rung, the local band joining in, the Rector also taking a rope. A well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was brought round at Leverington on the way home.

On Saturday, July 4th, a meeting was held at the fine old village of Doddington, ringers attending from Somersham, Chatteris and March. Some good touches were rung on the five old 15th century bells, the local company taking part. The Rector kindly entertained all present to tea, and he also gave some interesting history of the fine old church.

On Saturday, July 11th, a district meeting was held at Upwell, ringers attending from Elm, March, Chatteris, Somersham, Watlington and Shouldham. Good touches were rung during the afternoon and evening in various methods. Mr. J. Papiett took the chair at the business meeting at which seven new members were elected.

The next meeting will be held at Sutton.

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The report, as presented, was adopted, and the work will, consequently, now be put in hand.

The Master announced that out of the amount subscribed, the Oxford Guild and members had contributed £115. It was not more than they ought to have done, but it was good all the same (applause).

Later in the meeting the Hon. Treasurer moved that a sum of £10 be voted from the Guild funds to the Washbrook Memorial, and that an additional £5 be given if the Master considered it necessary. Mr. Wright said other ringing societies had already sent subscriptions, and the Oxford Guild should support the fund by voting the amount proposed. They were now well able to afford it.

The motion was agreed to.

## THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

### WORK TO BE PUT IN HAND.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild having been entrusted with the task of erecting a suitable memorial to the late Mr. James William Washbrook, the special committee appointed to deal with the subject presented a report at the Oxford Guild annual meeting last Saturday, when it was resolved to place the order for two bells to increase the ring of six in the tower of St. Ebbe's Church to a peal of eight, and erect a commemorative tablet.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) presented the report, which was as follows:—

At the last annual meeting held in Reading, it was decided to erect in Oxford some fitting 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 that, if possible, the memorial should take the form of augmenting the ring of six bells in the tower of either St. Ebbe, St. Giles, or Carfax. A special committee was appointed to deal with the matter, consisting of the Master, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Canon Coleridge, Messrs. A. D. Cullum, H. Miles and W. H. B. Wilkins. This committee was instructed to make the necessary inquiries, to decide upon a scheme, and to issue an appeal for funds wherewith to carry it out.

In considering the suggested towers, the committee ruled out Carfax, chiefly, but not entirely, because it is not a church tower; and St. Giles chiefly, but not entirely, because of the costliness of the work that would be necessary, and finally decided upon St. Ebbe, because the augmenting of this musical little ring appeared to be in all respects a scheme which would give the best value for the money which they expected would be at their disposal. Favourable reports were received from Mr. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry, as to the casting of bells good enough to be trebles in such a lighting ring; from Mr. White, whose firm rehung the six bells some years ago, as to the practicability of putting the bells in the tower; and from Mr. G. H. Philpott, M.S.A., as to the structure of the tower and the plans for hanging the bells.

The sum of £170 was named as a rough estimate, and an appeal was issued throughout the Exercise for the raising of this sum to augment the ring at St. Ebbe's; it was added that should contributions be in excess of the sum required a larger scheme might be considered.

As the result of this appeal we have in hand £160. In addition to this, the Lancashire Association, who approached us first of all on this matter, have informed us we may count on them for £20, and we have a few other promises of smaller amounts. Mr. White's revised estimate is £165 15s., and we calculate that the cost of a decent commemorative tablet and sundry fees and expenses will bring the total up to £190.

The committee feel that financially and otherwise the Washbrook Memorial Scheme, as described, is a sound one, and they recommend the Guild, as trustees for those who, throughout the land, value the memory of this greatest of ringers, to accept Mr. White's estimate, and to authorise the work at St. Ebbe's to be put in hand.

The Master added that Mr. White had said that when he began to do the work he might find one or two things it was impossible to foresee now, which would require to be done, and he intended, if so, to do them, if he had the job, and he would not worry about payment for them. The committee felt that Mr. White should not be allowed to be out of pocket to such an extent, if such additional work should prove necessary (hear, hear). They would not have much more money in hand than they would require, but, with what was promised, he thought they would have enough to do the work well. He proposed the adoption of the report.

Canon G. F. Coleridge seconded. The committee, he said, had gone into the matter with very great care, and came to the conclusion embodied in the report. At the beginning he was, he admitted, very pessimistic over the matter; he did not think they would raise anything like that amount of money. He knew Mr. Washbrook as a little boy at St. Thomas's Schools. He remembered that, with John Jagger, who became well known later at Burton-on-Trent, James Washbrook, as a lad, used to climb up by the ivy to get into the tower and practise pulling a bell with tied clapper; because they felt they should emulate the deeds of the members of the Oxford University Guild, whom they had seen struggling to ring six-scores of Grandsire. He (Canon Coleridge) recognised that there were to-day a large number of ringers growing up, who knew nothing about Mr. Washbrook, and he thought that among the few older ones who did know him, sufficient money would not be forthcoming. He was delighted to know that it was. He did not think they could do better than carry out at once the scheme contained in the report.

Replying to Mr. C. Mayne, the Master said it was true there were formerly two trebles at St. Ebbe's Church, and that they were taken away because they were unworthy of the present six. They were given to other churches in the parish.

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## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### FESTIVAL AT OXFORD.

### ANNUAL MEETING VENUE DISCUSSED AGAIN.

The annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Oxford on Saturday, and was favoured with brilliant summer weather. There are many attractions for ringers at the University city, and the meeting was attended by over 150 members, well representative of the three counties, of which the diocese is comprised. In view of the feeling which has existed for some few years past on the subject of the place of meeting for this annual event, and the argument used that the dominant power in voting is with the district in which the meeting is held, it was extremely interesting to note that a show of hands revealed that at the luncheon, which followed the business meeting, there were 57 members present from the County of Berks, 75 from Bucks, and only 25 from Oxfordshire.

The proceedings began with a service in the Cathedral at 11.15, at which an outstanding feature was the hearty singing. The preacher was the Ven. R. Wickham Legg (Archdeacon of Berks), whose practical address was much appreciated. A collection was made for the Washbrook Memorial Fund.

The Chapter House was filled to its utmost capacity for the business meeting, which, despite the expeditious manner in which the agenda was dealt with by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), who presided, lasted close on two hours. The Master was supported by Archdeacon Legg, Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. W. J. Palmer, Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary).

The Master first made reference to the great loss which the whole diocese, and, therefore, the bell ringers of the diocese, had sustained by the death of Bishop Burge. He never was able to preach to the Guild, but that was not because he was not willing or was not asked to do so, but always, at that time of year, his engagements prevented him from doing so, for he was not only Bishop of the Diocese, but a man tremendously sought after in England, and, indeed, all over the world. They were fortunate to have had him as their Bishop; he was heart and soul in sympathy with the Guild, and was always anxious to know how the work was going on. He (the speaker) asked those present to stand in silence for a few moments to mark their respect.

This having been done, the Master said the new Bishop was formerly Dean of Christ Church, and as Dean he was very helpful and sympathetic when their meetings were held there, and the Guild would offer him a very hearty welcome whenever he came among them (applause).

The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean of Christ Church for his welcome, and for allowing them to hold their service in the Cathedral, for the use of the Chapter House and the hall adjoining, and for allowing them to ring at Christ Church. He also thanked the organist, whose playing they much enjoyed, and then thanked the preacher. They had never before, he said, had an address at their annual festival from the Archdeacon of Berkshire, and they wished heartily to thank him, not only for coming, but for what he said to them. It was good for them to listen to a quiet, straight talk upon their great work. The Archdeacon had given them something to think about, and put into practice. The Archdeacon practised what he preached, and was in full sympathy with ringers.

The vote of thanks was seconded by Mr. J. F. Barlow, and carried with acclamation.—In replying, the Archdeacon said he was always glad to do anything he could on behalf of the bell ringers. He regretted he could not stay to the luncheon, as he had to fulfil engagements in his own archdeaconry. The Archdeacon left shortly afterwards.

### RESTORATION WORK.

The Master's report was presented as follows, and adopted, on the motion of Mr. A. D. Cullum, seconded by Mr. W. Sear:—

The Guild is on the whole going forward, though it may be but slowly. If ground is gained in one quarter, there is too often a loss to be reported in another, and still there remain many portions of this great unwieldy diocese where it has no footing. But the branches are for the most part vigorous, and that is the great hope. It is for them to make it known that the Guild is a good thing. Thanks chiefly to Mr. Barker, the East Berks and South Bucks Branch has made a splendid recovery. The peal list is not a long one, but I do not think it is necessarily the worse for that. The encouraging thing is that several new names figure as ringers and conductors. Perhaps the feature of the year is the amount of restoration work accomplished or commenced. The Diocesan Advisory Committee now require a report from me on every 'bell' scheme that comes before them, and there is now a good understanding between us. At the request of the Rural Dean of the Reading Deanery, who is also chairman of the above committee, I visited every tower in his Deanery, and made reports, with the result that four towers have already benefited from the attentions of the bell hanger. Coming to larger matters and in other directions, the fine heavy ring of eight at Great Tew is now rehung in a new frame. A generous donor has recast the old six at Kingham, and added two trebles with a new frame, making a good light octave. At Blotchley and Milton Keynes, respectively, the rings of eight and five

have been rehung in new frames. Tackley, with the addition of a treble, has now a fine ring of six going well on the restored old frame. At Chaddlesworth a new frame has been put in, and the three bells augmented to four. The two small fourteenth century bells at Barton Hartshorn have been rehung and made safe, it is hoped for many years to come. I have also visited to give advice at Coombe, Great Hassey, Shalston, Shenington, Shiplake, Simpson, Sinton, Courtenay and Water Stratford. Our treasurer has produced a good balance sheet, and if only his suggestions as to finance are accepted in practice, as well as in theory, the Guild will soon be able to make some grants again. All will agree, I am sure, that the first call upon a Guild surplus must be a subscription to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. The ringing associations, through the Central Council, have entrusted the Oxford Guild with the task of erecting this memorial. Ours is the privilege, and ours the chief responsibility, though we are by no means being left by the other associations to bear this alone. So, for our part, I hope that, besides a Guild subscription, every tower will send a contribution, and that every Branch will vote a sum from its surplus funds. Early in the year, Mr. W. Newell passed away in a good old age, being mercifully spared the days of suffering that his friends feared for him. He was one of the fathers of the Guild, and maintained his keen interest in its welfare, and in ringing generally to the very last. May he rest in peace. In conclusion, I should like to thank those excellent Guild servants, Mr. Wright and Mr. Hibbert, for the way they have helped me in my endeavour to serve the Guild.

#### THE GUILD'S FINANCES.

The Hon. Treasurer presented his report as follows: 'The statement of accounts for 1924 shows a balance of £86 14s. 8d., as compared with £64 11s. 11d. last year. The amount received from local branches has risen from £87 9s. 6d. to £75 13s. 10d., and the subscriptions to the general Guild from £2 11s. to £15 7s. 6d. The expenses have decreased from £99 14s. 2d. to £84 2s. 7d. The annual report cost £7 less than last year, and the number attending the annual festival fell from 158 to 96. Although a small attendance meant a considerable saving, it is with pleasure that I have received two additions to the funds, given by two persons who have taken this method of recognising the Master's services in connection with the restoration of two peals of bells. One was a life subscription, and the other a special donation. I suggested last year that a "Restoration Fund" should be started so that any grants given should not come out of the year's income. With this object in view, I have placed the donation in a separate fund, and have added the Reserve Fund Dividend, and I hope each year to add a sum when I have a good balance in hand. At the last annual meeting, Rule III. was altered, and subscriptions from local branches have to be paid to the Guild Treasurer by July instead of December. A letter has been sent to every Branch Treasurer calling attention to this alteration. The new rule with reference to the payment for reports comes into operation this year. These two matters have been fully explained at all the Branch meetings. I am very glad to see that the East Berks and South Bucks Branch is regaining its former prosperous position. The subscriptions are nearly double those of last year. Mr. Barker and his colleagues are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts. I should like to express my appreciation of the services rendered by the Branch Treasurers. I have now had the pleasure of meeting all of them, and know a little of their difficulties. It is on their work that the success of the Guild largely depends.

'The Treasurer added that last year he calculated upon a 10 per cent. increase in their finances, and he was glad to be able to say that it worked out at 113. He hoped this year to see another 10 per cent. added. With regard to the reserve fund, he hoped to transfer another £10 from their balance to the Savings Bank. The interest on that and the £10 already there, was equivalent to the subscriptions of twelve additional members.'

The report was adopted.

#### A SICKLY 'BARY.'

The Secretary, in his report, stated: 'The year 1924 left our Guild better in many ways than the preceding year. That, at least, is the opinion of your humble servant. We have had, for instance, a definite return of membership from each Branch Secretary, and although, as in other years, some towers have fallen out the average is kept up by fresh towers joining. Our membership stands as follows: towers in union, 167; hon. members, 241; ringing members, 1,396; unattached, 420. Total membership, 2,057. One thing I wish I could alter, and that is members falling into arrears. If all members would only realise what an anxiety it is to Branch Secretaries not to know whether subscriptions are coming, or whether to make up their accounts for the hon. treasurer, and "star" members as in arrears, I think everyone would pay subscriptions in good time, and so help the men who do so much to make our unwieldy Guild workable. Our peals are less in number than in the past few years, but most satisfactory from the facts that: (1) 28 ringers rang their first peal; (2) upwards of 60 rang their first peals in different methods; (3) 4 conducted peals first time; (4) 6 conducted peals in fresh methods. An outstanding peal of this description was "Double Norwich," by the North Berkshire Branch, first in the method by all. Congratulations also to members of East Berks, who, with their old conductor, G.

Martin, brought us back to Surprise methods by scoring two peals of "Cambridge." We hope, therefore, to get back to old times during 1925, and to prove that "London" and "Bristol" are not too big. The first 720 of spliced Minor was rung by the young band at Stoke Poges, with the help of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker. Mention must also be made of a visit to North Berks by Mr. W. Pye and party, who scored the first peal of "Cambridge Royal" by the Guild at Abingdon, and rang peals of "London" and "Bristol" at Drayton and Dorchester respectively. The Guild had lost, by death, during the year, the Rev. E. Broome, for many years secretary to the Sonning Deanery Branch, Messrs. W. Newell, C. E. Stone and A. Guy.'

In presenting the report the Secretary said the question had arisen whether it was worth while keeping the Vale of White Horse Branch as a separate branch. It was for the neighbouring towers to use their influence to keep the branch alive, and try and feed this 'baby.'

The Rev. E. B. Lock (hon. secretary of the branch) suggested that it be merged in the North Bucks branch. He felt that no amount of 'artificial nourishment' or any other 'nourishment,' would save this delicate 'baby,' unless it was taken over by another branch. It was one of the most scattered areas in Berkshire, and had no 'certificated' bell ringers resident in it. It laboured under very great difficulties, and he did not know whether it was advisable to struggle on for another year.

It was agreed that the question should be dealt with by the Master, Treasurer and Secretary.

#### OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was re-elected amid cheers, on the motion of Mr. F. Hopgood, seconded by Mr. J. W. Wilkins, the latter expressing the thanks which the members felt for the work done by the Master throughout the year.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he hoped they would settle in a workable way the question of their annual festival. Ever since he had been Master he had been dealing either with questions concerned with the annual festival and the dissatisfaction of members, or with memorial funds. He would like to have a few years, before he had done with it, when they could go ahead with the work, without having to consider these other things. He had endeavoured in the past to attend all branch meetings, but they had increased so in number that it had now become impossible to continue this policy, and do anything at all to help young ringers, who wanted to ring a peal, and who were worthy to ring a peal, or a band which wanted assistance in practising Surprise methods. He simply had no Saturdays to spare. The Treasurer and Secretary agreed with him, and so for the future he asked them not to expect him at any but the annual meetings of the branches. He would attend the others if he could, but he would like to be consulted about the date of the annual branch meetings.

The Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected, and the Master congratulated the Guild upon its wisdom, for both these officers put their whole heart into the work.

On the question of the election of the committee, the Master said that Mr. J. J. Parker had written to him that he was unable to continue as a member of the Guild; therefore his name would disappear from the committee.

Mr. Mayne asked whether Mr. Parker was not a 'complimentary' life member. He was one of their oldest members, a master among ringers, and had done a great deal of spade work. It would be a great pity if he were allowed to go from the Guild or the committee.

The Master said Mr. Parker had told them he could not continue as a member of the Guild. He knew nothing about Mr. Parker being a 'complimentary' member.

Mr. Wilkins said Mr. Parker was worthy of being elected a vice-president. He was one of the founders of the Guild.

The Master said Mr. Parker was one of two men he had hoped to see elected vice-presidents; the other was Mr. Newell, who had been taken from them. The question was raised in committee, and the view was taken (with which he agreed) that they could not elect Mr. Parker as a vice-president if he was not a member of the Guild.

The following eleven members of the committee were re-elected: Messrs. J. F. Barlow, J. Evans, G. Caudwell, G. Holfield, E. Humfrey, W. Hibbert, senr., Fred Webb, R. White, A. D. Cullum, H. Sear and J. W. Wilkins. Mr. G. Martin was elected to fill the vacancy.

Canon Coleridge gave a brief review of the proceedings of the Central Council meeting at Chester, which, he said, were full of interest and very enjoyable. Everyone was struck by the warmth and geniality of their welcome, both by the Chester Guild and the Bishop, Dean, and authorities of the Cathedral. Canon Coleridge referred to several of the most important points in the business transacted, and pointed out that a full report had appeared in 'The Ringing World,' which every member ought to have read. They could not keep up in their knowledge of what was happening in the ringing Exercise unless they were regular subscribers to 'The Ringing World.'

A report of the Washbrook Memorial Committee was presented, and adopted. It will be found under a separate heading.

(To be continued.)



## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

On Saturday, June 20th, the Milton-next-Gravesend (Kent) ringers were favoured with glorious weather for their annual outing. Proceeding by charabanc, the first stop was at Croydon, where, by kind permission of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the party spent a very interesting hour in being shown round by Mr. C. Roper. This privilege was greatly appreciated. The next stop was at Epsom. At Christ Church, the peal of eight were rung to Grandsire and Treble Bob.

Dorking was reached in time for dinner at the Victory Tea Gardens, which was served in the beautiful grounds. A visit was paid to St. Martin's Church, and the bells were soon going to Triples and Treble Bob. The homeward journey was via Reigate and Redhill. It was arranged to stop at Limpsfield Chart to ring, but owing to being wrongly directed, the tower was missed.

After tea at Seal, the tower was visited, where the peal of six are at present a very tiring and trying proposition.

Home was reached at 10 o'clock, one and all well satisfied with the day's outing, and the ringers wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for permission to look round the foundry; to Mr. Roper for his kindness; to the various incumbents for permission to ring at the towers visited; and to Mr. C. Dean, the esteemed secretary of the Surrey Association, for his valued help.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual summer outing was held on Saturday, June 27th, when a visit was paid to that picturesque riverside resort of Great Marlow-on-Thames.

Some of the party went by train direct to Marlow, but others went to Maidenhead, then by launch to Henley, and returning to Marlow, visiting the pretty tower of All Saints and its ring of eight bells, which was open for ringing from 4.30 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Various methods were rung, including Grandsire, Stedman, Cambridge, Superlative, etc., with the brother member ringers, including Mr. Mayne, of Beaconsfield; Mr. John Evans, of Wycombe; and Mr. Owens, of West Wycombe.

A photo group was taken on the lawn, which included the St. Luke's, Chelsea, section of the association, who were staying for two days.

In the evening, touches of Stedman Triples on handbells by Messrs. J. C. Truss, T. H. Taffender, Herbert and Alloway, opened the proceedings of an enjoyable evening at the Two Brewers. Mr. Truss at the piano, Mr. W. D. Mathews, ex-Master and treasurer of the association, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. R. Newman, assistant secretary, also gave songs, etc.

## NOTTINGHAM.

On Saturday, July 4th, the ringers and friends, numbering 25 in all, held their annual outing. Starting at 8.30 for Buxton by charabanc, the first halt was made at Derby and Matlock. The journey was then pursued to Bakewell, where a stop was made for a ring on the fine peal of eight. Touches of Stedman were rung, also three leads of Kent Major, with Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, the editor, who is staying in Buxton. A party of ringers from Kibworth rang the party into the village. A move was then made for Buxton, where dinner was served, and a pleasant two hours were spent in exploring the places of interest. At 4.30 a start was made for Ashbourne, where tea was served, after which Mr. Cobin, St. Peter's Ringing Master, voiced the thanks of the party to Mr. West and Mr. Chadburn for the able way in which the arrangements had been made and carried out. The fine old peal of eight was then visited, where touches of Stedman and Spliced Treble Bob Major were rung, and the handbells were also brought into use. At Derby, the handbells were again rung, after which a start was made for home, via Ilkeston, Nottingham being reached at 11 p.m. Through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' the members of St. Peter's band wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells; the towerkeepers for having everything in readiness, and helping to make this outing such an enjoyable one.

## ST. JAMES' GUILD, TAUNTON.

On July 4th the ringers of the Guild held their annual outing. Taunton was left at 7.10 a.m. for Tiverton, where Mr. Grateau met the party. Touches of Stedman and a course of Major were rung on the fine peal of bells here. Arriving at Crediton, the party was met by Mr. Perkins, the captain, and, after looking over this fine old 11th century church, several touches of Kent and Plain Bob were rung. Mr. John Osborne met the party at Chagford, and the bells were set going to touches of Kent and Stedman. Moreton Hampstead was visited, and touches of Double Norwich were rung. A move was then made to Bovey Tracey, where the light peal, tenor were rung, including a touch of Kent Major, in good style. Chudleigh was reached at 5 o'clock. The company was welcomed by the captain of the local band, and ringing was enjoyed before Teignmouth was visited. Here tea was served, and the party made the acquaintance of a Swindon ringer, who stood in for a touch of Stedman.

The home journey was made by way of Dawlish and Exeter, all the party enjoying the outing thoroughly.

## THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

So long ago as Whitsun, 1924, it was my privilege to be introduced to a party of ringers from the North, and to hear them ring London Surprise Major (double-handed) in the ancient 'Coffee Pot,' London. Another younger member of the Goffon family was also met, later in the year, who added his weight to the general welcome to the Durham and Newcastle district, offered to our party whenever it was convenient to amass the men, money and the minutes for this trip.

The opportunity to explore the towers in the neighbourhood of Whitley Bay came to hand most propitiously in June, owing to a proposal by Norfolk and Kent men to spend a week in Hertfordshire falling to the ground. Eventually six men from the London district decided to make the plunge and were joined at the 'far end' by Messrs. Jenkins and Shepherd.

On arrival at the Central Station it was found that illness prevented attempt No. 1 at Gosforth (10), but that Whitley Bay would be available instead, and that two rings at Hartlepool (8 and 10 bells) were kindly allotted us in place of Gateshead, thus completing a list of twelve towers for our use in the counties of Durham and Northumberland.

'The Ringing World' has already given particulars of the ten successes, the same number and of similar mixture to those rung during the Norfolk tour last June, when 14 attempts were made.

On Monday afternoon a peal of Superlative Surprise Major was attempted, but two bells became transposed at half-way, and Conductor Jenkins called 'stand.' On Wednesday afternoon, at South Shields, there was 70 minutes' minutes for a peal of Stedman Triples, which got out of order. On Friday our effort to ring Stedman Triples at Monkseaton lasted two hours and ten minutes, with Mr. Parkes as conductor. On Sunday a visit was paid to the Goffon 'Handbell Belfry,' a modern hut, and here London, Superlative and Double Norwich Major, as well as Stedman Caters and Cinques, were tapped with much precision.

## CROYDON, SURREY (ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S). OUTING.

On Saturday, July 11th, the ringers of the above church, accompanied by their wives and friends, held their annual outing. Worthing was reached in time for breakfast, after which a visit was paid to the old-world village of Tarring. The towerkeeper was awaiting the party, hence the bells were soon going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, followed by Treble Bob Minor. On descending from the tower the company was met by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Lee), who was at Christ Church, Croydon, some years ago.

Dinner was enjoyed in Worthing, after which a visit was paid to St. Botolph's Church, Heene. Here several of the local band were met, also Mr. White, of Tunbridge Wells, and Mr. Groves, of Brighton. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich Major and a course of Cambridge were rung. This concluded the day's ringing, and the party took tea in Worthing. Various amusements were afterwards enjoyed. Much regret was felt at the unavoidable absence of the 'skipper,' Mr. A. W. Clark, and all credit is due to Mrs. Clark for the commendable way in which she made the day such a success. Heartly thanks are due to the Vicars of both churches for permission to use their bells; to the towerkeepers and ringers who helped the proceedings.

A combined outing of the Exeter Cathedral, Heavitree, and St. David's bands took place on Saturday, July 11th, to the district on the Somerset and Dorset border. Ilminster was the first stop, and here the party found a fine ring of eight. Some good ringing was done. South Petherton, with its octagonal central tower, was reached. Bells and fittings all require attention, and it was only with difficulty that three or four touches could be brought round. Yeovil was next visited, where a Carnival Day, in aid of the local hospital, involved delay of nearly one hour.

After lunch, with a few of the local ringers, the musical ring of ten was raised, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters rung, and some Triples on the back eight.

Arrived at Sherborne, the next halt, the beautiful Abbey Church was visited. Here is a grand old ring of eight, but the hanging is far from what it might be. Under adverse conditions, the ringing chamber being in semi-darkness, several good touches were completed.

An excellent tea was enjoyed by all.

The party then proceeded to Charlton Horethorne, where there is a nice ring of eight. Half an hour was spent here, and this concluded the ringing for the day. The run home was made via Langport and Taunton.

HEADINGTON.—On Sunday, June 21st, at St. Andrew's Church, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob: W. Finch 1, F. Beckett 2, W. Collett 3, F. Clinkard 4, H. Tolley 5, A. Dubber 6. Conducted by F. Clinkard.—On Monday, June 22nd, for Coronation Day, a 720 Cambridge Surprise, at Carfax Tower, Oxford: F. Beckett 1, V. Bennett 2, W. H. B. Wilkins 3, H. Tolley 4, F. Taylor 5, W. Harris (conductor) 6.—On Merton College bells, same day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins.: F. Taylor 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, J. F. Hambleton (Midsomer Norton) 3, C. Coles 4, F. Escon 5, H. Tolley 6, W. Finch 7, R. Plaister 8. Conducted by F. Taylor.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,344 changes), Cambridge Surprise Major, in 45 mins.: F. J. Lambert, senr., 1, R. E. Lambert 2, \*W. Collison 3, Miss D. E. Orlebar 4, \*W. Latter 5, R. T. Lambert 6, H. Markwell 7, S. H. Green 8. Conducted by S. H. Green. \* First in the method.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, at St Leonard, Stroatham, S.W., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. E. Chapman 1, J. H. Tallender 2, F. E. Orr 3, J. W. Chapman 4, E. J. King 5, D. Cooper 6, F. Warrington 7, J. R. Gamble 8. Conducted by J. H. Tallender. First quarter-peal of Surprise for ringers of 6th and 7th.

**BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, June 21st, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Warn 1, W. Bradley (first in method) 2, G. Parsons 3, H. Devenish 4, M. Windley 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On June 21st, at St. Chad's Church, 335 Grand-sire Caters: F. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. E. Lilley 4, P. Lane (Ludlow) 5, J. Evans 6, W. Fairhead 7, W. Goodfellow 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, H. Jermy (Great Yarmouth) 10.—On June 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. B. Kynaston 1, W. Short (conductor) 2, J. Evans 3, C. R. Lilley 4, C. Lee 5, J. Griffiths 6, J. E. Lilley 7, H. Jermy 8.

**HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKS.**—On Sunday, June 14th, for morning service, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: L. Wilkinson 1, F. Broadhead 2, L. Wilkinson 3, J. Broadley 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brookes (conductor) 6. Rung in honour of the visit of Mr. J. Broadley, who had officiated as judge the previous day for a contest on the bells of the above church.

**AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.**—On Sunday, June 21st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Robinson, junr., 1, H. Hardy 2, T. F. Hewerton 3, A. King (conductor) 4, W. Middleton 5, T. Newton 6, W. Robinson 7, W. Fisher 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Robinson, junr., 1, H. Hardy 2, W. Nevins 3, A. King (conductor) 4, T. F. Hewerton 5, T. Newton 6, W. Robinson 7, W. Fisher 8. Arranged for Mr. A. King, of Luton. Beds, who is on a visit to the Lake District.

**POOLE, DORSET.**—On Sunday evening, June 7th, on the occasion of the children's festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins. (1,260 changes): W. Robinson 1, F. Townsend 2, A. Rose 3, G. James 4, H. Baverstock 5, W. Iugham 6, W. Simmonds (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, P. Davis 8.

**BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, June 7th, for Matins, 720 College Exercise. Also for evensong, 720 Bucknall Delight: R. Preston 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, C. Preston 3, J. E. Wheeldon (Norton) 4, W. Wheeldon, senr. (conductor), 5, W. Fradley 6.

**BEVERLEY.**—At the Minster, on Sunday, June 7th, for morning service, two courses of Stedman Caters.—For evening service, 629 Grandsire Caters: R. Owen 1, J. E. Constable 2, W. Gibson 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. P. Bradley 6, A. E. Sellers 7, G. H. Corner (Whitby) 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. C. Constable 10.

**PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.**—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: W. Heskin 1, W. Farvatt 2, R. Dutton 3, G. Lawrence 4, G. Burghall (conductor) 5, W. J. Battle 6, H. Hallam (covering) 7. First 720 as conductor.

**LLANISHEN, GLAM.**—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: Geo. Spencer 1, E. Cossam 2, Fred Bailey (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, Geo. Chamberlain 4, Evan Coles 5, Harry Nott 6. Rung as a farewell to E. Cossam, who is leaving the parish to take up his duties at Windsor.

**FAIRFORD, GLOS.**—On Whit Sunday, May 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. C. Cuss 3, G. Winter 4, H. Acock (conductor) 5, J. Hope 6, J. Smith 7, W. Peachey 8.

**WALDRON, SUSSEX.**—On Whit Sunday, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Ades 1, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 2, P. S. Thompson 3, J. Hollands 4, A. Hobden 5, G. Dann 6, W. Jenner 7, C. W. Hobden (first quarter-peal) 8. All local men except 6th, who is from Heathfield.

**AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.**—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, 720 Bob Major, in 27 mins.: G. Neale 1, W. Rought 2, A. Rought 3, J. Pilch 4, J. Moy 5, J. Moy 6, W. Milner 7, W. C. Medler (conductor) 8. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major.—For evening service, 800 Bob Major, in 33 minutes.

**HYTHE, KENT.**—On Sunday, May 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Swann (first quarter) 1, C. Munn 2, W. Bidnell, junr., 3, A. Wratten 4, S. Baker 5, S. Mowl 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, W. Proble 8.

**ALDERSHOT.**—On Whit Sunday, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor: Miss M. Denyer 1, C. Denyer 2, Miss B. Mills 3, Miss A. Fisher 4, Miss H. Mills (conductor) 5, W. Denyer 6. First 720 in the method away from the treble by C. Denyer.

**NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—At Christ Church, for evening service, on June 14th, 1,008 Stedman Triples: John Grey (aged 15, and longest length) 1, G. Dix 2, A. Tully 3, C. Waugh 4, E. Hern (conductor) 5, J. Scott 6, E. Gosden 7, J. George 8.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**POTNEY.**—On Sunday, July 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Goddard 1, G. Harbour 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, F. E. Hawthorne 5, W. H. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, J. A. Trollope 7, Mace Smith 8. Arranged and rung on the occasion of the Putney ringers annual outing.

**ISLEWORTH.**—For evening service, on July 19th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob: H. A. Folkard 1, F. Goddard 2, W. H. Wood 3, A. Cutmore 4, J. Milner 5, W. H. Hollier 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

**LONDON, W.**—On Sunday, July 19th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. E. Garrard 1, F. V. H. Sinkins 2, H. G. Miles 3, E. G. Locke 4, L. H. Baybutt 5, P. L. Miles 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. R. Tompsett 8.

**BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday, July 16th, on the occasion of the golden wedding of Mr. John Fenton (warden of the above church), before the general practice began, 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung, also a few rounds of Queens, firing, etc., before and after the method. Mr. John Fenton, with the late Mr. F. Stockton, were the two wardens to have their names recorded on the peal board recording the first peal rung on the bells in 1891. The ringers were H. Billings 1, Miss Alice Present (conductor) 2, R. Preston 3, C. Bowen 4, W. Fradley 5, Chas. Preston 6.

**ELLESMERE, SALOP.**—On Monday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), 1,260 changes, in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, T. Butler, senr. (conductor), 4, W. S. Higginson 5, T. R. Butler 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Arranged for Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst. Also on July 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with A. Haynes taking part instead of Mr. Rodenhurst. Conducted by T. Butler, senr.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: F. Edwards 1, A. Parsons 2, J. E. Waters 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. H. Hayward 5, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. E. Cawser (Tickhill, Yorks), 8.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, W. C. Cuss 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, J. E. Cawser 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

**BUCKNALL, STOKE-ON-TRENT.**—On Sunday, July 12th, for morning service, 720 Milton: R. Preston 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, H. Billings 3, W. Wheeldon, senr., 4, W. Fradley (conductor) 5, Chas. Preston 6.—For evening service, 720 London Surprise: Chas. Bowen 1, in place of R. Preston, and conducted by W. Wheeldon, junr.

**SYSTON, LEICESTER.**—On Sunday, July 12th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Lewin 1, F. W. Payne 2, T. H. Payne 3, A. H. Mansfield (conductor) 4, G. Walker 5, H. Humphreys 6, E. F. Payne 7, W. Wright 8. Rung on the patronal festival as a welcome to the Rev. T. F. Yule, a former curate of the parish.

**WARGRAVE.**—A combined ringing practice was held on Saturday, July 11th, in the evening. There was a poor attendance, only seven ringers being present from Henley, Shiplake, Twyford, Waltham St. Lawrence and Wargrave. The ringing was, therefore, limited to several 120's Grandsire Doubles.

**CHEADLE, STAFFS.**—At the Church of St. Giles, on Friday evening, July 10th, for practice, 720 Bob Minor: A. Plant 1, W. Jones 2, T. Hawley 3, J. Barker 4, J. Cartledge 5, A. W. Hall (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells by a Sunday Service ringing band.

**ELLESMERE, SALOP.**—On Monday, June 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), composed by George Asbury, in 52 mins.: R. Biggs 1, T. Butler, senr., 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, W. S. Higginson 5, T. R. Butler 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Arranged for Mr. R. T. Evans, from Oswestry. Also quarter-peaks of Stedman, with G. H. Edwards taking part instead of Mr. Evans, on May 25th, June 2nd and June 15th, each conducted by T. R. Butler.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, June 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott 2, A. Callaway (conductor) 3, W. Chambers 4, F. S. Taylor 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. First quarter-peal for F. S. Taylor, who has been ringing twelve months only. The treble rope broke as stand was called.

**DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.**—On Thursday, June 25th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Marshall 1, W. Beevors 2, C. Bell 3, T. Hilton, junr., 4, G. Welford 5, T. Hilton (conductor) 6. Rung after the funeral service of Mr. Charles Howard Taylor, J.P., lord of the manor of Darfield. It was largely through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor that Darfield bells were recently rehung.

**CONDOVER.**—At St. Julian's Church, on June 22nd, 360 Double Court: F. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, W. Short (conductor) 3, J. E. Lilley 4, C. R. Lilley 5, W. B. Kynaston 6. Also Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, with H. Jermy taking part.—On June 27th, 288 Double Norwich: F. Lycett 1, W. Short (conductor) 2, C. Lee 3, J. Griffiths 4, J. Evans 5, J. E. Lilley 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, C. R. Lilley 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Est. 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 30th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, the 28th, both 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.**—North and East District. — Next meeting at Stanmore on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, and meeting to follow. One shilling will be charged for tea. Harrow Weald bells also open for ringing after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The summer meeting will be held at Allendale at Saturday, July 25th. Tea at the Golden Lion Hotel (1s. 9d. to members, 2s. 6d. to non-members) at 5 o'clock.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Olveston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at Mr. G. White's at 5 o'clock.—P. E. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half-fares (maximum 2s.) paid at this meeting.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A service in connection with the completion of the restoration of the tomb of the late William Rayner will be held at Arreton, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 4.30 p.m. Arrangements will be made for ringing at neighbouring towers. All ringers, friends and subscribers welcomed. Teas can be arranged.—G. Pullinger, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Danbury on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Griffen Hotel. Sandon bells will also be available in the evening.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Springfield Road, Chelmsford.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Bourton-on-the-Water on Saturday, July 25th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30, kindly provided by the Rector (Canon W. E. White, R.D.). Business meeting to follow. Stow-on-the-Wold (8 bells) will be available, 7 till 9.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, July 25th. Short service, tea and meeting. Eight bells, available from 3 p.m. Motion for meeting: 'That the financial year shall end each year on December 31st. Subscriptions still to be payable in advance.'—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Darley Dale on Saturday, July 25th. Ringing from 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. — Charles Draper, Local Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Southport, at the Church of St. Emmanuel, on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. A good meeting is requested. —James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Putterham on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available at 3. Service at 5. Tea and short business meeting after. — E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, July 25th. Bells ready 3.15. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Marple on Saturday, July 25th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Clifford District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Clifford on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. P. Hyett, Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bottesford on Saturday, July 25th. Tower open 2.30. Tea and meeting at Rulland Cafe. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Special ringers' service at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, at 3 p.m., Sunday, July 26th.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tattershall on Saturday, 25th July. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by usual business meeting. Arrangements are being made with Mr. S. G. Lovell, of Stickney, for a charabanc, which will run by way of Sibsey, Old Leake, Benington, Freiston (Halltoft End) and Boston. It will leave Boston not later than 2 p.m. for Tattershall. Coningsby bells (6) will also be available. —John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Patterwick, Boston, Lincs.



**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available 4.30 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 (business meeting to follow).—Jabez Preece, Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Halesworth District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wenhasston on Saturday, July 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited to attend.—George Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton, on Saturday, July 25th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Warfield on Saturday, July 25th. Bells available 4 p.m. Guild service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. A meeting has also been arranged on Monday, Aug. 3rd. Slough (8) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Stoke Poges (6) 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tennis, handbells, etc. Tea can only be provided for those who send their names not later than July 28th, as there are no shops near and provisions must be obtained several days in advance.—A. D. Baker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head, to those who notify Mr. C. Clark, 338, Higher Walton Road, Higher Walton, not later than Thursday, July 30th. Business important. Election of branch officers, also nominations for vice-president, ringing secretary and two auditors of the association.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 2nd, 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 17th and the 31st, at 7.30. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT** (Crow Park Station). — The new bells of Sutton-on-Trent (6) will be open for all ringers on August Bank Holidays (Monday). Cricket match, good sports and gala in afternoon in aid of the Church Bell Fund. Prices of admission: Adults 6d., children 3d. Plain teas on field 9d. Meat tea 1s. 6d., in Church Institute. All welcome. The express leaving Newark at 8.20 p.m. will stop at Crow Park specially for passengers to Retford and intermediate stations to Doncaster and Sheffield. — H. Haigh, 103, Gatford Road, Worksop.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday (Monday) at Ecclesfield Parish Church, and not at Wortley, as shown on the fixture cards. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be served at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. F. Mortimer, 84, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by Thursday, July 30th.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

**THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting at Old Glossop Church on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting will be held at Diss on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. By kind permission of the Rector, the ring of eight bells at the Parish Church will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the King's Head Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the business meeting. Members requiring luncheon must notify the secretary on or before Thursday, July 30th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. A. R. Ball. Tea will be provided, at a charge per head, for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, August 5th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey (12 bells) on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A tea has been arranged for those who notify their intention of being present. Will Middlesex members kindly advise Mr. C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, and Essex members Mr. E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, at the latest by Tuesday, August 4th?—C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association, E. J. Butler, Essex Association, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 8th. Ringing from 3.30. Will arrange tea as usual. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District. — Secretary, Miss Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath, Somerset.

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**LEWISHAM.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: D. E. Dunnell 1, G. H. Walker 2, W. W. Fox 3, A. E. Darvill 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, H. Warne, junr., 6, H. Warne, senr. (conductor), 7. H. G. Goodwin 8.

**BLACKPOOL.**—At St. John's Parish Church, on June 11th. 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: J. Smith 1, L. Green 2, A. Haigh 3, J. Hockingbottom (conductor) 4, G. Barraclough 5, Chas. Sharples 6. It is thought this is the first 720 in the method ever rung in Blackpool, and it is the first 720 of it by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**—On June 10th. 720 London Surprise: A. E. Austin 1, W. A. Tack 2, W. C. Ibbett 3, E. H. Finch 4, T. R. Dennis 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 of London by all except A. E. Austin.



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## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES—Continued.

BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.—On Monday evening, June 22nd, for practice, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Bradley 1, W. Warn 2, E. P. Buckingham 3, E. Clark 4, H. Devenish 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6.

WILLINGHAM, CAMBS.—On June 17th, at the opening of a garden fête, in aid of the restoration of bells (now clear), a 720 Bob Minor: O. Frohock 1, A. Robinson 2, H. T. Frohock 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, B. Huckell 6.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.—On Saturday, June 20th, in 2 hours 47 mins., at the Parish Church, a peal of Treble Bob Minor, being three 720's Oxford and four of Kent: \*Ernest Wakeling 1, Christopher W. Woolley 2, Francis G. Gleaves 3, Albert E. Austin 4, Frank Warrington (conductor) 5, Herbert Fields 6. \* First in Treble Bob.

IPPLEPEN, DEVON.—On Saturday, June 20th, in 45 mins., at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Allwood 1, A. L. Bennett 2, S. H. A. Ward 3, T. S. Collings 4, A. G. Betts 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, F. J. Davey 7, H. J. Hole 8. First quarter-peal on the bells, and rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Thursday, June 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for peal, 576 London Surprise Major: O. H. Giles 1, R. Brown 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, G. Williams (conductor) 6, W. T. Tucker 7, E. P. Duffield 8.—For evening service, on Sunday, June 21st, 448 Double Norwich; and on June 28th, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Marks 1, R. Brown 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, O. H. Giles 6, W. T. Tucker 7, G. Williams (conductor) 8.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Tuesday, June 9th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Hendley 1, F. Green 2, Miss G. Brown 3, R. Jenkins 4, E. Whitfield 5, W. R. Hibberd (first quarter) 6, W. Chester (conductor) 7, E. Collins 8. Arranged for ringer of the 6th, who belongs to the Corfe Mullen band.

MELKSHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Saturday, May 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Walters (first quarter-peal) 1, G. H. Orchard 2, Jesse Francis 3, W. C. West (conductor) 4, A. J. West 5, R. H. Legge 6, W. Baxter 7, E. C. Radford 8.

RAYNE, ESSEX.—At All Saints, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: B. Redgewell 1, H. Warn 2, J. Redgewell 3, H. Devenish 4, H. Redgewell 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor.

HALESOWEN.—At the Parish Church, as a birthday compliment to the Prince of Wales, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins., by the following ringers on Tuesday evening, June 23rd: Albert E. Parsons 1, Thomas Greenhall 2, William Coley 3, William Brown 4, William H. Webb 5, Victor White 6, Hector Bird 7, Alfred Hackett (conductor) 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Cambridge by T. Greenhall, W. Brown, W. H. Webb and V. White.

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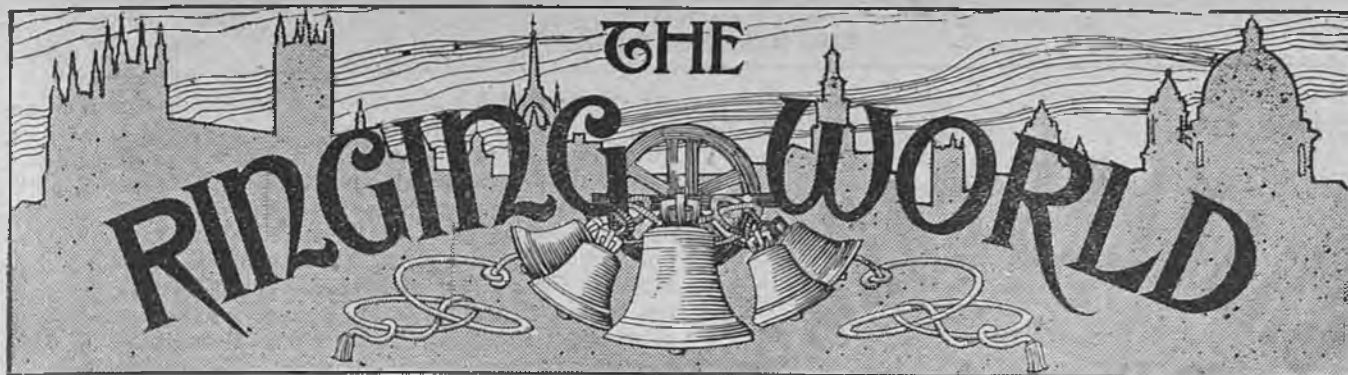
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### OXFORD GUILD'S 'BONE OF CONTENTION.'

The position of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, revealed at the annual meeting, must have been gratifying to the members, and reflected credit upon the officials of the society. Numerically and financially the Guild has gone ahead, and there are signs that the leeway which developed in one part of the diocesan area is being made up. For some few years the 'bone of contention' in the Guild has been the holding of the festival annually at Oxford instead of moving it into the three Archdeaconries in turn. It has been argued time and again that in such a big diocese it is unfair that the meeting should be held always at the same place, and there has been much to be said for this view. The subject still agitates the minds of the members; it is the rock upon which the Guild has split, and it still keeps a certain number of ringers in the diocese outside the fold. The annual meeting this year has, however, put a different complexion on the matter. Leaving out of question the advisability of moving the festival from place to place, it has been urged that Berks and Bucks are unduly handicapped, in endeavouring to bring about the change they are said to desire, when the meeting is always held at Oxford, where, presumably, Oxford members would predominate.

The Guild committee had given the whole question anxious thought, and the matter was discussed by the general meeting this year upon a recommendation that the festival should be held in future in each of the three Archdeaconries in turn. The committee's recommendation was defeated, and the general meeting decided to go to Oxford again next year. On the face of it it looked as if the Oxford Archdeaconry members had once more swamped the members from the two other counties, but there was a significant revelation later, when, at the luncheon, a count of hands took place, and it was found that, of 157 members present, only 25 were from Oxfordshire, and that Bucks, in which much of the dissent has arisen, was represented by 75 members, Berks sending the other 57. It does not follow that the whole of these members had been present at the business meeting, and it is certain that they did not all vote, but it is quite obvious that the decision in favour of meeting at Oxford was not decided by the Oxford members alone, and this should remove one of the grounds of discontent.

The last has not yet been heard of this question, but we hope the result of the debate and the figures which were revealed will lead those who are now standing aloof from the Guild to reconsider their position. After all, our guilds and associations ought to mean something to us; and it is our duty to do what we can for them. They

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are established for our collective benefit, and if they are to be successful each member should put his or her best into it; not throw it over when it does not provide all that was desired or that was expected to be got out of it. Annual meetings are important, but attendance at them is not the only thing that one joins an association for, and while it is natural that members should desire facilities for making their voices heard in the conduct of the business, and share the pleasures which the festival provides, yet a much more effectual influence is often exerted through other channels. The fact that the decision at the Oxford Guild meeting was governed almost completely by the voting of members from Berks and Bucks should convince those who have dissociated themselves from the Guild over this question, that Oxfordshire is exerting no undue influence on account of its privileged position as the meeting-place, and, this being so, there is every reason why they should return to the ranks and throw their weight into the scale with those who are seeking to have the festivals held in the different Archdeaconries in successive years.

### TEN BELL PEAL.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

|                        |        |                      |       |
|------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| JOHN BEAMS ... ..      | Treble | GEORGE COOK ... ..   | 6     |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. | 2      | JOHN H. WHITE ... .. | 7     |
| ARTHUR C. OIWAY ... .. | 3      | JOHN HOYLE ... ..    | 8     |
| ALBERT HARMAN ... ..   | 4      | ARTHUR DEAN ... ..   | 9     |
| GEORGE MARRINER ... .. | 5      | *FRED MILES ... ..   | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

† First peal in the method with a bob bell. \* First peal. The above peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. E. OIWAY (a member of the local band), on the occasion of his silver wedding. Unfortunately he was unable to take part in the peal, owing to illness.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CUBITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
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On Tuesday, July 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                        |        |                        |       |
|------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| REUBEN SANDERS ... ..  | Treble | JACK CARMAN ... ..     | 5     |
| ARTHUR J. NEALE ... .. | 2      | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD | 6     |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... ..   | 3      | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. | 7     |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... ..  | 4      | DALBY HODGSON ... ..   | Tenor |

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

|                         |        |                           |       |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| REGINALD F. BECK ... .. | Treble | JESSE FRANCIS ... ..      | 5     |
| RONALD G. BECK ... ..   | 2      | WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... ..  | 6     |
| SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. | 3      | CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. | 7     |
| THOMAS F. KING ... ..   | 4      | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..     | Tenor |

Composed by J. W. BARKER.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Major on the bells. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. J. Stafford, who ciled the bells several times in the course of the peal.



# REDENHALL, NORFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                          |           |                       |       |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| ERNEST WHITING...        | ...Treble | CHARLES COTTING ...   | 5     |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... | 2         | ERNEST C. GRIMES ...  | 6     |
| ALPHAED J. BERRY ...     | 3         | RUSSELL RICHES ...    | 7     |
| WALTER BARRATT ...       | 4         | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... | Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

# BASINGSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

|                          |           |                               |       |
|--------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| *ERIC C. MARTIN ...      | ...Treble | HARRY I. W. AITKEN ...        | 5     |
| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... | 2         | RAYMOND PHILPOTT ...          | 6     |
| EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ...   | 3         | MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ...      | 7     |
| JOHN A. COLE ...         | 4         | C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R. E. | Tenor |

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First peal of Major on the bells. \* First peal. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob, Mr. Martin kindly taking a rope at the last minute.

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On Thursday, July 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At Temple, or Holy Cross Church,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                       |           |                    |       |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| ALFRED E. REEVES ...  | ...Treble | THOMAS F. KING ... | 5     |
| HENRY T. HOWELL ...   | 2         | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... | 6     |
| WILLIAM KNIGHT ...    | 3         | E. GEORGE TREW ... | 7     |
| RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... | 4         | JAMES R. JONES ... | Tenor |

Conducted by E. G. TREW.

The band wish to thank the Rev. Canon Welchman, and the churchwardens of Temple Church, for granting permission to use the bells.

# THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

|                         |           |                       |       |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| *GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. ... | ...Treble | LEONARD J. WYMAN ...  | 5     |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ...   | 2         | DANIEL REDHEAD ...    | 6     |
| JAMES M. NICKERSON ...  | 3         | LESLIE GROOM ...      | 7     |
| WALTER PERKINS ...      | 4         | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... | Tenor |

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged and rung on the Festival of St. James the Patronal Saint.

# ASSTEAD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                    |           |                            |       |
|--------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| ARTHUR DEAN ...    | ...Treble | GEORGE MARRINER ...        | 5     |
| JOHN HOYLE ...     | 2         | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... | 6     |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... | 3         | WILLIAM S. SMITH ...       | 7     |
| JOHN WHITE ...     | 4         | DAVID ANSCOMB ...          | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich, D. Anscorb kindly taking the tenor rope.

# BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

|                       |           |                         |       |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| JOHN FLINT ...        | ...Treble | JOHN HOLMAN ...         | 5     |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT ...   | 2         | CHARLES MASON ...       | 6     |
| JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... | 3         | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... | 7     |
| EDWARD ROBBINS ...    | 4         | JESSE J. MOSS ...       | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, No. 76. Conducted by JOHN FLINT

# CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls.

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                      |           |                     |       |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| JAMES SWINDLEY ...   | ...Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... | 5     |
| EDWARD JENKINS ...   | 2         | HENRY W. WILDE ...  | 6     |
| ROBERT SPERRING ...  | 3         | HARRY CHAPMAN ...   | 7     |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... | 4         | JAMES H. RIDING ... | Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

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First peal of Yorkshire on the bells, and by all the band except ringers of 2nd and 7th.

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## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                     |           |                     |       |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| HAROLD PEARCE ...   | ...Treble | ALBERT PICKLES ...  | 5     |
| ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... | 2         | EDGAR WHITELEY ...  | 6     |
| THOMAS SENIOR ...   | 3         | VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... | 7     |
| JOE GREENWOOD ...   | 4         | WILLIAM AMBLER ...  | Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HALEY.

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

# CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr.

|                        |           |                    |       |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| *PERCY REYNOLDS ...    | ...Treble | RICHARD PAINE ...  | 5     |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ...    | 2         | REGINALD BROWN ... | 6     |
| HARRY BARTON ...       | 3         | RICHARD WARD ...   | 7     |
| WILLIAM J. JOHNSON ... | 4         | WILLIAM UPTON ...  | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal, and first attempt. Rung after meeting short for Major in connection with the William Rayner tomb restoration the rededication of which followed at Arretton. Messrs. P. Reynolds and R. Ward are heartily thanked for obliging the remainder of the band at the last moment, otherwise a peal would have been impossible.

# SIX BELL PEALS.

## GLOUCESTER.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, July 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen (MORETON VALENCE).

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                        |           |                    |       |
|------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| ALFRED E. ELLIS ...    | ...Treble | THOMAS BALDWIN ... | 4     |
| PHILLIP J. POCKETT ... | 2         | ALBERT MARTIN ...  | 5     |
| WILLIAM H. HARRIS ...  | 3         | CECIL R. HEWER ... | Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

# ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Lancashire, Stamford, York, Durham, Cambridge.

|                       |           |                       |       |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| WALTER CHIBNALL ...   | ...Treble | EDMUND J. HOBBS ...   | 4     |
| CHAS. WM. CLARKE ...  | 2         | HORACE H. SMITH ...   | 5     |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... | 3         | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... | Tenor |

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

# PEAL CORRECTION.

The name of the ringer of the treble in the peal of Cambridge Minor, rung at Springfield, on July 11th, and reported July 17th, should read John H. Myhill, not E. Kemp. The peal was also rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. E. Kemp, who was married on that date to Miss N. Clements, of Good Easter, the happy people arriving home in time to hear the last part of the peal. A presentation was made to them by the Rector (Canon Paynter) from the local ringers and friends.

**MR. EDWARD READER'S 200 PEALS.**

With the peal of Stedman Triples, at Loughborough Bell Foundry on June 9th, Mr. Edward Reader completed his 200 peals as below:—

|                                    | Rung. | Conducted. |
|------------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Grandsire Triples ... ..           | 19    | 6          |
| Grandsire Caters ... ..            | 8     | 1          |
| Stedman Triples ... ..             | 51    | 36         |
| Stedman Caters ... ..              | 29    | 16         |
| (a) Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..   | 21    | 10         |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal ... ..       | 8     | 2          |
| (b) Oxford Treble Bob Major ... .. | 2     | —          |
| Forward Major ... ..               | 1     | 1          |
| Forward Royal ... ..               | 2     | —          |
| (c) Bob Major ... ..               | 13    | 6          |
| (d) Double Norwich Major ... ..    | 14    | 7          |
| Superlative Surprise Major ... ..  | 13    | 3          |
| Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..    | 10    | 2          |
| Bristol Surprise Major ... ..      | 1     | —          |
| Bob Triples ... ..                 | 1     | 1          |
| On 6 bells, one method ... ..      | 5     | 3          |
| On 6 bells, three methods ... ..   | 1     | —          |
| On 6 bells, five methods ... ..    | 1     | —          |
| Total ... ..                       | 200   | 94         |

Includes: (a) 7,616; (b) 7,168; (c) 7,040; (d) 7,296.

**MR. W. T. TUCKER'S 200 PEALS.**

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at North Stoneham, Hants. on July 2nd, was Mr. W. T. Tucker's 200th peal.

|                                   |     |             |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------|
| On 5 bells ... ..                 | 1   | Conducted 1 |
| Minor methods ... ..              | 13  | Conducted 4 |
| Grandsire Triples ... ..          | 19  |             |
| Stedman Triples ... ..            | 41  |             |
| Bob Major ... ..                  | 26  | Conducted 9 |
| Kent Treble Bob Major ... ..      | 34  | Conducted 2 |
| Double Norwich Major ... ..       | 46  | Conducted 2 |
| Superlative Surprise Major ... .. | 7   |             |
| Cambridge Surprise Major ... ..   | 10  |             |
| London Surprise Major ... ..      | 2   |             |
| Stedman Caters ... ..             | 1   |             |
| Total ... ..                      | 200 | 18          |

**THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.****AN ENJOYABLE WEEK ABOUT TYNE AND WEAR.**

At North Shields, at the corner of a cross-roads, opposite to the Parish Church, is a famous inn known by the sign of 'The Olde 100th.' From 7.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. is a long spell without sustenance, and, as no one had previously seen a house of that name—although we had 'sung' it many times—we (who were travellers from the South) went in, and, to use motoring phraseology, 'let her rip.' The name of the house reminds me of a country church of years ago, where the old-hand-barrel organ only gave out two airs, one was the 'Old Hundredth,' and, in the words of the sexton, the 'other ain't.' Dilapidated and out of tune, the oldest inhabitant could not say what the 'symphony' really was. Our West Hallam readers will be glad to hear we enjoyed our 'country' visit, and to know that a picture postcard view of the hotel is to be had with 'owd Baarbe' and 'Deordye' standing outside.

Later in the day, on June 20th, in the belfry of St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, the following six visitors were kindly offered membership of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild, on the proposition of Mr. W. H. Barber, seconded by Mr. Thomas T. Goffton, and were unanimously elected by some dozen ringers present, including Messrs. Nevard and Shenherd, who had previously gone through the process in 1915 and 1890 respectively.

Preparations for peal attempt No. 1 and the above preliminary business had delayed our start, and, after letting the bells down there was very little time available for the 'branding operations' at the Black Horse, which closed at ten. The hurried entry of a good body of men requiring prompt attention caused the landlord to take off his coat on hearing that visitors were to be 'scorched,' and the following men who stood the ordeal will ever remember with pride the diocesan initials, D. and N. A., viz., Messrs. Shade, Parkes, Audsley, Bennett, Jenkins and Fussell. There are two mirrors in a room at this house with convex and concave surface, which considerably distort the features of anyone looking into them. My readers who know the two well-known ringers concerned will readily understand how it was that Isaac George Nevard became William J. Shade, the Christian names sticking to them for the rest of the week. Even the sergeant-major looked more like a colonel retired on half-pay.

On Monday night we were the guests of the Whitley Bay company at the Monkseat Arms, and here, in a private room, with cheerful fire, a set of handbells and piano, we enjoyed the time with tunes, singing, changes and conversation to the last minute. The married men consoled with the bachelors in the sad loss of their afternoon peal attempt. The bachelors pleaded want of 'practice,' and hoped to do better next time, as dear 'Sally' requires some coaxing. A course of London Surprise, double-handed, by members of the Goffton family was followed by Stedman Cinques, Messrs. Jenkins and Audsley joining in. Songs were rendered by Messrs. R. A. and T. T. Goffton, Mr. Caminada, and others, till we simply had to 'break up,' and our 'diggings' were reached by eleven o'clock without the use of self-aligning bearings.

After the Cathedral peal at Newcastle, on Tuesday night, we were joined by several of the Cathedral men, and congratulated by Messrs. Hillier, Richards, and others, including even our old 'Ferry boat,' who 'piloted' the tenth for our peal. At the Collingwood Hotel we were entertained by Mr. C. L. Routledge, and left for Whitley by the 10.5 train. During the afternoon we had an hour at the historical castle, several centuries old, and built on the site of an older castle that gave rise to the title of the city. It is stored with many rare specimens of armour, war weapons, banners, and stone carvings, forming a most interesting museum, worthy of a week's study.

**A CROWDED DAY.**

On Wednesday our spare time was too limited to see anything of the beauties of the Abbey of Hexham. The bells came home at 1.30, and our train left at 2.8 p.m. The tower and bells have been restored quite recently, and altogether make up an ideal 'Surprise' belfry. The names of the visitors were hastily scribbled in the verger's register, some tasted Priory ale on the way to the station, and luncheon was served in the compartment of our railway carriage, by the aid of a pocket knife, one small loaf and 2lbs. of cheese, consumed on the journey to Shields. Passing Scotswood Station on the way, we viewed the colliery bank, where 38 men were lost in the Montague Mine Disaster last May, eight men being still unaccounted for.

The failure at South Shields gave us an early return to Whitley Bay. Formerly this town was noted for its rope works, where, in the days of the sailing ship, it manufactured rigging and cables. All the local ringers were employed at these works, and, judging by the old and patched set of ropes we had to adjust, they were probably made by them.

This ringing room has an interesting memorial to one of the old hands—a square oak panel, with a bell-shaped brass tablet mounted upon it, engraved: 'To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Robert Hopper, born 1831, died 26th September, 1915, for 73 years ringer in this belfry. Erected by voluntary subscription, 1920.'

The Monkseat Arms was again the scene of a family reunion—'all one body we.' I believe, like the grey old towers studded across Great Britain, that it would be possible to form a living chain of change ringers by joining hands, from Land's End to John o' Groats. A return compliment to the Whitley Bay men was organised by the visitors in the form of a concert, with refreshments. The programme of Tuesday was repeated with sundry encores, and added to by a blind performer, Mr. Martin Henderson (British Concertina champion). The Goffton family were again in evidence with handbells, filling up gaps for London Surprise, with E. Jenkins 7-8, and Kent Treble Bob Royal, with Messrs. Fussell and Jenkins at the 'ends.' During the evening we learnt that Mr. R. Alder Goffton's pigeons had safely returned from the long flight from Amiens on Sunday last against a strong head wind; that he was the winner of four gold medals for 'homing birds' flown in 1924; and that 'our Willie,' who acted as guide, counsellor and secretary for this week's outing, was his son. It will also be of interest to our American cousins to hear that Messrs. T. and R. Goffton were born in the State of New Brunswick, U.S.A. The Boston Guild might make a note of it in their records because the majority of their practical members were born this side of the water.

Thursday was a 'busy bus' time, no less than four various kinds of rubber-tired vehicles taking us out and back. The back tyre of one small car burst with the load of nine men, fortunately near a bus centre, where we obtained a substitute. The fine spire of Chester-le-Street minimises the tower, and we were surprised to find so large a belfry all in apple-pie order, with recently restored tower and bells rehung—conditions similar to Hexham, which make for the comfort and enjoyment of change ringing. In the belfry are two sectors of the old bells of 1665, preserving the original inscriptions, and they are mounted on wood blocks for future generations of ringers to admire. A framed photograph taken at West Hartlepool, May, 1907, shows a fine body of men of the North of England attending the annual festival of the Guild. There is a very good sanctus bell in use, named after St. Cuthbert, who was Dean of Chester in 1409.

(To be continued.)

### THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The members of this association visited Stanmore and Harrow Weald on Saturday last, when some 30 or more attended a meeting at those places.

Ringling commenced at the former tower soon after 3 o'clock with a touch of Grandsire Triples, which was followed by Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

A service was held at 5.30, at which the Rector (Rev. W. A. Hewett) gave the members of the association a hearty welcome and an interesting address. Tea was followed by touches on handbells on the Rectory lawn, where the business meeting was held. Two new members were elected, including the Rector of Stanmore as an honorary member. Willesden was chosen for the next meeting on September 12th.

The Honorary Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. A. Hewett for his address at the service, for the use of the bells and for the use of his garden by the members. The Rector briefly replied. Votes of thanks were also accorded to the organist, and to Messrs. F. Hill and G. Hughes, of the local band, for making the very necessary arrangements.

Further ringing afterwards took place at Stanmore, whilst a small party paid a visit to Harrow Weald, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A special meeting was held at Daventry on Saturday, July 18th, the following towers being represented: Long Buckley, Flore, Welton, Braunston, Farthingstone, Daventry, Greens Norton, Brockhall, East Hadden, Watford, Weston Favell, Northampton, Broughton, Kettering, Geddington, Isham, Wellingborough and Burton Latimer.

The Guild form of service was taken by the Master (Mr. F. Wilford), and the Rector of Daventry (the Rev. E. E. Law) giving the address.

After tea had been partaken of the business meeting was presided over by the Master of the Guild, who was supported by the Rev. E. E. Law, Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer) and Mr. J. Nichols (secretary), Miss Cecil Hephurn (Ladies' Guild), Mr. F. Barber, Mr. R. G. Black and Mr. T. Hebbutt (branch secretaries), a company of about 40 ringers being present.

The General Secretary explained that the meeting was being held with a view to forming a new branch of the Guild in Daventry, and spoke of the three main objects of the Guild: (1) The recognition of the true position of ringers as church officials; (2) the due care and use of church bells and belfries; (3) the cultivation of the art of scientific change ringing.

It was carried that a Daventry branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers be formed.

The Rev. W. H. Shackell (Brockhall) and the Rev. E. E. Law (Daventry) were elected honorary members, and the following ringing members: A. Moore, S. Moore, A. Clowin, F. Smart (Daventry), F. Rowledge (Braunston), A. Starmer, J. Goode and G. Lyman (Welton), F. Osborne (Farthingstone), A. Starmer and H. Shimmell (Flore). Mr. Sidney Foskett (Bletchley) was also elected a non-resident ringing member.

The election of branch officers then took place, and the following were elected for the ensuing year: President, the Rev. W. H. Shackell; treasurer, the Rev. E. E. Law; secretary, Mr. W. Moore; committee, Messrs. A. Moore (Daventry), A. Starmer (Flore), F. Rowledge (Braunston), G. Lyman (Welton) and F. Osborne (Farthingstone), Messrs. A. Moore and F. Osborne were also elected to serve on the Central Committee of the Guild.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch on Saturday, August 29th, at Flore.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector of Daventry for his kindness in officiating and entertaining.

During the afternoon and evening several touches were rung, including a good course of London Surprise Major.

### DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting was held at Allendale on Saturday, July 25th. The handy peal of six bells (tenor 10 cwt.) were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Bob Doubles and Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court and London Surprise Minor, one of the local band scoring his first touch of Minor. The small attendance was due to the difficulty of reaching Allendale, 16 sitting down to tea. The towers of Newcastle Cathedral, St. John's, Newcastle, Saints', Gosforth, Newton, St. George's, Jesmond, were represented, also the local band. The Rector visited the belfry during the afternoon. The President apologised for absence, explaining that it was a day and a half's journey from Darlington to Allendale. This, not being a business meeting, no business was transacted other than the confirmation of the election of appointed members in the belfry previous to starting for a peal. They numbered six. The homeward journey was made in a mixture of fine weather and heavy rain, bringing a pleasant and successful meeting to an end. At the close of tea Mr. J. S. Keen, the only vice-president present, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (NORTHERN DISTRICT)

A very successful meeting was held at Barnet on Saturday, July 18th. Ringling commenced at 3.30 p.m., several good touches including Double Norwich and Cambridge Major being rung. The company attended service at 6 p.m., and afterwards partook of an excellent tea. The business meeting was held at 7 p.m., two new members being elected, Master Jack Waugh, of Woodford, and Mrs. Allaway, of South Hackney. The question of railway travel facilities, outlined in the 'Ringing World' of July 18th, was discussed, and a resolution passed asking the general body of the association to give the matter their favourable consideration and support was carried. Should permission be given, the next meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham. A move was then made to Hadley tower, where some excellent touches brought a pleasant afternoon to a close. The association thank the Rectors of Barnet and Hadley for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Sumpter and Tarling for having the bells ready.

### ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful district meeting was held at Willingham on Saturday, July 18th, ringers being present from St. Neots, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Histon, Chatteris, Longstanton, Trumpington, Sutton, Wilburton, Fen Ditton, Great Shelford and Willingham. The association's form of service was held at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Hair), assisted by the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Vicar of Longstanton). An open-air tea was kindly provided by the Rector, and this was followed by the business meeting. Bourn was selected as the place for the next meeting, to be held in September. Good use was made of the tower bells, which are a splendid peal, having been rehung and augmented to six last February. The methods rung were London, Cambridge and York Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Carter's Doubles. A course each of London and York Surprise was rung on handbells by C. W. Cook 1-2, J. B. Woolley 3-4, C. W. Woolley 5-6.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION (NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION).

A district meeting was held at Sawbridgeworth on Saturday, July 11th. Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., and continued until 5 p.m., when a service was held in St. Mary's Church by the Rev. A. Rust. Mrs. A. Rust officiated at the organ. After the service 26 members sat down to tea. The business meeting followed. The Rev. A. Rust was elected chairman. The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed. It was carried that Hunsdon be the next meeting-place. The Rev. Errington then brought to the notice of the meeting that his company at Hunsdon were in need and would appreciate outside help and instruction in change ringing. Their practice is held every Thursday. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., and to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Rust.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A district meeting was held at Puttenham on Saturday last, and was very well attended. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Ash, Cobham, Cranleigh, Farnham, Godalming, Guildford (Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas), Shere and Witley, and members of the local company.

The bells were available at 3 o'clock, and were rung in various methods (till five, when a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Cooke Yarborough), who also gave an address. Miss Clark presided at the organ. After the service the ringers and friends adjourned for tea. In the absence of the Rector, who had another engagement, Mr. S. Marshall (churchwarden) presided. After tea a short business meeting was held. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, and two full members and one probationer were elected.

Mr. R. Whittington, one of the district representatives, gave a summary of the proceedings at the annual meeting at Winchester.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the church and bells, and for conducting the service; to the organist, and to Mr. S. Marshall and the members of the local company for making the excellent arrangements.

The tower was again visited, and the bells were rung in methods to suit the ringers present (till 8.30, the ringers expressing their satisfaction at the way in which everything had been carried out.

### MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A pleasant afternoon meeting was spent at Stanford-on-Soor, when some 30 members were present from Derby, Nottingham, Regworth, Leicester, Barton-in-Pabis, Ringston-on-Soor, Loughborough and Shepshed.

Ringling took place after three o'clock in various methods. Tea was partaken in the Rectory, at the invitation of the Vicar, who himself was unfortunately absent. One new member was elected, Thomas Pilkington, of Quorn, Mr. Ernest Morris acting as chairman. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the ladies who had helped to add to the enjoyment of the meeting; and to the Vicar for the kind permission to use the bells. The next meeting is to be held at Hugglescote. In the evening, the members visited the bell foundry campanile, where further ringing was enjoyed.



## NOTES BY THE WAY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Fifty years or so ago a big attempt was made to popularise the carillon in England. The leading spirit was a London clergyman, the Rev. Mr. H. R. Haweis. He was a man intensely interested in music of all types. He had visited Belgium, heard the carillons of Antwerp, Bruges, and Malines, and like many another tourist fell a victim to their charm. With these he contrasted the 'din and discord' of English belfries, and henceforth he devoted much time and much ability to the task of persuading people at home to adopt Belgian ideas of bells, Belgian bells and Belgian bell music. He achieved a considerable measure of success in creating a widespread, if vague, impression that Belgian bell ringing was something very much superior to our English change ringing, and in a few instances, owing to his direct influence, Belgian bells and carillons were hung in England. Cattistock was one, Boston another, and Aberdeen a third. A set of Belgian bells was installed by the Duke of Westminster at Eaton Hall, and smaller rings at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, and Lower Beeding in Sussex. None of these was any great success. Whatever may be the charm of classical carillon of Antwerp, Ghent and Malines, it was found that the modern Belgian bells were by no means superior to English bells, and at a time when English bell foundries were turning out rather indifferent bells. Now, of course, English modern bells are acknowledged throughout the world as superior to all others, and one must note that many competent people are not disposed to rate even those as better than, or even equal, to the very best of the older rings.

The fact is that all these excellent people who advocate the superiority of carillon music are extreme partisans who are quite unable to judge fairly between English and Belgian bell music. Under holiday conditions, when they themselves are properly attuned, they hear Belgian bells, and they fall under their spell; they think that if only similar carillons could be erected at home the same effect would be enjoyed. When they come back to England they are displeased with our ringing peals, just because they are not the same as the Belgian. Abroad they do nothing but admire and enjoy, but at home their critical faculties are at once awake. This is strikingly shown by Mr. Haweis himself in his book. Dirt, and the presence of rats and mice in the tower of Louvain, strike him as romantic and poetical. Something similar in England (I do not know about the rats) is clear evidence of sordid neglect.

To give an idea of the style of the book which went far toward forming popular opinions of bells and bell music I give an extract:—  
'Willingly I do escape from the din and discord of English belfries to Belgium, loving and beloved of bells.

'The wind that sweeps over her campagnas and fertile levels is full of broken but melodious whispers.

'In Belgium, day and night are set to music, music on a scale more colossal than that of the largest orchestra ever heard; music more penetrating than the loudest trumpet or organ blast. In Belgium, every seven minutes there is bell music, not only for the whole town, but for the country miles around. Those carillons playing the same cheerful air every hour throughout the year at last acquire a strange fascination over one who lives within sight and hearing of some such grey old church as St. Rombaut at Mechlin. The listener has heard them at moments when elated with hope; he was looking forward to the almost immediate realisation of some long-desired joy, and the melody of the bells has filled him with exultation. He has heard the same strain rung out in seasons of depression, and his heart has leapt up at the sound so filled with memories. The bells may have again smitten upon his ear at the moment when some tragic news has reached him: or out in the fields steeped in yellow sunshine above the hum of insect life, the same tune has come to him between the pauses of the summer wind; or deep in his dreams through sleep without awakening him, the bells have somehow mingled their old rhythm with his dormant fancies until at last their sound becomes so charged with the incidents and emotions of his life that they are almost as much a part of him as his memory. When he comes to leave a town where he has dwelt for some time, he feels as if he had lost a whole side of life; he misses the sound of the friendly bells which always had the power by force of association to call up some emotion congenial to the moment—the sympathetic bells which seemed always equally ready to weep and to rejoice with him—the unobtrusive bells so familiar as never to be a disturbance—the gentle bells that could, as it were, ring aside to themselves when not wanted, and yet never failed to minister to the listening spirit whenever it stood in need of their companionship or sympathy.'

That is fine writing, but can it possibly be true of more than a very small number of men? And if it is true, will the effect be the same if you transplant the bells in a foreign land? The carillon is an institution centuries old in Belgium. It belongs to the nationality and the life of the people. It will not be the same thing elsewhere. They have now got the largest, and, perhaps, the finest, of all carillons in

New York. Will it be possible ever to write of these bells such as has been quoted above? Can the fine carillon of the Royal Exchange ever arouse any such emotions in any of the thousands of people that continually hear it?

America has no past and no tradition in the matter. But we have our ringing peals and our change ringing. They are as much rooted in the national character and as much a part of the national life as the carillon is in Belgium. The emotional and æsthetic appeal that bells make must be made here by them, and is made and can only be made by them. Whether the carillon or change ringing be in itself the finer thing is, after all, not to the point. The truth is that the carillon is Belgian, but change ringing is English.

But of this the advocates of the carillon are utterly ignorant. They do not understand the change ringing they affect to despise. Still less do they understand the change ringer. Listen once more to Mr. Haweis, the man who was accepted as in his time one of the greatest authorities on everything connected with bells.

'In connection with the swinging of a heavy bell there must always be a considerable strain upon the tower. But the friction might be indefinitely diminished if the bell machinery worked smoothly, and the labour often at present herculean of the poor bell ringer might be reduced to almost zero, were that machinery a little more scientific. When it is understood that an improved system of ringing the bells would save Deans and Chapters all over the country enormous sums of money by suspending the wear and tear which now goes on in so many of our Cathedral towers, we cannot help thinking that little opposition will be raised by those who have to pay for the damages. Bell ringers are doubtless a most obstinate set of men; but if they were paid the same for working machinery which produced twice as much effect, with less than half the labour, they, too, would soon give in to a better system. That ungrateful and barbarous rope and wheel, whose action upon the bell is now so uncertain, would probably disappear, and give place to something like a handle, a piston, or even a keyboard and a set of wheels and pulleys. There is no reason whatever why, with a better ringing mechanism, one man might not ring half a dozen bells, instead of at present half a dozen men being often set to ring a single big bell. I make these suggestions with the more confidence, because they have been favourably entertained by the heads of one of the most eminent firms of horology in England. I am glad to say that in accordance with my suggestions these gentlemen have promised to give their attention to the development of a better mechanism for the ringing of bells. They write as follows: "Although bells have never been rung by machinery, we believe it would be possible to accomplish this, although it might be expensive."

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Years ago forty-four, the Diocesan Guild

Of bell ringers set out on its way,

Let no pioneers praise who knew well how to build

For it stands in the forefront to-day.

In the joys and the sorrows of life it takes part,

Peals for wedding, and tolls the death-knell,

Takes the joys and the cares of the nation to heart,

And for service sounds summoning bell.

To the art of change ringing it gives of its best,

And would score the most difficult peal.

But yet holds of its duties this far leads the rest,

For the church to work, loyal and leal.

Where so fitting to meet to hold high festival.

Can the heart find a holier place,

Than in Oxford Cathedral, the mother of all,

There to seek inspiration and grace?

R. H. HART DAVIS.

## RINGERS' TOUR.

[We regret that this report is a little overdue.—Ed. 'R.W.']

Six members of Newport and Carisbrooke, I.O.W., spent four days on a ringing tour, from December 25th—December 28th, 1795.

On December 25th, 1795, a touch of Grandsire Triples at the Cathedral of Winton; December 26th, at Old Alresford, 120 Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Triples at Alton, Hants; December 27th, 120's of Grandsire Doubles, at Westmeon, Warnford and Meonstoke; and on December 28th they appear to have finished their tour by ringing 120's Grandsire Doubles on the six bells at the old Parish Church of Portsea, the site on which stands now the noble new parish church, and may be a future Cathedral for the new diocese of Portsmouth.

On this tour they appear to have had the assistance of two local men at both Winton and Alton; at Westmeon and Warnford a local ringer of Westmeon joined them, and at Meonstoke a local ringer, named Holland, joined them and conducted; the rest of the conducting was by Mr. William Raynor. It makes us wonder how these ringers got from the island on to the main land, and from place to place, comparing the facilities of that period with the present. It does show, however, the enthusiasm that existed in the island in the days of William Raynor.



**NOMENCLATURE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—The report of the Nomenclature Committee is an able and well-written document. That was only to be expected by anyone who knows (as I do) something of Mr. Burton's abilities. But 'reasonable' and 'moderate' are the last words I should apply to it. Among other things it proposes to alter the names of sixty-eight methods (some of them old and historical ones); to throw the whole of the method classification into the melting-pot; to alter technical terms which have been in use for centuries; to forbid any band and any individual, whatever their qualifications, putting a name to any new method; to invest a committee (presumably this committee) with autocratic powers over the names of all methods past, present, and to come; and to prevent such names as the committee dislikes being even so much as referred to in any Central Council publication. If this be moderation, I am curious to know what Mr. Burton's root-and-branch reform would be like. Stay, though. The committee does not propose to alter the name Grandsire. That is kind and moderate, and many thanks to them for it.

I utterly deny that the names of methods are in a 'state of almost indescribable confusion.' On the contrary, they are quite satisfactory. Care, of course, must be used in introducing fresh names, a good taste in the matter should be fostered; but anyone, whether this committee or any other who tries to settle the matter once for all, is sure to make a hash of it.

If the committee wants to do a little real good, let them scrap this report, which whether adopted by the Council or no is sure to be futile; and let them get together sufficient evidence to enable us to know whether the Exercise as a whole, and the six-bell ringers in particular, want the "Soral" names printed in the next edition of the book of Minor Methods. This was the real reason for the appointment of the committee.—Yours truly, J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

**COVENTRY BELLS.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Your readers will be glad to know that, following your article a fortnight ago, the Standing Committee of the Central Council have approached the Bishop of Coventry with a view to staying the melting down of these bells, and suggest my alternatives.

I think that if the secretaries of the affiliated Guilds were also to write letters of support, it would prove helpful. These should be addressed to the Rev H. Holland, M.A., St. Michael's, Coventry.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

**WYCLIFFE SURPRISE MAJOR.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the above, I wish to state that since the same was published in the 'Ringing World' issue of the 10th inst., it has been brought to my notice that with but a minor rearrangement the method is the work and was published by Mr. Arthur Craven as Chesterfield Surprise, so with apologies to the author I wish to relinquish all claim to the method.—Yours sincerely, E. W. TIPLER.

**DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The 5,184 of Double Norwich Major published in last week's 'Ringing World' will be found in Central Council Collection, section III, peal No. 35.

May I also be permitted to point out to Mr. Howes that it does not contain the qualities claimed, the full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6?

H. W. WILDE.

**FALSE TOUCH.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I regret that my date touch, published in your issue of March 20th last, is false, and am obliged to Mr. B. Thorp for pointing out the two sixes which repeat. I thought I had checked the whole of this touch, but find that owing to inadvertence I omitted to check three courses in which, singularly enough, the repetition occurs.—Yours faithfully, THOMAS BUTLER.

**'FIRST PEALS.'***To the Editor.*

In the MS. report from which I read the list of first peals and progressive lengths at the last meeting of the Central Council, the Midland Counties Association is not bracketed with the Warwickshire Guild as sharing in the first peal on tower bells of Cambridge Court Bob Major.

In writing out a copy of the report for publication in the ringing paper, I may have inadvertently joined the two associations together, in which case I readily express my regret.

A. T. BEESTON,  
Convener of the Records Committee.

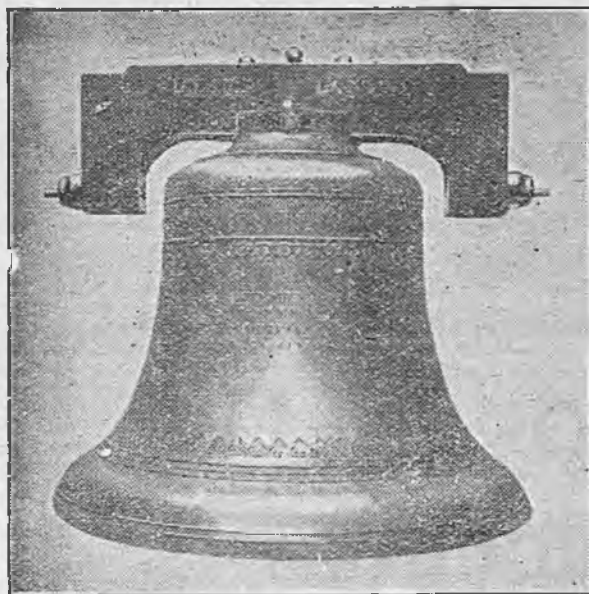
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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Devon is sometimes looked upon as being 'slow' in matters campanological, but in one respect it leads the way. A column of 'Belfry Topics' has been contributed to the local press every week, and in this way interest has been stimulated in quarters where otherwise bell matters would have been, perhaps, unknown. This feature, run by an official of the Devon Guild, has been continued now for a year, and we congratulate 'Abel Roper' upon the success of his effort.

The first of a series of lectures upon the 'Church Bells of England' was given by Mr. Harry Boughey at Birmingham last week, under the auspices of the Birmingham and Edgbaston branch of the English Church Union. The subject was 'Change Ringing,' and illustrations were given on handbells by members of St. Martin's Guild.

In being elected a vice-president of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he was one of the founders, and which he has served as hon. secretary, treasurer and trustee, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis has been elevated to a rank held only by the Archdeacons of Buckingham, Oxford and Berkshire, the Deans of Christ Church and Windsor, and, 'at the discretion of the Guild, after recommendation by the committee, such members as have done meritorious services.' At present Mr. Hart-Davis is the only vice-president elected under this latter qualification.

Mrs. Amos Clark, who has been elected President of the Ladies' Guild for the ensuing year, is an active ringer, and has rung many peals for the Surrey Association. The passing round of the honour of the presidency in the Ladies' Guild is a feature which has much to commend it.

The light ring of twelve bells at the Waterloo tower, Quex Park, Kent, was opened, with great éclat, on August 4th, 1819. Many London ringers, including William Shipway, were present.

There are not many peals of bells which, like Quex Park, are unattached to a church, but Manchester Town Hall and the Imperial Institute, London, are other notable examples. The twelve at Christ Church, Oxford, are, we believe, in an unconsecrated tower.

The first peal of Grandsire Royal was a 5099 rung at Painswick on August 6th, 1815.

Tavistock Parish Church bells are to be recast, with additional metal, and rehung in a new iron frame, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

'Squints' and their origin.—In medieval churches the Sanctus Bell which was rung at the ceremony of the elevation of the Host at the altar was sometimes hung over the chancel arch. The attendant, having a view of the altar, was enabled to ring the bell at the correct moment. In some instances, however, when the bell was hung in a cot situated in the porch, the ringer being outside the church, was out of sight of the altar. To overcome this difficulty openings were formed in the several walls between the ringer and the altar, as many as three being found in some churches in a direct line, through which a view of the altar could be obtained from the porch. The name given to such openings was 'hagioscope,' though they are sometimes called 'squints' because of the oblique position in which they pierce the walls.

News reaches us that Capt. H. Freeborn, of Little Chalfont, Amsersham, has had considerable success in the field of sport this year. He gained the Southern Championship, A.A.A., hammer throwing; 2nd in English Championship; 3rd in General A.A.A. Championship. He represented England in the International match v. Scotland and Ireland at Dublin, and v. France at Brighton, when he gained second place with a throw of 131ft. 6in. We further understand that almost the only exercise he gets is ringing, thus using the same muscles necessary for his throwing. Our congratulations on his successes.

Who are the members of the M.C.A. first eleven who are taking a trip round the world? Are they playing a 'match' at each port of call, and are the heavy handbells going as well? Or will the 'ones' that Uncle Joe plays Mah-jongg with be heavy enough?

On Friday evening, July 24th, a cricket match was played at the Hillingdon cricket field, between the bell ringers of St. John-the-Baptist, Hillingdon, and the bell ringers of St. Andrew's, Uxbridge. Some remarkably fine cricket was produced on both sides, and much hidden talent was discovered. The return match is to be played at Lords. St. Andrew's batted first, scoring 57 runs, leaving Hillingdon to bat in a bad light, to score 27.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Tuesday, July 7th, 630 Grandsire Triples: A. Walsgrove 1, B. D. Bulltress 2, H. Bright 3, S. Nunn 4, P. Webb 5, S. Stubbings 6, F. Hurry (conductor) 7, F. Mathews 8. Also same Treble Bob and Stedman, W. Pittton and G. Lilley taking part.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Monday, July 20th, 1,376 Hub Major, rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. W. Holmes and Miss C. Machant, two highly respected members of the choir: A. Markwell 1, B. Ditcher 2, A. West 3, J. Morton 4, P. Jervis 5, T. A. Howes Smith 6, A. Tomlinson 7, J. Humphries (conductor) 8.

## ASSOCIATION FUNDS.

To the Editor.

DEAR SIR,—I do not know whether Samiwell Peppery's letter in your last issue, 'To pay or not to pay,' was inspired by Mistress Peppery or not, but if so I raise my hat to you, Auntie Nellie.

It has been my unpleasant duty recently to go through the list of members of the M.C.A. who are in arrears, with a view of trying, with a little coaxing, to get them up to scratch before the year end, when I am due to cross out quite a large number off the register. It is amazing to find so many of those who like to voice their opinions at meetings, or amongst their fellow-members, as to how this shall be run, or how that shall be carried out, who are themselves the greatest defaulters by either evading payment of subscription or running to the extreme limit before doing so. It is such as these who make a local secretary's task a very unenviable one, and a general secretary's part a burden.

We of the Midland Counties are in a unique position as regards funds, which seem to be exercising the minds of many such as above quoted. The sooner all ordinary ringing members realise that it is not their subscriptions that have made our present balance what it is, but that of the extraordinary list of honorary members our president has secured and certain other economies carried out, the better it will be for all concerned.

I notice the Oxford Guild secretary also has a few remarks in his report, and all who have undertaken this or similar duties will find the same difficulties. The suggestion to 'star' all those in arrears is a good one, and would doubtless bring some up to date, and is certainly better than keeping an uncertain 'black list' and debarring those entered thereon a voice in any business matters.

Any members in doubt as to their subscriptions should either inquire of their local secretary, or write direct to headquarters. This would materially help matters in the right direction.—Yours sincerely,

ERNEST MORRIS,

Gen. Hon. Secretary, M.C.A.

## RINGING IN EDINBURGH.

To the Editor.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to a paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' last week, regarding a 'pull' in Edinburgh during August.

Mr. Heathcote, St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, may take notice of same; if not, by writing to him he will gladly give particulars.

August is the fair holidays in Edinburgh, and some of the churches close for two weeks, and ringers are on holiday.

Two peals are in Edinburgh, St. Cuthbert's (eight bells) and St. Mary's (ten bells). Ringers visiting Scotland will be made welcome at St. James' Church, Underwood Road, Paisley. A good going peal of eight bells (tenor 22½ cwt.), but unfortunately the church is closed during August for painting and cleaning, and the ringers go on holiday the first two weeks in August. Paisley is seven miles from Glasgow, and is easily reached by train, tram, or bus.

At any other time ringers will be made welcome by this struggling band, or by writing to me at this address.—Yours faithfully,

24, Mill Street, Paisley, N.B.

A. J. RODGER.

## NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to differ with regard to one statement in Mr. James Fernley's letter of the 24th July. Mr. Dawson's letters have repeatedly shown a very good reason why any band of ringers should forgo the right to '...avail themselves of the unwritten law...'.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston was responsible in part for the refusal to allow the Leytonstone band's claims regarding Surprise, No. 7, and Delight, No. 33, the reason being that the claims were too late. Now, then, can he associate himself with the claim put forward at a later date by the band, of which Mr. Fernley signs himself leader?

The Norbury band have done wonderful things in minor ringing, but the Leytonstone band have stated two concrete cases in support of their contention, that not only has good reason been shown, but that, in connection with their claim, some bad taste was shown by the gentleman bearing one of the names published.

GEORGE L. JOYCE,

Proposer of the Leytonstone Resolution.

## STAMFORD HILL RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 4th, the ringers from St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, accompanied by a few friends, went for their annual outing to Burnham-on-Crouch. On arrival the party proceeded to the Parish Church, where touches of Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were rung. An al fresco lunch was partaken, after which some more ringing was enjoyed, and 720 Plain Bob was rung by the following: 1 F. Ringrose, 2 G. Hibble, 3 H. Blee, 4 T. Deal, 5 J. Nash, 6 A. Putland (conductor). After tea a 720 Grandsire Doubles was arranged and rung for Mr. E. Rouse, the local captain, the band being as follows: 1 T. Ringrose, 2 C. Ross, 3 A. Putland (conductor), 4 H. Blee, 5 J. Nash, 6 E. Rouse.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(Continued from Page 474.)

## COMMITTEE RECOMMEND 'MOVABLE' FESTIVAL.

Mr. Frank Hopgood proposed the adoption of the following recommendation of the General Committee: 'That to Rule X. be added, after July, "in the three Archdeacons in rotation." This would make the Rule read as follows: "The annual festival and general meeting shall be held in July in the three Archdeacons in rotation, at the place selected at the previous annual festival, all the arrangements to be left in the hands of the committee." Mr. Hopgood mentioned that the question of where they should hold their annual meeting had been agitating the minds of the members for a long time, and he thought if they would carry this resolution it would put an end to it. The older members would know that forty years ago it was the custom to go round the three Archdeacons in turn, and when they followed that policy he never heard any complaint. It was true they could not all go to the festival in the years when it was held at a distance from their homes, but once in three years they would be able to go. When, however, it was held continually in one place, a certain number of members were barred entirely from attending. He hoped this resolution would be carried, and put an end to the controversy.—Mr. J. Evans seconded.

Mr. A. D. Cullum opposed the motion on the ground that the present rule enabled the Guild to do all that the amendment would enable them to do. He disliked changing a good rule for a bad one. The rule, as it stood, was plain, simple and democratic, and they could get all they wanted from it. It did not say they must meet at Oxford every time. It was open to them at each annual meeting to say where they would meet each year. Why, therefore, should they tie their hands? If it was intended to push the resolution he would move, as an amendment, that they come to Oxford each year.

Mr. J. W. Wilkins supported the recommendation. He said it was absolutely necessary to alter the rule, and place each part of the diocese on the same basis.

Mr. H. Miles said while he was in favour of the Guild Festival being no longer held year by year at Oxford, because of the dissatisfaction it caused in one branch, he never anticipated they would go to the length of returning to the old state of affairs and go to all sorts of out-of-the-way places, thus adding to the difficulties of the officials in making arrangements for a large gathering. He was out for compromise, but not for going to the length proposed. He thought they should stick to the old rule.

A member pointed out there was no suggestion in the proposal to go to out-of-the-way places. They could find a big centre in each of the three Archdeacons. A lot of harm had been done by going to Oxford each year.

Miss Robinson suggested that the proposal should be made to read that the Guild meet in each of the three Archdeacons in rotation, and at Oxford every fourth year. She moved this as an amendment.

Mr. Hopgood pointed out that under the proposal of the committee they could come to Oxford every third year if they liked.

After further discussion, Miss Robinson's amendment was defeated by a large majority, only 18 voting for it.

Mr. A. D. Barker urged the members not to consider their personal feelings, but to vote for what was best in the interests of the Guild.

On being put to the meeting, 48 voted for the recommendation and 60 against, and it was accordingly declared lost.

Mr. Hopgood said the result would not debar him from bringing the matter forward again, and he gave notice that he would propose it at the first available opportunity.—Mr. Wilkins: I shall do my best to support it. It is not dealing fair with the other branches.

Mr. A. Barker then moved a recommendation by the General Committee: 'That the annual festival, 1926, be held in South Bucks, preferably in the neighbourhood of Slough.' He said he proposed that to give a little life to the branch.

Amendments in favour of Oxford and Reading were moved, and the voting was: Reading 2; Oxford 63; for the recommendation 53. Oxford was, therefore, declared selected.

On the motion of the Secretary, seconded by Mr. A. D. Cullum, the meeting approved of the recommendation of the committee that £3 3s. be granted from the Guild funds for the augmentation of Brighton bells, Berks.

## A WORTHY HONOUR.

The Master then proposed 'That the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis be made a vice-president of the Guild, in recognition of many years of good service.' He said they had all had experience of Mr. Hart-Davis's work, both as secretary and treasurer, and afterwards as treasurer only. He was also instrumental in starting the Sonning Deanery Branch, and was one of the prime movers of the Guild from the very beginning. He gave up the work when he was getting old, and now the Guild would like to honour him by electing him a vice-president (applause).

Canon Coleridge seconded, remarking that they could not do a more worthy honour to a more worthy man.

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis thanked the Guild for the honour they had done him. He had, it was true, worked for the Guild on the administrative side, and on the finance side, but he was afraid he had done nothing for it on the ringing side. His election was rather a new departure, and he thought it was an excellent thing that they should have among their vice-presidents not merely names of gentlemen who were not in their neighbourhood, but names of those who had done some work for the Guild. He could not help very much hoping that the name of Mr. J. J. Parker would reappear next year as one of their vice-presidents. Mr. Parker and himself were the only two surviving members of the original committee formed in 1881, and he would feel very happy if Mr. Parker's name were honoured like his own. There was another name which would have been added had life continued, and that was the name of their old friend, Mr. Wm. Newell, who had gone to his rest. There were other names which might come later, men at present in full work, but who would fully deserve to be honoured when the time came, men like Canon Coleridge and Mr. Tom Hibbert (applause).

The confirmation of the election of 168 new members was agreed to, this being the largest number made for many years past.

Mr. Cullum referred to the steps taken in the Gloucester and Bristol Association with regard to getting cheap railway facilities for ringers (as reported in the last issue of 'The Ringing World'), and asked if the Guild could not join in the effort which was being made.

This was at once agreed to, and concluded the business.

The members and many friends, numbering altogether over 200, then adjourned to Christ Church Hall, where luncheon was served. Afterwards they dispersed for ringing at various towers, and throughout the remainder of the afternoon bells were pealing from many Oxford steeples. The twelve at the Cathedral were a centre of attraction, as were also the rings at Magdalen, New and Merton Colleges, while several rings of six were later utilised, St. Ebbe's, where the Washbrook Memorial bells are to be placed, being chief among these.

#### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. DEDICATION OF BELL, WOOLTON HILL.

On Saturday, July 18th, the new treble bell to complete the ring of six at Woolton Hill, Hanis, was dedicated by the Rev. T. Medlicott, Rural Dean and Vicar of Burghclere.

The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have made an excellent splice, the result being a handy little ring of six, with a 7½ cwt. tenor.

A very interesting address was given by the Rev. T. Medlicott, and mentioned the great work on behalf of change ringing of the late Sir A. Heywood, the brothers Snowden and Fabian Siedman.

Mr. Aird (churchwarden) very generously provided a splendid tea which was presided over by Mr. G. Williams. A vote of thanks was passed to the donor, and Mr. Williams congratulated the local band on getting the new bell, and said that there should now be no lack of interest, as the possibilities on six bells were almost inexhaustible to a keen hand, as had been shown by the Norbury company.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, and the first 720 Bob Minor was rung by the following: W. G. Edwards 1, — Balcombe 2, H. Balaam 3, — Barrett 4, G. Pullinger 5, G. Williams (conductor) 6.

In addition to a large number of parishioners, the following ringers were present: Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and Messrs. Scott, Balaam, Bevan, Rex (Woolton Hill), Edwards, Rowe (North Stoneham), Osler (Bramley), Hadkin (Newbury), Barrett (Willesden), Butler, Knapp, Juniper and Balcombe (Highclere).

Great praise is due to the local ringers for their untiring energy in raising the funds for the new bell, particularly to Mr. H. Balaam.

#### 700th ANNIVERSARY.

##### CHAPEL-EN-LE-FRITH, DERBYSHIRE.

On July 7th, 1225, Alexander de Staverby, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, consecrated the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, at Chapel-en-le-Frith, and was at the time, as the name of the town now implies, the Chapel-in-the-Forest. Little of the original structure remains, it being rebuilt in the 14th century and again in the 18th. The building has at various times been put to uses its founders never intended. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth was utilised as a court of law and a prison; here, also, Cromwell confined 1,500 Scotch prisoners captured at the Battle of Ribbleson Moor, near Preston. The 700th anniversary was celebrated in characteristic style, special services being held, treats to old and young, an interesting item being the roasting of an ox in the Market Place. It had been intended to go for the peal on the 11th inst., but garden parties interfered; however, it was successfully brought round on Saturday, July 18th, and is duly recorded in the peal columns. The Vicar (the Rev. — Stredder) generously provided refreshments on its conclusion.

The bells are a ring of six by Rudhall, with a tenor approximately 12 cwt., and 'go' well. The curfew is rung each evening at 8 o'clock, except on Saturdays and Sundays, when it is tolled at 7 p.m.

#### LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### PEAL BOARD DEDICATION.

On Saturday, July 18th, a most successful meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Hough-on-the-Hill, Grantham, 35 ringers being present from the neighbouring towers, including Grantham, Lincoln, Folkingham, Market Deeping, Orston, Barkston, and the local men. The bells were well used during the afternoon and evening, especially by the young ringers from Hough-on-the-Hill, many of whom are under 14 years of age, and who have every promise of becoming good change ringers in the near future.

Service was held in the church, being conducted by the Rector of Hough (the Rev. C. D. H. Moore), assisted by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston. During the service, the Rector dedicated a peal board, the gift of the Hough ringers, recording a peal of Minor, rung on Saturday, August 20th, 1921, in memory of Mr. John Hoyes, who for over 40 years was a ringer at that church. The Rev. C. J. Sturton occupied the pulpit, and gave a splendid address to the ringers.

It was decided to hold the October meeting at Stamford on the 3rd inst.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kind welcome to the ringers, and to all those who helped to make the meeting a success.—The Secretary also reminded those present that the Church of All Saints has in the tower a very good frame for a peal of eight bells, and expressed the hope that before long two trebles would be added to the present six.

#### OBITUARY.

On July 10th, 1925, there passed away at Rye, Sussex, a loyal and faithful servant of the Church and an old bellringer, in the person of Charles Price, aged 75.

Born at Oxford in 1850, Mr. Price came to Rye as a Church Army Captain, and took up the duties of verger 36 years ago, retaining this office until his death. During this period he has, by a life of service and devotion to duty, become endeared to the hearts of all Ryeans and to many of those who frequently visit the 'Antient Towne,' and by his passing Rye has lost an honoured and respected citizen, and those who were so fortunate as to be intimately acquainted with him, a loyal and true friend in the highest sense of the word.

Mr. Price, who rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples at Rye on April 12th, 1902, was not a great peal ringer, but a regular Sunday service ringer, the occasions on which he was absent from the belfry being only those on which his duties as verger had to take precedence.

As a token of respect a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by the local band with the bells half-muffled on Sunday evening, July 12th, and, after being borne to the Parish Church by six of the ringers for the first part of his funeral service on the 14th, 360 Grandsire Doubles were rung to his memory, with the bells fully muffled (tenor open at back stroke) while the funeral cortege was on its way to the cemetery.

#### MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

##### HOW TO RING THEM.

The ringing of numerous Minor methods, spliced into true 720's, is a form of ringing which is acknowledged to add immensely to the interest of six-bell practice, and yet it has at present been taken up only to a very limited degree. From time to time we have published the figures of the composite extents, but this does not seem to have conveyed sufficient information to enable Minor ringers generally to grasp the manner in which these 'spliced' peals are rung.

We believe that ringers have only to become more fully acquainted with the scheme by which a large number of methods can be pieced together and rung, to lead to a far larger practice in this direction. We have, therefore, induced Mr. John P. Fidler, of Norbury, Cheshire, one of the band who rang in the celebrated peal in 35 methods, to contribute a series of articles on the subject, which will describe the exact manner in which this company tackled and achieved their task. The basis of the articles is the methods appearing in the Central Council's 'Collection of Methods,' and a copy of this publication should at once be secured from the Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Broadlands, Caversham, Reading. The price is only 1/2.

NEATH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—On Tuesday, July 14th, at St. Thomas' Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins., with the bells half-muffled: A. Hutton 1, G. Lewis 2, J. Hammond 3, C. Hawkins 4, T. Scott 5, H. Boyce (conductor) 6. Rung to the memory of the members of St. Thomas' Church, who fell in the Great War, on the occasion of the unveiling of the tablet erected in the church to their memory.



## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

The annual outing of the above took place on Saturday, July 18th. Monk's Kirby, Warwickshire, was the first goal. The church is an old imposing structure of the 14th century. The bells, hitherto six, have been augmented to eight, and rehung in an iron frame by Taylor, making a fine ring, with tenor of 24 cwt. Courses of London, Bristol, Treble Bob—the latter in which the Vicar took part—and touches of Stedman Triples were struck off to the satisfaction of both ringers and listeners. At Burbage, some seven miles distant, where a new ring of eight had been installed, the bells, with tenor of 14 cwt., were raised, and Cambridge, Superlative, and Premier were rung. Tea was taken on the cricket ground, where a match was in progress. After tea, a return to the tower was made by those who wanted more ringing. A move was then made for Hinckley, a neighbouring town, where a newly-recast ring of eight had been installed.

It was at the White Hart that the company foregathered after the ringing had ceased, and the Club Room was called into requisition. Handbell ringing, tunes and changes, with songs, filled the bill until it was time to leave for Leicester. 'Bill' Humphreys entertaining the company in his own inimitable way. Well satisfied with the outing, the party wishes to thank the incumbents, chief ringers and Mr. W. H. Poole, the indefatigable secretary, for the arrangements made on its behalf.

## HASLEMERE, SURREY.

On July 11th the Haslemere ringers, including the Rector (Rev. W. Wragge), the Rev. O. S. Walford and Major J. H. B. Hesse, held their annual outing, which took the form of a very enjoyable day in the Isle of Wight. Upon arriving at Ryde, a charabanc trip was arranged, and the party proceeded to Newport. Here the ringers were met by Mr. W. Upton, and a touch of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major was brought round. After lunch the journey was continued to Niton, where the party were entertained by Miss Jackson. Afterwards Ventnor, Shanklin, Sandown and Brading were visited. At Brading the ringers were met by Mr. Paine. A touch each of Grandsire, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major was rung here, and, with the help of Mr. Ward, from Ryde, a course of Stedman Triples was also accomplished. After tea at Ryde the party left for home, which was reached about 10.30. Many thanks are due to the ringers who met the company, and the only regret was that Mr. T. Mack, one of the oldest and respected members, was not well enough to attend.

## HILLINGDON RINGERS IN SURREY.

On Saturday, July 18th, the combined bands of St. John's, Hillingdon, and St. Andrew's, Hillingdon West, held their first outing. The party left Hillingdon shortly after 2 p.m., by charabanc, passing through Harlington to Kingston, and thence by an enjoyable ride through Ewell and Burgh Heath. A halt was made at the top of Reigate Hill, the party afterwards proceeding to the Parish Church, where they were met by one of the local ringers. The bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters.

A very enjoyable *à fresco* tea was partaken of.—A vote of thanks was passed to the incumbents of Reigate and Betchworth for the use of their bells; also to the steeplekeepers of those towers for their kind assistance.

Through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' the ringers wish to record a hearty vote of thanks to the organiser of the outing, Miss P. M. Moss, for so kindly making the necessary arrangements.

## STOWMARKET.

The Stowmarket company held their annual outing on Saturday, July 11th. The party, numbering 14, leaving Stowmarket by motor, first called at Eye. Here they were met by Messrs. E. F. Poppey, H. Day and J. Souther. The bells were soon set going, and some good touches were brought round. The next place to be visited was Redenhall, where Mr. F. R. Borrett was waiting to welcome the company. Before leaving, the grand old peal of handbells at the Yew Tree were put through a few touches, and the party left for Beccles, where, unfortunately, the Beccles company were on their outing, but thanks to them everything was all ready. With the help of Messrs. J. Souther and F. R. Borrett a short touch on the ten bells was brought round. Leaving Beccles after lunch, the return journey was made via Diss, where more ringing was done, and a splendid tea was served. After this more ringing was enjoyed, and then the handbells were brought into use, several of the local company joining in to spend a very pleasant evening. After a splendid day's outing, home was reached about 11 p.m. The company, through the 'Ringing World' wish to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells; also to all those who helped to make the outing such a success. The methods rung during the day were Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major.

## ST. GILES', READING.

On Saturday last, the ringers of the above church, and their friends, enjoyed a half-day's outing. The party proceeded to Newbury, where the fine old parish church peal of eight were soon going merrily in Stedman, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich. Mr. Curtis, the tower foreman, afterwards joining the visitors in bringing home a well-struck touch of Bob Major. Subsequently the party enjoyed tea, and later proceeded over Bucklebury Common to its parish church, where the well-tuned but lighter ring of eight in this old tower were rung in various methods. Four local ringers took part, including the veteran, Mr. Davis, and also Mr. Matthews, who called a musical touch of Stedman of his own composition, and considering he is almost blind, his own accurate striking was wonderful. The party visited Bradfield, and a very pleasant hour was spent. Home was reached at 10.30, all having thoroughly enjoyed the excursion. Thanks of the band are due to the Rectors of the towers visited for kind permission to use the bells, also to Mr. A. W. Osborne, the foreman, for arranging the outing.

## SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL.

The Sheffield Cathedral company had their annual outing on Saturday, July 11th, Liverpool being chosen as the place of entertainment. Proceeding by train, the objective was reached at 12.30 p.m., where the party was met by Mr. Claude J. Davies, who kindly acted as guide throughout the day. The famous Cathedral was first visited, after which lunch was served. Lunch over, the party proceeded to the Princess landing stage to board the steamer for Rock Ferry, and thence by tram to Port Sunlight.

Several touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were duly accomplished on this nice peal of eight, after which a further walk through the village brought them to the Church of Bevington.

The bells are a light peal of eight, with an excellent 'go' about them, but the tone not very good. Touches of Stedman, Superlative and Double Norwich were brought round, after which tea was enjoyed. Returning across the river, St. Nicholas was reached in good time. Here the company met a number of local ringers. Ringing to the tune of Stedman, Cambridge and London Surprise, an hour was quite sufficient to satisfy desires for further ringing. An adjournment was then made for conversation with the Liverpool friends.

The company wish to thank the local ringers at the various churches for their kindness in meeting the party, the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. C. J. Davies for his services as guide; whilst our special thanks are again tendered to Mr. Geo. R. Newton for his trouble in so kindly making all arrangements.

## WARMINSTER.

On Saturday, July 18th, the ringers of the Minster Church, Warminster, together with a few friends, visited Bournemouth for their annual outing. The party, numbering 16, including the Rev. J. Lee-Warner (curate), left Warminster by charabanc at 8 a.m. Proceeding via Fordingbridge, the first halt was made at the church, where the party was met by Mr. W. Lockyer. Touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and the journey then resumed, Bournemouth being reached about 11.30 a.m. After lunch, the company broke up to spend the afternoon in various ways, reassembling at 4 p.m. for tea. A move was afterwards made to St. Peter's Church, where special permission had been granted the visitors to ring for evensong. This favour was much appreciated, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

Leaving Bournemouth at 5.45 p.m., the first stop on the homeward journey was at Ringwood, where ringing was enjoyed. Arriving at Salisbury, St. Thomas' Church was visited, this being 'the last item on the programme.' Warminster was reached at 10.30 p.m., all the party having thoroughly enjoyed the outing. The ringers wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, also the towerkeepers for having everything in readiness.

## LINSLADE, BUCKS.

On Saturday, July 25th, the Linslade ringers held their annual outing, travelling to Hardwick, where the handy little ring of six bells were soon going to Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor. After an hour's ringing the party visited Aylesbury for tea. Then on to Stoke Mandeville, where the visitors were welcomed by Mr. H. E. Whitbread, late of St. Albans, and other local ringers, with whom Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. The next stopping-place was Tring, where a meeting was being held by the Western district of the Hertfordshire County Association. Here touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and a course of Duffield Major by mixed bands were rung. The Linslade ringers wish to thank the Vicars and foremen for their hearty welcome, and the secretary and members of the Western district of the Herts Association.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ROTHERHAM.**—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Onkes 1, J. W. J. Cottam 2, C. Poulteney 3, G. Tuke 4, A. Firth 5, E. Kettell 6, J. Brothwell 7, S. Briggs (conductor) 8, C. Ryder 9, P. Maugham 10. First quarter in the method by ringers of 3rd and 4th, and first quarter-peal on the bells since being recast.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On Sunday, July 26th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Ridout 1, H. Forbes 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Ford 4, J. W. Jones 5, G. Day 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, H. Brookes 8.

**LIVERPOOL.**—For evening service, on Sunday, July 26th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 531 Stedman Caters: W. Davies 1, W. Fisher 2, T. Hammond 3, R. Davies 4, G. R. Newton 5, E. Jones 6, E. Counce 7, T. Larkey 8, J. Martin 9, A. Lintott 10. Conducted by G. R. Newton.

**BRISTOL.**—At SS. Philip and Jacob Church, on Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Mrs. E. J. Brown 1, Miss A. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, R. C. Seager 4, I. Long 5, E. J. Brown 6, F. E. Tyler (conductor) 7, F. Tyler, junr., 8.

**SAFFRON WALDEN.**—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,255 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: A. James 1, C. H. Howard 2, H. E. Hammond 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, G. Wiffen 5, F. Dench 6, F. Housden 7, L. Pitlow 8, F. J. Pitlow (conductor) 9, W. Parrish 10. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th hail from Braintree.

**BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.**—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: C. Chapman (Newark) 1, A. Thornton (first 720 of Minor) 2, Miss N. Grassby 3, W. Leaning 4, G. Hobbins 5, J. Bray (conductor) 6. During the service a board recording the first peal on the bells by a local band was dedicated.

**LAVENHAM.**—At SS. Peter and Paul Church, on Sunday, July 26th, 576 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, F. G. Symonds 4, S. H. Symonds 5, L. Poulson 6, L. Leeks 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples: M. T. Symonds 1, L. Poulson 2, F. Leeks 3, S. H. Symonds 4, W. R. J. Poulson 5, F. F. Mortlock 6, W. Fairers 7, E. A. Poulson 8. Conducted by S. H. Symonds. These touches were arranged and rung as a welcome home to A. Symonds, who has just returned from the West Suffolk General Hospital; he has acted as instructor at the above tower for the last 36 years, and often remarks with pride that he has lived to see change ringing performed by five generations of Symonds.

**ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, in 24 mins., 720 Bourne Surprise: G. H. Southgate 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Woodard 3, L. W. Bale 4, R. Pilgrim 5, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 6.

**TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Minor, in 25 mins. Also, after service another 720 of Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: J. M. Hasell 1, F. J. L. Brown 2, W. H. Young 3, J. Fear 4, Wm. Young 5, R. T. Clark 6. The ringers stood the same for both 720's, and both conducted by R. T. Clark.

**BRATTON WESTBURY, WILTS.**—On Sunday, July 26th, at the Church of St. James-the-Great, in honour of the Patronal Festival, for Matins, 300 Stedman Doubles: T. Holloway 1, W. Chapman (conductor) 2, H. J. Smith 3, H. G. Smith 4, B. Cook 5, P. Emm 6. Also, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. Cook 1, J. Francis 2, H. G. Smith 3, W. Chapman 4, C. J. Andrews 5, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 4th.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—On July 26th, on the festival of the Parish Church, St. Margaret's, for Sunday evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Saunders 1, T. R. Watson 2, G. Perkins 3, F. Warrington (conductor) 4, H. Lavender 5, G. Perkins 6. A 720 Kent was rung after service also, G. Perkins conducting.

**STANFORD-LE-HOPE.**—On Sunday, July 19th, at the Church of St. Margaret, for Patronal Festival, before evensong, 720 Plain Bob: H. Chinnery 1, W. Wade 2, W. Watson (conductor) 3, A. Howell 4, E. Butler 5, G. R. Pye 6. Also 480 same method: G. R. Pye 5, E. Butler 6. After evensong another 720, standing as before.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 19th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson 1, W. S. Forslaw 2, T. Watson (conductor) 3, G. Jackson 4, A. Brown 5, W. H. Dennison 6, J. Burrows 8 (cover).

**BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, July 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Wightman 1, W. Pope 2, G. Dudley 3, R. Belton 4, E. Rivett 5, P. Aldham 6, G. Newton (conductor) 7, E. Wightman 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th and 8th. First quarter-peal as conductor. This is the first quarter-peal on the new bells.

**FLEET, Lincs.**—On Sunday, July 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. W. Harrison 1, H. Waltham 2, F. Lightning 3, C. Brumby 4, F. Porter 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringers of the 4th on an inside bell.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, July 19th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Norwich, and for evensong 1,280 in the same method: E. Webb 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, H. E. Hammond 5, F. Eley 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving Braintree for a business appointment in Belgium.

**SUTTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, July 19th, at All Saints, Benhillon, 1,080 Bob Minor, in 37 minutes (after meeting short for Triples): J. F. Galyer 1, F. T. Ford 2, E. Walker 3, T. G. Bannister 4, F. E. Darby 5, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Miss M. Ford (daughter of the steeplekeeper), upon attaining her 21st birthday.

**NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—For evensong, on Sunday, July 12th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Scott 2, W. Chambers 3, W. Upton 4, A. Callaway 5, S. Moody 6, R. J. Stone 7, J. Leal 8. Rung for R. J. Stone, Portsea St. Mary's in camp at Freshwater, and a birthday compliment to W. Upton.

**WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—On July 12th, on the occasion of the Sunday School festival, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: B. Pond 1, S. Sewell 2, J. Taylor 3, J. Upton (conductor) 4, W. Thorpe 5, H. Stanley 6. First quarter by treble and tenor ringers. For afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 43 mins.: A. Thorpe 1, R. S. Hodgetts 2, J. Taylor 3, J. Upton 4, W. Thorpe 5, J. Beale (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal in method by all the band. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Doubles (being five six-score of Bob Doubles and 5½ six-score of Grandsire), in 41 mins.: A. Thorpe 1, J. Beale (conductor) 2, J. Taylor 3, J. Upton 4, W. Thorpe 5, W. Allen 6. Mr. R. S. Hodgetts comes from Monk's Kirby.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—For evening service, on July 12th, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. Charles Price, for 36 years vergor of the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 49 minutes: Mrs. K. Pattenden 1, G. Hodson 2, J. Bennett 3, F. Bryant 4, K. Pattenden (conductor) 5, G. Bourne 6, A. Frampton 7, E. Curd 8 (covering 7-8-8). This was the first quarter-peal rung by the ringers of the treble and 4th in this method.

**ICKLETON, CAMBS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 5th, for morning service, 240 Bob Minor and a course of Oxford Bob: A. Walsgrove 1, G. Lilley 2, F. Bowtell 3, J. Webb 4, S. Brooks 5, P. Webb (conductor) 6. For evening service, 240 and 216 Bob Minor: P. Webb 1, G. Lilley 2, S. Brooks 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, P. C. L. Brooks 6. Mr. A. Walsgrove comes from Christ Church, St. Leonard's, and was on a holiday in the district. On Sunday, July 12th, for evening service, 384 Kent: P. Webb (conductor) 1, G. Lilley 2, F. Bowtell 3, W. Flitton 4, E. Finch (Stapleford) 5, L. Brooks 6. Also 120 Doubles, E. Jaggard, of Exning, Suffolk, taking part.

**HATFIELD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, July 5th, for Divine service, in the evening, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: F. Cull 1, D. Ellingham 2, A. Shepherd 3, J. Shepherd 4, L. Shepherd 5, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 6, A. R. Lawrence 7, P. S. A. Lawrence 8.

## ST. MARY-LE-TOWER, IPSWICH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Comparisons are proverbially odious, and to blow one's own trumpet is worse, but as the Ipswich St. Mary-le-Tower Society and its performances have been mentioned somewhat freely of late in the 'Ringing World,' perhaps this letter from one of its members may be forgiven; apart from which the record which follows is worthy of note, and will probably prove of interest to your many readers who hail from, or have visited, East Anglia and Ipswich.

From January, 1921, to December, 1922, the society rang peals in the following methods: Double Norwich Maximus, Royal and Major, Cambridge Maximus, Royal and Major, Kent Maximus, Royal and Major, Plain Bob Royal, Stedman Cinques and Triples, Grandsire Cinques and Caters; and on Easter Sunday, 1921, courses of Cambridge Maximus, and Double Norwich Maximus were rung for the morning service. The ringers in each case were regular Sunday Service ringers. This is a great record, and it is safe to say that not many bands have accumulated such a list of performances in the short space of two years.—Yours truly,

CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

**NOTTINGHAM.**—On Thursday, July 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, as a last token of respect to the late George Henry Johnson, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: W. Flinders 1, Miss E. Webster 2, M. Ward 3, G. West 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. Salter 6, H. R. Cobbin 7, H. Cragg 8. First quarter, Conducted by H. R. Cobbin.

**LOUGHBOROUGH.**—At the Parish Church, for Matins, 501 Stedman Caters, in 35 mins.: R. Lane 1, J. Saddington 2, W. Thorley 3, E. Cartwright 4, H. Subbs 5, W. Smith 6, J. Oldham 7, J. Hutchby 8, E. Reader (conductor) 9, A. Goodacre 10.

## NOTICES.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Moorside, Oldham, on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Higher Walton on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea, at 1s. 3d. a head. Business important. Election of branch officers, also nominations for vice-president, ringing secretary and two auditors of the association.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting at Old Glossop Church on Saturday, August 1st. Bells available from 2.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 2nd, 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 17th and the 31st, at 7.30. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**SUTTON-ON-TRENT** (Crow Park Station). — The new bells of Sutton-on-Trent (6) will be open for all ringers on August Bank Holidays (Monday). Cricket match, good sports and gala in afternoon in aid of the Church Bell Fund. Prices of admission: Adults 6d., children 3d. Plain teas on field 9d. Meat tea 1s. 6d., in Church Institute. All welcome. The express leaving Newark at 8.20 p.m. will stop at Crow Park specially for passengers to Retford and intermediate stations to Doncaster and Sheffield. — H. Haigh, 103, Gatford Road, Worksop.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday (Monday) at Ecclesfield Parish Church, and not at Wortley, as shown on the fixture cards. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be served at 5 p.m.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

**NORFOLK GUILD.**—General meeting will be held at Diss on Bank Holiday, August 3rd. By kind permission of the Rector, the ring of eight bells at the Parish Church will be at the disposal of the members. Luncheon at the King's Head Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A meeting has been arranged on Monday, August 3rd. Slough (8) 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Stoke Poges (6) 2 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Tennis, handbells, etc., during the evening.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham, Slough.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 6th and 20th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th (6 p.m.) and 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. A. R. Ball. Tea will be provided, at a charge per head, for those who notify me by first post Wednesday, August 5th.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey (12 bells) on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. A tea has been arranged for those who notify their intention of being present. Will Middlesex members kindly advise Mr. C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, and Essex members Mr. E. J. Butler, 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath, at the latest by Tuesday, August 4th?—C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association, E. J. Butler, Essex Association, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 8th. Ringing from 3.30. Will arrange tea as usual. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon will be held at Leeds on Saturday, September 19th.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Withington on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Crowle on Saturday, August 8th. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea provided for those who notify Mr. S. T. Holt, Crowle, Worcester, by the Wednesday previous.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. Please write early if tea required.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster (8 bells) on August 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A practice will be held at Yeovil (10 bells) on Saturday, August 1st, at 7 p.m.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., Martock.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 8th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting 5.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

A COMBINED MEETING of the Peterborough and Oundle branches will be held at Polebrooke on Saturday, August 8th. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, August 5th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Loxton on Saturday, August 8th. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock. Service after. Those requiring tea kindly let me know soon. Bells afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**KIRKTHORPE.**—A meeting will be held at Kirkthorpe on Saturday, August 8th. All those wishing for tea should communicate with the Vicar of Kirkthorpe.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (1s. each to those who notify me on or before August 5th, 1s. 6d. to all others). All ringers welcome.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Important business meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting, tea and social will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m., meeting and social following. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Will all intending to be present please send in their names to Mr. D. Campbell, 12, Hufing Lane, Burnley, not later than August 12th? — J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at St. Michael's Church, East Peckham, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Sec. not later than Wednesday, August 12th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8 and 6) available 3 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea, etc., to follow. Will those intending coming for tea please advise me by previous Tuesday?—H. J. Hale, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

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## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25th, a meeting of the South-Eastern Division was held at Danbury. Although only a five-bell tower, a fair attendance of members were present from Maldon, Feering, Bloomfield, Braintree, Chelmsford, Sandon, Great Baddow, and the local company. A short service, with address by the Vicar (the Rev. J. B. Plumtree), was held previous to the meeting. After tea, meeting was held, and eight new members were made, including three ladies, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rayleigh in August, and the annual district meeting at Springfield.—The Master expressed his appreciation of the representative attendance at a five-bell tower, stating that it proved to the local company and the adjoining five-bell tower at Sandon that the attendance of members from eight-bell towers was evidence the association were just as interested in the five-bell towers as those more fortunate parishes which possessed larger rings.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

### EDGBASTON.

The Edgbaston ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 27th. Passing Alvechurch, Redditch was reached, then to Inkberrow. Permission having been obtained, the bells were soon going. Alcester was visited, but the call proved fruitless, as they could not use the bells. The next call was the pretty village of Norton, where a few touches were brought round. At Evesham the party had time for a visit to the bell tower and other interesting places. Lunch was served in Evesham. A visit was paid to Bretford, the tune and 'go' of the bells being complimented by all. The interesting Cotswold village of Chipping Campden was visited, and tea was partaken here. A few local ringers were found, and the bells were tried to Grandsire Triples.

The return journey was made by way of Stratford-on-Avon, Henley-in-Arden and Shirley.

The party wish here to thank the incumbents for kindnesses shown.

### ST. MARGARET'S, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, July 4th, the ringers of St. Margaret's, Westminster, held their outing. A start was made at 1.30 by train for Hollingbourne, Kent, from whence a walk brought the party to the old-world village of Leeds. A few touches were rung, including Cambridge Royal and a course of Bristol Major, on the back of the peal. After tea more ringing was done, and a presentation made to one of the party. A start was then made for Maidstone by car. Arriving at Maidstone, everything was in readiness for more ringing, and some excellent touches were brought round, including Bristol Major and Cambridge Royal. The Vicar personally welcomed the party to Maidstone. An adjournment was made for a light refreshment, and the 9.10 p.m. train from Maidstone was joined for London, 38 miles away, which was reached in two hours and ten minutes.

Through the medium of this paper the party wish to thank the Vicars of Leeds and Maidstone for the use of the bells, the respective steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, and, lastly, its worthy conductor for making such excellent arrangements and ensuring such an enjoyable day.

## PORTMADOC.

The local band would be very pleased to meet any ringers visiting the district and wishing to have a touch on the bells on Sundays, or any evening, if they would kindly communicate with P. Roberts, 'Cambria,' Station Road, Portmadoc.

On July 20th, Mr. J. H. Sheppard, of Swindon, visited Portmadoc, when touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung during the evening.



## IN THE FAR EAST.

## 'UNCLE JOE' AMONG THE CHINESE.

From distant Manchuria, Mr. J. E. Sykes writes that the suggested Railwaymen's Guild would not fail for want of efficient officials. Two Guild secretaries, at least, he says, are real elephants for ringing work: J. W. J. and C. T. C. to wit. He adds: 'Good luck to its inception—and what about a Campanological 'Savage Club,' with the captain of the 'Saorise' as R.W.M.? I think I know a dozen or so who are qualified for membership.' When he returns, 'Uncle Joe' will have to set about organising the ringing 'Savages.'

In another letter Mr. Sykes writes: Your issue of May 8th to hand, with account of that first Chinese 'gorge.' It was rather a 'sultry' evening, and I almost thought I was at the 'Nelson,' but I am used to them now, and they come off once a week. They are really 'chest benders' every time. Your note re my early efforts with the 'chao sticks' was rather apt; you must have been there in the spirit. It is rather disconcerting just as you have prided yourself on how cleverly you have annexed a succulent slug and steered it to within an inch of your mouth to drop it down your Sunday waistcoat, and have to fish it out of your lap with your fingers and try to look as if nothing untoward had happened. That is what you would call missing a bob before. Anyhow, I didn't forget to go 'in quick' when the jug came round!

I have secured half a dozen very fine chopsticks, as used by the rich Chinese ladies. One pair is to be foisted on to Mrs. Editor, and two more pairs are destined for two ladies well known in ringing circles in a certain Midlands' city. There will be no prizes for correct guesses, so don't all rush up with your solutions, my merry readers. I have also got a complete Chinese writer's outfit, seal and all, sir, for one wight known as 'I. Pistor.' He has evidently worn his old one out, so I haste to supply a new one of correct design. We cannot do without our little 'Reneas,' bless him.

My congratulations to my namesake, Joe, on that camel-driving job he did, but why he has got the hump, I don't know. It has been my ambition for many years to ring one of Minor on that bell. Apart from its weight, it is worth standing under to hear Perdue's jewel. On my return, I must get Bro. Joe to ask me down for a week to sample a few: Queen Camel, Bradford-on-Avon, Frome, Warminster and Wells preferred, and I think I shall have earned a holiday at the string-end when I finish here. With all these riots and scraps on, it is unhealthy, and people get hurt, but I am on velvet and keep smiling, as you will see by the enclosed photograph.

The photograph shows our correspondent looking very cheerful in native costume, and engaged in playing 'the ancient and honourable game of Mah-Jong,' with a Jap friend and two of the ladies, O'Hara San and O'Kimee San, who minister to his wants.

'Uncle Joe' concludes his letter by sending his respects to all friends. 'Tell them,' he says, 'the Far East is all one reads of it, but—oh, for three courses at St. Paul's.'

He encloses photos of some of the tombs of the Manchu emperors and another of a pagoda, 800 years old, and containing several ancient bells, which he has inspected. 'Why in the name of goodness,' he comments, 'the of England' does not emigrate out here, passes my comprehension. Everything to suit his tastes in heavy bells, and plenty of 'em, too.'

## ST. NICHOLAS, KING'S NORTON, OUTING.

The annual outing of the St. Nicholas, King's Norton, ringers was held on June 27th. Leaving King's Norton at an early hour by charabanc, they proceeded to Tewkesbury, and by 9.30 a.m. were ringing the bells of the fine old Abbey Church. After spending about an hour in this tower a move was made into the Cotswold country to Stow-on-the-Wold. Here they found a peal which had recently received the attention of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. Several touches were brought round. The afternoon was spent in visiting the towers of Blockley and Chipping Campden, and concluded with tea at Shipston-on-Strour. The party then proceeded to Warwick, where the beautiful bells of St. Mary's Church were rung.

During the day several methods were rung and appreciated by members of the various local bands, but that which apparently delighted them most was the way in which Mr. P. O. Lallin turned the tenors into touches of Cambridge Surprise Major.

A very enjoyable day was spent, King's Norton being reached about 11 p.m.

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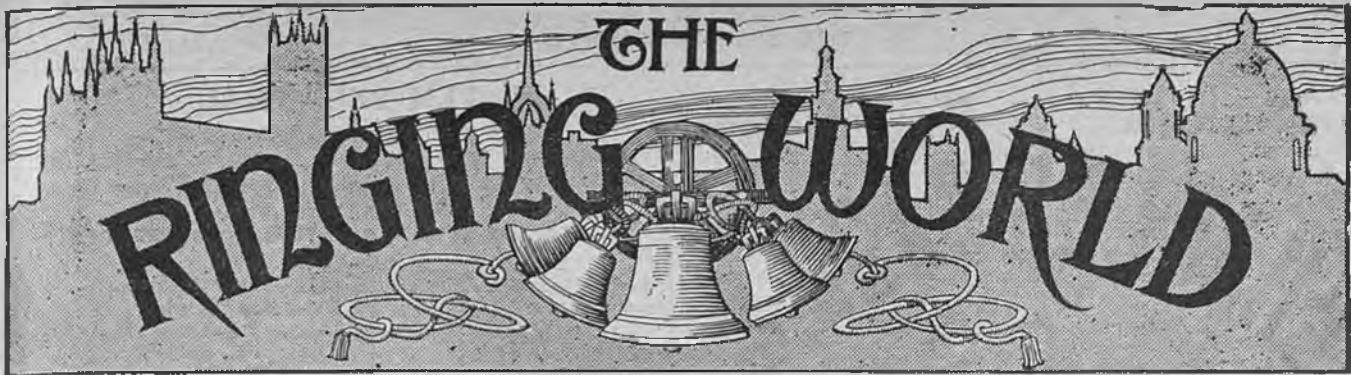
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It is often difficult to find suitable men to fill with competence vacancies such as those which have now arisen in the Bath and Wells Diocese, but the members can, we believe, look forward with confidence to the future under the guidance of the two men they have selected to follow the Rev. Preb. C. C. Parker and Mr. Burgess. In their new Master they have a practical ringing-parson, and in Mr. J. T. Dyke, as hon. secretary, they have one of the most enthusiastic and capable ringers in the West. They are fortunate in having at their service a man so well fitted in every respect for the task, and are to be congratulated upon making such an excellent choice. If, as the retiring Master said, he believed the introduction of new blood would be beneficial to the association, then, with the two men elected, the association ought to rise to a high pinnacle among the ringing organisations of the country. Beginning from an already satisfactory position, the new officers have an excellent foundation to build on, and we are certain that the new secretary, on whom the bulk of the work must necessarily fall, will not fail to leave his mark on the future of the association.

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On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CAMPANILE OF THE PARISH CHURCH,  
**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 24 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. Treble | GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 6   |
| JESSE GILLET ... .. 2       | WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 7    |
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 3     | GEORGE CONDECK ... .. 8    |
| WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 4  | ERNEST E. DAVIS ... .. 9   |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... .. 5        | JOHN W. DAVIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE LATIMER CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble | WILLIAM COPE ... .. 5    |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2    | †C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 6 |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 3        | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7  |
| †PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 4    | JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Stedman on tower bells, and first peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in the method, and first peal of Triples on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal in the method.

## NORWICH.

### THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPOLCHERE,  
**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble | GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 5       |
| ERNEST J. NEWELL ... .. 2   | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 6      |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3  | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7   |
| CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. 4 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by Mr. E. G. Hibbins, for whom this peal was arranged, he being elected a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

### THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,  
**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST WHITING ... .. Treble | FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... 5      |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 2   | *CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6      |
| CHARLES CUTTING ... .. 3     | JOHN SNELLING ... .. 7        |
| *WALTER BARRETT ... .. 4     | FREDERICK SEAGER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

\* First peal of Kent Treble Bob.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

### THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,  
**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;**  
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|                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. Treble  | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5          |
| CHARLES E. BURDOCK ... .. 2 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6        |
| HENRY HUTTON ... .. 3       | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7       |
| OLIVER SIFFERTS ... .. 4    | *ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* 800th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hutton and G. W. Steere.



## ROMFORD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. Treble | ALFRED PYE ... .. 5          |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2       | WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6         |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3      | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4         | *REDBEN SANDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.  
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. J. Butler. \* 500th peal.

## NETHERSEALE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

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| THOMAS MERIDETH ... .. 2   | JOSEPH LORD ... .. 6       |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 3  | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7      |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 4  | JOSEPH COTTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

## WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *EDWIN BORLEY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5     |
| HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... .. 2  | JOHN B. HESSEY ... .. 6      |
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| †ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 4      | *WILLIAM PERRY ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First peal. † Proposed a life member of the above Guild previous to starting.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINE'S,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

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|                                   |                                |
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| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. Treble | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 5 |
| C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... .. 2   | ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 6        |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 3      | HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 7        |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4           | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. W. PARKER (No. 7). Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.  
Rung as a welcome to Canon E. L. Gedge, late Rector of Gravesend, on his induction as Rector of Crayford.

## DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| TITUS BARLOW ... .. Treble | CANON H. J. ELSEE ... .. 5     |
| FRED F. RIGBY ... .. 2     | THOMAS HENSHER ... .. 6        |
| ERNEST COTSFORTH ... .. 3  | FRED PAGE ... .. 7             |
| *ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 4   | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

\* First peal in the method.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

|                               |                                  |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 5         |
| FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 2 | *RICHARD J. STONE ... .. 6       |
| MISS BERIMA M. MILLS ... .. 3 | WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 7      |
| FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 4 | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

\* First peal in the method and first attempt.

## WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

|                                   |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. Treble | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 5         |
| ROBERT T. EVANS ... .. 2          | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 6        |
| *FREDERICK R. EVANS ... .. 3      | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7            |
| WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 4     | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal in the method, and elected a member before starting the peal.

## DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *FREDERICK VICKERS ... .. Treble | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 5       |
| *HAROLD J. HAZELL ... .. 2       | GEORGE T. CROFT ... .. 6       |
| CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 3       | HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 7       |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4       | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. G. Matthews, an enthusiastic member of the local company, who was married earlier in the day in the above church.

## LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN HALL ... .. Treble     | GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 5         |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2      | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 6       |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3  | JAMES G. ROMSEY ... .. 7       |
| *CHARLES E. FISHER ... .. 4 | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of London Surprise.

## COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... .. Treble | JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 5   |
| *GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2         | FREDERICK CLAYTON ... .. 6 |
| *CHARLES WATHEMAN ... .. 3        | WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7    |
| ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... .. 4         | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

\* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the marriage of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., and Mrs. Badger, which occurred on July 31st; also in honour of the birth of a son on that date. Illness prevented the peal being rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, where the Canon is Vicar.

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## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble  | FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5        |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 2 | JOHN S. MORTON ... 6            |
| ROBERT THOMPSON ... 3           | HERBERT HOLDEN ... 7            |
| ALFRED G. HILL ... 4            | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER (No. 11).

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

## PORTSMOUTH, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, Portsea,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5   |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2       | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6 |
| TOWER R. TAYLOR ... 3       | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7       |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4         | KEITH HART ... Tenor      |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## RAYLEIGH, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| ERNEST W. FURBANK ... Treble | CHARLES T. COLES ... 5 |
| WILLIAM H. HEWLETT ... 2     | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 6   |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 3          | HENRY T. WILSON ... 7  |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... 4        | WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor  |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal of Bristol.

## BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

## THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| YORK GREEN ... Treble      | *FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5      |
| †CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... 2 | WILFRED HOOTON ... 6         |
| *MISS C. FIELDS ... 3      | *H. FIELDS ... 7             |
| *WILFRED C. IBBETT ... 4   | T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

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

† First peal in the method on tower bells.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Botolph,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Lancashire, Stamford, Durham, York and Cambridge. Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| *WALTER CHIBNALL ... Treble | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 4  |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 2     | HORACE H. SMITH ... 5  |
| MISS E. STEELE ... 3        | W. STAPLETON ... Tenor |

\* First peal in seven Surprise methods.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 19th, for Matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise. Also for evensong, 240 each of London, Wells and York Surprise.—On Sunday, July 26th, for evensong, 720 Milton Surprise: H. Wibberley 1, C. S. Ryles 2, G. E. Lawrence 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, P. Triner 5, J. W. Walker (first 720 Milton Surprise) 6, J. F. Ryles 7, J. Walley 8, W. P. Deane 9, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 10, W. Wheeldon (Bucknall) 11.

## OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| WILFRED C. IBBITT ... Treble | WILLIAM A. TACK ... 4   |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS ... 2     | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5  |
| *MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... 3 | ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

\* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. The ringers of the 4th and 5th were elected life members of the association before starting the peal.  
† 50th peal. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

## COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford and three of Kent.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... Treble | WILLIAM H. COLES ... 4 |
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2       | PERCY MERSON ... 5     |
| *WILLIAM UNDERHILL ... 3    | JAMES HUNT ... Tenor   |

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal of Minor. First of Minor on the bells.

## ROOLE, CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| WALTER THOMAS ... Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4      |
| SAM JONES, JUN. ... 2    | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 5    |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... 3    | JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

## SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

|                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| *W. H. POOLE ... Treble | G. MILES ... 4       |
| A. RAINBIRD ... 2       | H. TURNER ... 5      |
| E. FURBANK ... 3        | W. LEGGATT ... Tenor |

Conducted by H. TURNER.

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

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

## WESTERN DISTRICT.

The July meeting was held at Tring on the 25th, but, although the weather was perfect, it would have been a failure had it not been for the presence of members outside the district. Only five district members attended, plus the local band and the secretary. The others, who received a cordial welcome, came from Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Clifton, St. Albans, Hitchin and Oxhey. These were supplemented in the evening by the Linslade (Bucks) band, who had arranged their outing in order to visit this association.

The methods rung during the day were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Duffield Major. A short service was held at 5 p.m., conducted by the Rev. S. Meade, who gave a very instructive address.

After tea the business meeting took place, the Rev. Meade kindly taking the chair. One new member from Tring was elected. The motion, 'as announced for the opinion of the district' in 'The Ringing World,' was carried, after a slight verbal alteration. Apsley End was chosen as the next meeting-place on the second Saturday in September. A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Rev. Meade for his splendid address, the organist for her services, and Mr. F. Reeve for making all preparations concluded the meeting. Four members then rang two courses of Plain Bob on handbells, after which the gathering adjourned to the tower for more ringing.

The Western District members are urged to support their own district and county association.

## THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

### YOUNG ASSOCIATION MAKES HEADWAY.

The Guild's second annual meeting was held on Saturday, July 11th, in the parish of Sketty, Glamorgan, when the tower of St. Paul's Church (eight bells) was open for ringing from 10 a.m. The towers of St. Mary's, Swansea, and St. Catherine's, Gorseinon, were also open for ringing, and full advantage was taken of the opportunity. The towers represented at the meeting were Brecon, Cadoxton, Llanstephan, Aberavon, Morriston, Neath, Llanelly, Gorseinon, Talgarth, and Swansea.

A short service was held in St. Paul's Church at 3.30 p.m., when the Lord Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. E. L. Bevan) preached to the ringers present. The local branch of the Mothers' Union was also present at the service. The Archdeacon of Gower read the lesson, and the Rev. Canon R. J. Stewart intoned the service, the surpliced choir being also in attendance. During the course of his address, the Bishop said the Guild of Ringers represented those who were making a free contribution to the church life of their diocese. The work was not by any means new, and they had only to see some of the bells in their towers—for instance, that bell which was no longer in use at Llanillo, Breconshire—to realise the work to which they had contributed for a long period of time. Nothing was more encouraging to the devotional life of the church than the cheerful sound of the bells. In the exercise of their high privilege, ringers were making a vital contribution towards the devotional life of the people of the land.

The company afterwards adjourned to the Church Hall, where they were entertained to tea by Canon and Mrs. H. J. Stewart, the members of the Mothers' Union (local branch) being also entertained. The Lord Bishop proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon and Mrs. Stewart for the sumptuous repast, and this was seconded by the Ven. Archdeacon of Gower, and the applause which followed showed the ringers' appreciation of the good things which had been provided for them.—Mrs. Stewart suitably responded.

The general meeting was afterwards held in a field adjoining the church, where the ringers sat down under some magnificent specimens of oak trees. The Lord Bishop presided, and he was supported by the Ven. Archdeacon of Gower, Canon H. J. Stewart, the Rev. W. J. Thomas, Gorseinon; the Rev. J. Rowland Thomas, Llanstephan; the Rev. T. R. J. Jones, Brecon, and other clergy. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and after approval, were duly signed by the Bishop. The Lord Bishop was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents (the Rev. Canon E. A. T. Roberts, Sub-Dean, Canon H. J. Stewart, the Archdeacon of Gower, the Archdeacon of Brecon, and the Rev. E. M. Cole-Hamilton) were also re-elected. Mr. J. Hammond (Neath) was elected Master of the Guild, and Messrs. W. R. Howells and Charles Powell were re-elected hon. secretary and hon. treasurer respectively. The committee elected consisted of Messrs. W. T. Hargest (Brecon), W. H. Bicknell (Builth Wells), Chas. Powell (Llangatock), W. D. Griffiths (Talgarth), C. Morse (Sketty), D. J. Williams (Gorseinon), E. Stith (Aberavon), J. P. Hyett (Glasbury), George Morris (Llanstephan), George Lewis (Morriston), D. J. Lewis (Cadoxton), S. T. Rackham (Llanelly), Rev. T. R. J. Jones (Brecon) and Mrs. E. G. Bellringer (Baglan).

The Hon. Treasurer presented his report for the year ending 31st December last, and this was adopted by the Guild. It was encouraging to note that there was a decided increase in the membership of the Guild, as well as in the honorary and life members.

The Hon. Secretary presented his report, dealing with the number of peals rung during the year and various other matters.

**Washbrook Memorial.**—The Hon. Secretary read a circular he had received from the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and it was unanimously carried that a contribution of 10s. be made from the funds of the Guild in addition to a collection to be taken at the end of the meeting. This collection realised £1 5s. 9d., and the secretary was asked to forward the money to the proper quarter.

**Central Council representative.**—The Master of the Guild (Mr. J. Hammond) was elected the Guild's representative on the Central Council, and in the event of his being unable to attend, the hon. secretary was asked to deputise.

The next annual meeting was fixed to take place at Brecon on the first Saturday in July, 1926.

The next ringing competition is to take place at Baglan on the 22nd May, 1926, and the preliminary arrangements with regard to methods, etc., were left in the hands of the committee.

The Master of the Guild undertook the secretarial duties for the Southern District, and Mr. E. G. Matthews was elected as Northern District secretary.

Upon a vote being taken, it was resolved that two-thirds of the balance in the hands of district secretaries, after paying all their expenses, etc., during the year, be handed over to the funds of the Guild.

Messrs. W. H. Fussell (Slough) and A. Hatton (Neath) were elected life members of the Guild, and the Rev. Canon Griffith Thomas, Morriston, the Rev. J. L. Thomas and Mr. A. L. David were elected hon. members.

A vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for his address at the service,

and for presiding over the meeting, was unanimously carried, and the company then dispersed to the towers, where touches of Grandsire, Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich and Plain Bob were well rung.

A committee meeting of the Guild afterwards considered designs of a membership card which had been submitted by Mr. W. H. Fussell, and the hon. secretary was requested to communicate the committee's wishes thereon to the donor.

## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

### EASTERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held on July 25th at Tattershall. Members were present from Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Skirbeck, Stickney, Old Leake, Wigtoft, and friends from Spalding, Surfleet, Grimsby and Heckington. Ringing commenced about 3.30 p.m., and at 4.15 p.m. a short service was conducted by the President (Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick). The address at this service was given by the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Lincoln Guild. Tea was partaken of by 30 members and friends.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, the President (Rev. J. R. Trotter) being in the chair. One new member was elected. Kilton was unanimously selected as the place for the next meeting, to be held in October. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to which one of the churchwardens responded, owing to the Vicar's absence. The tower was again visited, but the ringing could not be made enjoyable on account of the bad 'go' of the bells. The Rector of Coningsby met the ringers during the afternoon, and invited them to visit Coningsby tower. At 6.30 p.m. the bells at Tattershall were lowered in peal, and all repaired to Coningsby. Here the bells were found in better 'going' condition than at Tattershall, with the exception of the treble, and touches of Cambridge, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were successfully brought round.

## KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A party of ringers of the above from Gravesend, Northfleet and Milton towers paid a visit to Faversham tower on Sunday, July 26th. Leaving Gravesend at 8 a.m., the journey was made by charabanc, arriving at Faversham Church at 9.50 a.m. The local band met the party, and the bells, being ready, a start for a quarter-peal of Grandsire was made and well rung in 45 minutes for morning service.

After ringing the ringers and friends were very kindly entertained to a light lunch by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph, which was much appreciated. Mr. J. Avis, in thanking them on behalf of the ringers, asked Mr. and Mrs. Ralph to accept a small present as a token of appreciation. To Mrs. Ralph a pair of photo frames, Mr. Ralph tobacco and Tommy some chocolate. Mrs. Ralph stating it had been a pleasure, and hoped to see all again at some future date. Gravesend was safely reached at 1.45.

Ringers of quarter-peal, 1260 changes: 1 John Avis, 2 Edward Beer, junr., 3 Wm. Beer, 4 Richard Smith, 5 Guy Ambrose (cond.), 6 William Ware, 7 George Morrad, 8 Edward Hadlow. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the local band for their kindness.

## RINGING IN SOUTH AFRICA.

On June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung at St. Mary's Church, Woodstock, near Capetown, by the following: 1 I. Wright, 2 L. Green, 3 J. Wood, 4 N. Foster, 5 E. Gustafson (conductor), 6 H. Wright. This, writes Mr. Ernest Gustafson, is the first time for many years that change ringing has been done at the above church, and it was arranged as a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. S. B. Hirdliff) and on the occasion of the diamond jubilee of the church.

The writer has for many years tried to raise a band of ringers, but met with poor success, and great credit is due to the young men, who worked hard to master ringing, and who are all local residents.

Thanks are due to Mr. F. Heywood May, who, on passing through Capetown on his way to Durban, very kindly explained the calling to the conductor; also Mr. Green, who is an old ringer, and has given unsparingly of his time.

I should like very much to say through you, that if any ringers leaving England to settle in or near Capetown, would kindly call on us and give us their assistance, it will be very highly appreciated.

We are very anxious to commence on Grandsire Triples, but are unable to do so on account of lack of members; but, in the meantime, we are plodding along at Bob Minor, and trust, with a certain amount of luck, to ring full 720s shortly.

We are so proud of our performance that we must let you know what we are doing and what we hope to do. Our ambition is to ring a full peal.

**CHARING, KENT.**—On Sunday morning, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: A. V. Good 1, W. Henniker 2, W. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## MANCROFT TENOR—THOMAS HURRY—NORWICH TOWERS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It was something of a shock to be told that Mancroft tenor is now only thirty-seven hundredweights and a bit. That is a big drop from the forty-three hundredweights we thought she was, and even from the forty-one hundredweights which it seems she actually was before the recent rehangings. And the decline in her position among the big ringing bells is still more striking. Thirty years ago the Norwich ring ranked fifth among the twelve bell peals; only St. Paul's Cathedral, St. Saviour's, Southwark; Bow, Cheapside; in London; and York and Worcester Cathedrals were heavier. Exeter and Wells Cathedrals and Manchester Town Hall had weightier ten bell peals, and Sherborne Abbey a weightier eight bell peal. Now there are somewhere about a score ringing peals with heavier tenors.

This difference has been brought about partly by the casting of new bells, but almost as much by the reduction of the weight of the bell, through tuning and having her cannons cut off. I believe she is the only bell in the tower that has been tuned; and it is worthy of remark that she is the only one that does not belong to the original ring of twelve. They were cast by Pack and Chapman in 1775, and were at once universally acknowledged as the finest ringing peal in England. It is quite a matter of opinion whether they have been equalled by any of the modern and heavier peals.

On July 13th, 1814, the old tenor was broken during ringing, by the clapper coming out, and was recast by Thomas Mears. The new bell was always considered not quite as good as the others, but I hear that retuning has improved her. That is all to the good, but it is a great relief to know that the other eleven have not been touched.

Everyone knows that the old Norwich Scholars were for more than a century almost, if not quite, the leading band in England. But though they had plenty of good ringers and plenty of heavy-bell ringers, only one single-handed peal was rung on the bells from 1775 to 1892. Heavy-bell ringing in the old days was a different thing from what it is now. Nowadays frames are put together in the foundry and properly levelled up, gudgeons are turned up true on the stock in a lathe, and ball or roller bearings are fitted. Then, everything was done by hand, and in the tower. Often a bell would not go at all well until she had been rung a lot, and had worn the bearings, or until the brasses had worked loose on the frame, and so formed a sort of 'self-aligning bearings.' The actual physical strength required to ring a big bell was usually far greater than at present. With modern hanging the bell runs much freer, and is much more responsive to slight alterations in the amount of pull. Far less strength is required, but probably more skill and brain work. You have to know not only the exact amount of pull to give her, but also the exact time when to check her. This last is, perhaps, the more important of the two.

It was not for want of trying that Norwich tenor was never rung single-handed. Several attempts were made, and early in the nineteenth century a certain John Trowse nearly rang her to a peal of Bob Major, but became exhausted, and had to stop. Trowse with his brother's help, had already rung her to 6,240 of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus.

The first man who did ring her was Thomas Hurry, who turned her in to a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. This was considered a marvellous performance in heavy bell ringing, as no doubt it was, and Hurry took steps to prevent its ever being beaten by forbidding anyone even to make the attempt. Years afterwards, so the tale goes, a man of the name of Smith wished to try and ring her single-handed to a peal. Hurry apparently could not be left out, and was induced to start by the pretence that they were going for a long touch. All went well for a time, and the end seemed in sight, till the old man woke up to what they were about. He set his bell, and, turning to the tenorman, said: 'Never as long as I live!' And it was never as long as he lived.

Smith was one of a family of ringers, all fine heavy-bell men. His son George, had, I think, the best and easiest style of any big bell ringer I have ever known. He was the first man who rang Mancroft tenor to a 5,000 of Major, but the peal was not completed, or was false for some reason or other—calling or shift of course—and could not stand.

Thomas Hurry was for years the leading man in Mancroft tower, and among Norwich ringers. He was no conductor, though he called a peal or two, and no composer, though you will find a few compositions of his in Hubbard's book, but he seems to have been rather better to do than the rest, and to have been of a very masterful disposition—a man who intended and managed to get his own way. Mr. Henry Hains told me that he remembered, when a young man, Hurry, who was of big, heavy build, and then very old and broken, ringing the second at Mancroft half sitting on a high chair, which he used to support himself when ringing.

He was by trade a weaver. Weaving was then the staple industry of Norwich, and the Norwich Weavers the best in England. But, he

had other activities, including bell hanging. Among others, he hung the two trebles at St. Andrew's, Norwich. The bell frame at that church is about as weird a one as you will find anywhere. First there was a five-bell frame, set corner-wise in the tower. On that a frame was built up to make the ring into eight. And on the top of this Hurry perched his two trebles. The ropes came down just anyhow. The ninth was opposite the tenor; the treble opposite the second, and generally in ringing rounds you had to follow someone on the other side of the tower. It was here that the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung. Of course, in ringing London you would not notice the ropes being out of regular order so much as you would if you were ringing Bob Major or Treble Bob. But it would make the conductor's job a hard one if he were trying to do anything more than bob-calling.

Hurry had some trouble over the two trebles. He was steep-keeper at the tower, and the idea of making the bells a ring of ten was his own. It seems he approached the church authorities on the matter, and having got what he thought was their consent ordered and then hung the bells. But when he sent in his bill they repudiated the whole affair. They were quite ready to thank him for his generous gift, but as to paying, not a bit of it! That is how I heard the tale, but if you ask me how much of it is true, all I can say is that, in these notes, I am not on my oath.

The bells are still in St. Andrew's tower, and the frame is still there, and the visitor to Norwich who is sufficiently curious may see it; but the bells have long since been totally unringable. I don't think they have been rung since, in my young days, I and one or two more got together a band to try them.

What struck me very forcibly when I was last in Norwich was the disgraceful and filthy condition of so many of the towers. The condition of Mancroft, both bells and belfry, is all it should be, and so is that of the eights at St. John's and St. Miles. But the others, the eight at St. Giles' and the sixes and fives are in a shocking condition.

Once was the time when on a Sunday morning every bell in Norwich was chimed. There are nearly forty churches in the old city, a goodly proportion of them with rings of three and upwards, and the general effect was striking and pleasing. Now, unless I am mistaken, they do not seem even to chime the threes and fives and sixes. Yet the churches themselves seem better cared for than ever they were.

The old Norwich Scholars were a curious, and, from our point of view, not very attractive lot. They certainly drank too much, but we have no right to judge them hardly for that. Excessive drinking was the vice of all classes in England during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, and there is not the slightest reason, notwithstanding the many hard things that have been said of them, to think that the old ringers were any worse than others. They certainly were very uncouth and rough to visitors. If you were a skilled ringer, and known to be such, well and good. Otherwise you did not get much chance of a pull. And young ringers did not get much chance. They could go to practice after practice, and sit on the benches and look on. It was only when there was a short meeting that they had any opportunity.

Two old customs show something of the state of affairs. On old year's night it was the custom for the parson, churchwardens, and leading parishioners, to pay for the filling of a big earthenware jug with a potent and subtle compound called 'hot pot,' and to join the ringers in drinking it in the belfry.

Assize week was the great ringing time. The bells were rung on the arrival of the judge, and off and on during the whole time he was in the city. Ringers would come up from different parts of Norfolk, and the time would be spent partly in the tower, and the rest in the public-house. There were no closing times then. The ringers would sleep and eat where they could, some not taking off their clothes the whole time.

The worst of the old traditions died out with the last of the old school, nearly fifty years ago. The best of the old traditions, good ringing, and especially good striking, survived for many years.

## NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The ringers of North Notts held their first meeting at Laxton on Saturday, July 11th. The gathering was largely attended, 16 towers being represented, there being 43 ringers and friends present. The bells of St. Michael's were at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 8.30 p.m., and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent and Cambridge and London Surprise were rung. Tea, presided over by the Vicar of Laxton, was served to 43. The business meeting followed, the Vicar in the chair. The Rev. F. W. J. Daniels, Rector of North Wheatley, was elected a vice-president and honorary member. The next meeting will be held at East Markham on Saturday, September 19th, and will be advertised in this paper. A vote of thanks, to which the Vicar suitably replied, was accorded to him for use of the bells and presiding over the tea and meeting.

Further ringing was enjoyed until the rope of the second bell broke, cutting short a touch of Cambridge Surprise.



**NOMENCLATURE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Surely Mr. Trollope must have felt that he has a bad case, before he allowed his usual judicial discretion to leave him, as in his last letter. Most of the things he abuses us for doing, are similar to what the Council has been doing ever since it existed, and Mr. Trollope himself has been foremost in the practices he now abuses.

The only accusation peculiar to us, is that we propose to invest a committee with autocratic powers over the names of all methods, past, present, and to come.

As for past and present methods, we are asking the Council, and not any committee, to decide. As for the future we have made a proposal which we ask the Council to discuss; and this is what we were asked to do. Why abuse us for doing what a majority of the Council elected us to do?

He suggests that we should get evidence as to whether the Exercise as a whole want floral names, and he denies that there is any confusion. Now, we cannot go beyond our terms of reference, nor is it necessary. Our existence as a committee is ample evidence. I had letters from strangers from all over the country—and chiefly from six-bell ringers—begging me to bring the matter before the Council at its meeting last year, in order to end both the existing confusion and the floral names. So that it was quite clear the Exercise as a whole did not agree with Mr. Trollope. It was not then certain whether those who wanted the confusion cleared up, were in the majority or not (at any rate, there were enough of them to make it evident that the floral names would not meet with the necessary unanimity to make them of any use). But at the London meeting we were elected by a clear majority, so that until that majority has disappeared we must be guided by it.

So far from desiring to have 'autocratic powers,' or wanting to settle any matter 'once for all' ourselves, we did not publish our report beforehand, with necessarily only a week or so for it to be considered in, but we agreed to its being left a whole year for full consideration.

Now, if Mr. Trollope wants to help the Exercise, let him give us some reasoned suggestions for improving on our proposals. As long as he merely abuses them, he is allowing them to hold the field.

August 1st, 1925

HERBERT DRAKE.

**GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS'S 100 PEALS.**

That young Leicester ringer, George Stedman Morris, son of Mr. Josiah Morris, the respected ringer and verger of St. Margaret's, and brother of Mr. Ernest Morris, the new honorary secretary of the Midland Counties Association, has just completed his first century of peals. He was born on December 20th, 1907, and is thus but 17½ years old. He is believed to be the youngest ringer to score 100 peals. Commencing with a peal on handbells on his 12th birthday, when he rang 5-6 to Grandsire Doubles, he gradually waded through all the standard methods to the Surprise methods, and is a very steady and reliable ringer. Among his performances are peals on 'inside' bells 'in hand' to Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and all will agree that he holds a very unique and proud record:—

|                                 |     |     |    |               |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|----|---------------|
| Grandsire Doubles               | ... | ... | 1  | (Handbells)   |
| Grandsire Triples               | ... | ... | 6  | (Conducted 1) |
| Grandsire Caters                | ... | ... | 5  |               |
| Grandsire Cinques               | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Stedman Triples                 | ... | ... | 13 | (Handbells 2) |
| Stedman Caters                  | ... | ... | 11 | (Handbells 8) |
| Stedman Cinques                 | ... | ... | 2  | (Handbells 2) |
| Minor (4 methods)               | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Bob Major                       | ... | ... | 6  | (Conducted 1) |
| Bob Royal                       | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Little Bob Major                | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Forward Major                   | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major       | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Double Norwich Major            | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Kent T.B. Major                 | ... | ... | 5  |               |
| Kent T.B. Royal                 | ... | ... | 2  |               |
| Spliced T.B. Major              | ... | ... | 3  |               |
| Superlative Surprise Major      | ... | ... | 6  |               |
| Real Superlative Surprise Major | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Cambridge Surprise Major        | ... | ... | 9  |               |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal        | ... | ... | 4  |               |
| New Cambridge Surprise Royal    | ... | ... | 1  |               |
| Bristol Surprise Major          | ... | ... | 10 |               |
| London Surprise Major           | ... | ... | 7  |               |
| Leicester Surprise Royal        | ... | ... | 1  |               |

Total ... .. 100

Included in above is 7008 Bob Major and 9120 'Spliced' Treble Bob Major, thus being the present record length.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. John Michael Poyntz, who died recently at Godalming, Surrey, and was buried at Dorchester, Oxon, where he learned to ring, had travelled much as a Marconi expert, South Africa and Siam being among the places to which his profession had taken him. His father was Vicar of Dorchester Abbey for 34 years.

We are asked to state, in reference to the inquiry as to ringing at Edinburgh, that there will be no ringing at St. Mary's Cathedral until September, but if any visitor wishes to see the ringing chamber and the bells he will be welcome to do so.

Although the number of men who have rung five hundred peals is slowly growing, the group is still by no means large. The latest to enter the ranks of this select company is Mr. Reuben Sanders. More than half of his peals have been in Surprise methods, and it is a noteworthy coincidence that the total includes exactly one hundred of Cambridge, made up of one of Minor, 39 of Major, 38 of Royal, and 22 of Maximus.

Coalbrookdale is deserted—the fine octave of 'Darby Bells'—are in London, and now being rejuvenated at the place of their birth—the Whitechapel Foundry—whilst 'Old Bill' is enjoying the sea air at Llandudno. What will happen in the date when the bells and the man return cannot be foretold.

The Surrey company knocking about Guildford district are taking a tour in Somerset, from August 8th to 15th. They will get 'some pulling' on a few Zummer rings on this visit.

The Southern Railway for the first time in its history are granting travelling privileges to its employees this year. Hence a well-known Brighton ringer has gone to South Wales for a holiday, and hopes to add one or two counties to his list, as well as several new towers. The threatened coal strike has not diminished his peal proposals.

The Wiltshire ringing tour is suggested for the week Sept. 5th to 12th inclusive, putting in four days at Devizes, three at Trowbridge, and finishing up at Swindon.

John Holt took part in a peal of Bob Triples at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, on August 8th, 1749.

A peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester on August 12th, 1776.

The first peal of Double Norwich in Wales was rung at Rhyl on August 13th, 1883. This was by the Burton-on-Trent band.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Drayton, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's church, on August 7th, 1899, by the Oxford Guild. The first such peal was rung at Burton in 1886.

'Belfry Reform' in 1793.—Found during the alterations made to the belfry at Bourton-on-the-Water.

Whosoever will practice to play on these Strings,  
Must these orders observe amongst other things;  
He that rings with his hat, boots, spurs on likewise,  
To the Sexton shall pay a twopence excise:  
For smoking tobacco, and drinking of drink,  
To the Sexton shall pay a sixpence in chink:  
He that is heard to curse, or to swear,  
Shall twopence among the company share:  
He also that doth a Bell overthrow,  
A Groat to the Sexton shall pay ere he go.  
And he that will not to these orders attain,  
Let him never come hither to practice again.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

The first of the series of articles, by Mr. J. P. Fidler, giving hints on how to ring Spliced Minor Methods will appear in our next issue.

Those who wish to follow this valuable series should secure a copy of the Central Council's 'Collection of Methods' from the Hon. Librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Broadlands, Caversham, Reading, price 1/2.

## 'WYCLIFFE' SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry that I am compelled to write you on the above subject. I pointed out to Mr. Tipler three weeks ago that his figures were hopelessly false when the treble was working in 7-8 up and down. He, instead of pointing out his mistake to you (for the safety of the Exercise) simply backs out of the responsibility by saying he has used three-parts of the material of one of my methods, and finds he has no claim to them. The inference is that they are mine. I have, therefore, now no other course than to call the attention of the Exercise to the fact that the figures published as Wycliffe are worthless and false, and for true methods on this plan I refer them to 'Rutland' and 'Chesterfield' Surprise. The figures of the latter were published in the 'Ringing World' as No. 1, December 28th, 1923.

—Yours truly,  
Sheffield.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION MASTER AND SECRETARY RETIRE.

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Minehead, Somerset, on July 18, when representatives attended from some twenty-three towers in the diocese. Ringing took place during the day at Minehead, Old Cleve, Carhampton and Dunster, and at the business meeting nearly 70 members were present. The towers represented were Bath Abbey, Bath (St. Andrew's), Bath (Twerton), Bath (Weston), Bridgwater, Bristol, Carhampton, Corston, Ilminster, Langport, Midsomer Norton, Milverton, Minehead, Norton Fitzwarren, Old Cleve, St. Decuman's, Selworthy, Staplegrove, Taunton (St. Mary's and St. James'), Timberscombe, Trull, and Wilton. The Rev. Preb. C. C. Parker, of Corston Rectory, Master of the association, presided, and among those present were the Rev. E. Parry Eddon (Vicar of Minehead), Preb. A. C. Harman (Old Cleve), and Rev. T. S. Dawson (president of the Dunster Deanery branch of the association). Apologies for absence were received from the Bishop of Bath and Wells (president), Rev. H. G. McTaggart (Monksilver), Preb. Reeder (Dunster), Rev. R. Acland Troyle (Taunton), Mr. A. Capel (Chipstable), Preb. Porcher (Weston-super-Mare), Preb. Palmer (Cheddar), Rev. J. E. W. Honniwell (Leigh-on-Mendip), Rev. D. M. Ross (Castle Cary), Rev. E. de St. Croix (Bridgwater), and Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgwater).

### THE MASTER'S REPORT.

'This is the last report which I shall have the honour of writing on your behalf,' was the opening sentence of the report for the year ending June 1st last, presented by the Master. He stated that he had had a long innings as Master of the Association, and had it not been for the war he would have retired earlier, but he wished to see the finances and the general prosperity of the association re-established before laying down his office. This he could now say was honestly the case; they were in a satisfactory condition financially and numerically: also the number of peals last year showed that the association was going ahead in the art of change ringing. He had intended, with their permission, to continue for one more year for the following reason: 'The Bishop, in offering me the honour of a prebendal stall in Wells Cathedral, wrote as follows: "Quite apart from your other qualifications I wish to pay a compliment to the Bell Ringing Association of the Diocese, to which I attach so great importance." In view of these words, which he felt they would appreciate as much as he did, showing the lively interest their president, the Bishop, took in the association, he felt that it might be more becoming to temporarily defer his resignation, but when, owing to ill-health, he found that this could not be done, he explained the matter to the Bishop, who quite understood the position. "In laying down the office of Master," he added, "I should like to say that I have always considered it a great honour and privilege to serve the association in this capacity, and I wish to express my gratitude for the hearty support that I have received from every quarter and for the kindly welcome offered me in every part of the diocese, making the duties of the Master a real pleasure." Mr. Burgess had also resolved to resign the secretaryship. They were elected on the same day, and now they went out of office together. During the nineteen years they had been in office they had worked together without hitch of any kind. It would be impossible to have a more loyal and dependable co-operator than Mr. Burgess. The work of a Master was, after all, comparatively little, but that of the secretary was considerable, and at certain times arduous. Mr. Burgess had devoted himself heart and soul to the welfare of the association, and its present prosperity was largely due to his self-sacrificing labours. He (the Master) believed a change of officers would be beneficial to the association, bringing new ideas, fresh ways, and so on, but while having high hopes for those who succeeded them he ventured to claim, on behalf of Mr. Burgess and himself, that their successors would not have a more earnest desire than they had to serve the association faithfully, and to secure it that recognition and consideration to which it was undoubtedly entitled by its useful and successful work throughout the diocese.

### SOME STATISTICS.

They had lost a vice-president by the lamented death of Archdeacon Fish. Archdeacon Boyd, his successor, was already a vice-president, and, as they all knew, a very keen supporter of the association. They had also lost a well-known ringer in Mr. T. Doble, who was one of the first to join the association when it was founded in 1890. He had rung forty-five peals, but this did not tally with the amount of spade-work he did in the early years of the association. The services he rendered many young hands were invaluable, and his efforts had borne good fruit. Passing to details of the year's work, the report stated that the towers associated numbered 142. Five towers had been lost and eight gained. The members were: Hon. life members, 6; hon. members, 95; performing members, 1,286; non-resident members, 11; non-resident life members, 179; unattached, 38; total, 1,625. The number of peals rung during the year was 62. The peal list was most satisfactory, the best, he thought, they had ever had in numbers and variety of methods. The finances were in very good order, and there

was a slight increase in affiliation fees. This was a good source of income, and it could be doubled. It rested with the members to see that it came out of church funds, and not from their own pockets. 'This concludes my report,' stated the Master, 'and it only remains for me to wish the new Master and secretary godspeed and the association God's blessing in the good work which it is attempting to carry out in the diocese.'

Mr. E. E. Burgess (hon. secretary and treasurer) presented the balance sheet for the twelve months ending December 31st last. This showed that the receipts were £199 11s. 5d., including balance at beginning of year of £124 19s. 3d.; and local secretaries' balances, £49 11s. 8d.; and the expenditure amounted to £56 12s. 4d. There was a total credit balance of £142 19s. 1d., made up of balance in bank, £86 18s. 1d.; on deposit, £35; and War Loan, £21 1s.

On the motion of Mr. J. Burge (Taunton), seconded by Mr. C. Evans (Bridgwater), the report and balance sheet were accepted.

It was further resolved, on the proposition of Mr. G. Taylor (Ilminster), seconded by Mr. A. Prince (Bath), that an honorarium be granted to the hon. secretary and treasurer.

### RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED WITH REGRET.

The next business on the agenda was to accept the resignations of the Master and the hon. secretary.

The Chairman stated that the reasons for both of them resigning were simply this, that they had both had a long enough innings, and they thought that fresh blood would do the association good. They felt also that they were leaving at a good moment, because the association at the present time was in a particularly prosperous condition, so they could not say about them that they were leaving it in a bad condition. 'I do not say it is due to us,' added the Chairman, 'it just happens to be so.'

Mr. J. Hunt (Taunton), in proposing that the resignations be accepted with regret, remarked that after the statements which had been made he thought they could not do other than accept them.

Mr. W. J. Prescott (Twerton) said he would second the resolution with very much regret, and he felt that he spoke the feelings of all from the Bath district in saying this. He (the speaker) remembered at the election of Mr. Parker as Master nearly twenty years ago. Mr. Parker came up to him afterwards and said, 'I have you to blame for electing me to this post' (laughter), but whether he (Mr. Prescott) was to blame or not he did not think they made a bad selection then. With regard to Mr. Burgess he could say what a pleasure it was to work under him, and he regretted very much that both the Master and Secretary had seen fit to resign, especially as it was owing to health circumstances that the Master had to take the step (applause).

The resolution having been carried, Mr. Hunt moved that both the retiring Master and secretary be elected life members of the association in recognition of the good work which they had done in the last nineteen years.—Mr. Taylor seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.

The Chairman, in acknowledging the appreciation on behalf of Mr. Burgess and himself, said he thought he should have been a life member in any case, as he would have continued his interest in the association, and so would Mr. Burgess. At the same time it was a handsome present to them because a life membership was supposed to be worth £10, and they both appreciated the great honour which they had done them (applause).

It was agreed that the Master and hon. secretary should carry on in these capacities for the meeting.

When the meeting proceeded to the election of officers another compliment was paid to the chairman by adding him, on the motion of Mr. Burge, seconded by Mr. Taylor, to the list of vice-presidents, the previous vice-presidents being all re-elected.

The name of the Rev. E. C. S. Lock, of West Pennard, was proposed for the office of Master in succession to Mr. Parker, Mr. Taylor, who moved this resolution, speaking of Mr. Lock as a practical ringer who was willing to act as Master.—Mr. Rich seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. Hunt proposed as the new secretary Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Midsomer Norton, who, he said, was 'the very man for the job.'

Mr. Burge seconded, and Mr. Prescott supported the proposition, which was also carried without a dissentient.

Mr. D. G. Taylor was re-elected hon. auditor, with a cordial expression of thanks from the chairman for his past services to the association.

A number of new members were elected.

### THE INTEREST OF THE CLERGY.

The Chairman proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to Preb. Harman, the Rev. T. S. Dawson, and Preb. Reeder for allowing the use of the bells to the visitors that day, which they all appreciated. It was a great pleasure to visit other towers. In addition to them he had to thank the Vicar of Minehead, who had so kindly received them that day, in whose church they would shortly have service. He (the chairman) did not think there was a more beautifully-placed church than that at Minehead, and they thanked the Vicar most



heartily for receiving them, and for allowing them to use the bells, and also for conducting the service which they were to attend (applause). It was always a great pleasure to thank the clergy, added the speaker, but he sometimes wished that the clergy generally would take more interest in the association than they did. It would be to their own advantage if they did so, and also to the advantage of the association (hear, hear, and applause). All those whom he had mentioned did take a keen interest in their ringers, and he wished to thank them most heartily for their interest in the association.

The motion having been seconded with applause, Preb. Harman, in acknowledgment, said how pleased he was to put Old Cleeve tower at their disposal. He was not a ringer himself, but he was very keenly interested in ringing, and only too glad to do anything he could to help on the good work they were doing so well. They at Old Cleeve were very proud to have eight bells now, and it was a great privilege and honour to have had visits from some of the members. Preb. Harman concluded by saying how pleased he was to see their good Master in so much better health than when he came to Old Cleeve at the consecration of the two new bells (applause).

The Rev. E. P. Liddon also acknowledged the vote of thanks. They were very pleased, he said, to have the members at Minehead. He was also delighted to see that the association was in such a healthy and lively condition. It was a treat to come to a meeting so full of life (applause).

#### THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

The fixing of the date of the next annual meeting was the subject of some discussion initiated by Mr. J. Hunt, who said he should like to see a definite date fixed from annual meeting to annual meeting. He ventured to say that if this was done they would have double the number of members or more at the meetings (hear, hear), and he moved that the date of the next annual meeting should be the first Saturday in July.

The Chairman stated that each branch had been asked their opinion on a proposal that the annual meeting should be altered to Whit Monday, and he had a resolution from the Dunster Deanery which was against that suggestion.

In some further discussion, Mr. J. Maddock (Taunton) expressed the opinion that the annual meeting might be more widely distributed over the county.

The matter was eventually referred to the committee for consideration.

A resolution passed at a meeting held at Wiveliscombe that the quarterly meetings should be deleted from the association's activities was discussed, Mr. Hunt who brought the matter forward stating that the grounds of the resolution were that more good could be done by the deanery meetings in the way of education in change ringing at a quarter of the cost of the quarterly meetings.

The Chairman said that the committee had considered the matter, and they felt that the quarterly meetings did a great deal of good in keeping the association going, and decided that they should not be dropped, but that they should be held as far as possible in places where interest in ringing was very low.

At the instance of Mr. Taylor, it was decided that the association should support representations being made to the G.W.R. company by other associations to obtain similar travelling facilities for ringers as for anglers, who, travelling singly, could get a return ticket for the single fare.

A motion by Mr. Hunt, seconded by Mr. G. Stacey, that a grant of £2 2s. should be made to the J. W. Washbrook Memorial Fund, was carried. Mr. Hunt reminded the meeting that Mr. Washbrook was a leader of change ringing for thirty-five years, and what he (Mr. Hunt) had read about him was an inspiration to anyone engaged in change ringing.

#### THE RINGERS' MOTIVE.

After the meeting, most of the members proceeded to the parish church, where choral evensong was held, conducted by the Vicar, whose address was adapted to the occasion. Taking as his text the words, 'God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments,' he said that in this text St. Paul gave a list of the different offices of the Church, and it was about the last two words—helps and governments—that he wanted them to think. If they got at their true meaning they would find that they unfolded to them a beautiful idea of the work which the ringers should try to do. The word 'governments' had been defined as meaning those who directed or led people, and what was the purpose which brought the ringers Sunday after Sunday into the tower but to direct people, to show them that they should worship and serve God? That surely was the meaning of all their ringing. That should be the great motive underlying all they did in the tower, and all other reasons that led them to ring should be subordinated to this one great reason. But if they would truly summon people to the House of God to worship and to serve Him they needed to do more than ring the bells. They needed themselves individually to do their utmost to help people to enter into the

worship and the service of God by their own fellowship in worship and by their help in trying to lead a Christian life all through the week, by showing that what they professed on Sundays carried weight with them all through the week. If they only did that the message which they gave on the bells would be tremendously strengthened and backed up.

#### SCOTLAND'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

##### TWO TREBLES DEDICATED AT ALLOA.

A peal of bells is more of a rarity in Scotland than south of the border, and ringers will be all the more pleased, therefore, to hear of an addition to their numbers. Alloa, in Clackmannanshire, the smallest county in Scotland, is the latest to contribute to the list, with the lightest ring of eight north of the Tweed.

The peal of six bells in St. John's Episcopal Church in that town, which was opened in 1871, was found to be out of tune, and the wooden framework decayed. They have been recast and two trebles have been added (the gift of Viscount Younger of Leckie), and the eight have been rehung in a steel frame, with ball bearings. The weight of the tenor is 13½ cwt.

The new peal was dedicated on July 25th, by the Bishop of Edinburgh, the service being conducted by the Rector, the Rev. L. A. Wheatley, M.A.

The opening touch, of 168 Grandsire Triples, was rung by the following band of ringers from Edinburgh: W. C. S. Heathcote 1, Miss A. I. Whitson 2, J. Lothian 3, W. B. Sampson 4, A. G. Collinson 5, W. Jenkins 6, J. Marshall 7, C. Raine 8. Ringers of 4th, 5th, 7th and 8th are members of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh, the remainder belonging to the corresponding society of St. Cuthbert's Parish Church.

After an interval for tea, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, the ringers standing in the same order. This was rung in 52 minutes. The opening touch was conducted by W. B. Sampson, the quarter-peal by W. C. S. Heathcote.

The work of reconstruction has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and the peal is a great success, both as regards sweetness of tone and ease of ringing.

#### COVENTRY'S NEW BELLS.

##### To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your leading article of the 19th June last has struck a note which has resounded far and wide in defence of your contention that 'the Central Council might with justification endeavour to induce the Coventry people to hold their hand until further investigation has been made.'

This boiling up of peals is becoming an insidious disease, sentiment is giving place, it is greatly feared, to commercialism. Such proceedings cannot be too highly condemned by those who, by close connection with such peals, have any regard for the memory of those who have passed away in the pious hope that their lives' work would be regarded as a sacred trust by succeeding generations.

To the ordinary mind there does not appear to be any difficulty for the bells to be rehung for ringing on a specially designed frame to suit the tower.

This point, however, remains. Are these famous bells, one of the finest peals in this country, to be smashed up just to please a passing craze for a carillon, a combination of rattling wires and hideous overtones impelled by machinery, which has neither soul nor sentiment? The answer from thousands of scientific church bell ringers would be an emphatic 'No!'

During the past few years several renowned peals of bells have been overhauled, retuned and rehung, and thus made as perfect as when first cast, and what is more to be recognised, continuing to carry on their tidings in the way originally intended by their pious founders, as, for instance, the bells of Billingshurst, Horsham, Leatherhead, Stafford, St. Clement Danes, etc., etc. The boiling down of such peals as these would have been sheer vandalism.

No one can complain of carillons being placed in public buildings or clockmakers' frontages, the latter being, it is thought, a more suitable place, but to have machine controlled bell tapping in our church steeples is, to say the least, a scandal. Why not introduce a gramophone or loud speaker in the reading desk or pulpit?

Coventry, stick to your bells, keep them in perpetuity, and thus revere the memories of those who first placed them there to the glory of God and of His Church.

If the plea of those who have the interest of these famous bells at heart is successful in preventing their destruction, they will join in the words of the poet, and say to the bells of Coventry—

'Now rise accordant. Pull the pendant ropes. Bid every bell strike true, the noble touch rouses the lethargy that clogs my mind, and prompts me on to action. Swell my heart, and dance without control! For sweeter far these lofty sounds than those dead, languid airs, that tremble on an instrument of wire! As far superior as the expressive notes of Beard and Lowe are to the Eunuch's trills. Britons! arise—resume the reins of taste, and let the natives of your Isle receive your amplest tribute of deserved applause; for whilst 'tis yours to boast an Arne or Boyce, no skill is wanted from a foreign land.'—Yours truly, ANGLOPHILE.



## THE NORTH OF ENGLAND TOUR.

(Continued from page 484.)

By way of contrast to the previous day, we had luncheon at The Crown, a Trust house—and two clergymen took lunch there at the same time, little knowing what kind of 'hornets' were browsing at the other end of the room.

Our next stage was far into the Durham hills, among the collieries, where wheels, shaft heads, tramways and slack heaps mottled the whole countryside, and spread a veil of smoke and steam which drifted across the fields for miles. Mr. H. Tyson met us at the church of Tanfield, erected some 35 years since, and the bells have only known one steeplekeeper. The population of the village is about 5,000, and half are unemployed—nearly all are mine hands in one way or another, if the industry was prosperous? Harry was as proud as the peacock when he took us to tea, after our meal, and we went home in good style by the same route we left, via Gateshead high-level bridge spanning the Tyne, a grand engineering structure which has separate thoroughfares for foot passengers, vehicles, cycles, and railway trains.

### THE WIZARD OF THE NORTH.

Sunderland is a city of about 170,000 population, and returns two Members of Parliament, but of the whole of this vast number of residents there is only one man, so far as permutation is concerned, the 'Wizard of the North,' who can give us the Alpha and Omega of method building and peal composition. He is one of the three men in England with the same surname who have done so much for change ringing ever since I first began to read the ringing journals:—Parker Major, Crawley, Sussex; Parker Royal, Farnham Royal; Parker Maximus, Sunderland. After lunch on Friday we had the pleasure of ringing a peal at St. Ignatius' with the last-named gentleman. It was here he learnt to ring on the peal of five bells that were put in at the time this modern church was erected. A tablet below the belfry records: 'In the year 1899 the original peal of bells in this tower was increased to six by the addition of a treble bell, the gift of the Rev. Edgar Boddington, first Vicar of this parish, and founder and first president of the Bell Ringers' Guild, as a thankoffering for God's mercies to him during his Vicariate, 1889 to 1899.'

It was due to the gentle persuasion of Capt. Hudson (Bishopwearmouth) that Mr. Parker was encouraged to look up 'method,' by being asked to call six-scores, the novice of that day being supplied with the necessary figures. During our peal the Vicar and the curate came round to welcome us, and afterwards we enjoyed a very homely tea at 'Amberley,' with Mrs. and Miss Parker kindly attending to our needs. Mr. Parker also showed us round the beautiful Marlborough Park, and from an eminence pointed out the chief buildings and churches in every direction, and the memorial to Jack Cornwall, the boy hero of the battle of Jutland.

This public park has also an assembly room—fully licensed—a boon to men who want fresh air after a hard day's work, and here we, who had made hard work of pleasure, toasted 'Success to the Diocesan Guild and the ringers of Sunderland,' before leaving by the 8.57 train. There are three rings of eight in this city. Holy Trinity are managed by a team of ladies—who were included in our toast—the remaining tower is St. Michael's, Bishopwearmouth, where we lost a peal of Stedman in the morning through no fault of Conductor Parkes. Several of the local ringers on the Wear met us on coming down, including Messrs. Hudson and Patterson, and we were able to thank the Sunderland men for their sporting welcome in retiring from Hexham on Wednesday in our favour, after previously booking the tower with Allendale for their annual outing.

One cannot leave out reference to a dear little church with six bells—tenor 5½ cwt.—but not hung for ringing, full of antiquarian interest, with actual portions of the original holy structure still in evidence—the west wall tower. It is situated a few hundred yards from the River Wear, through the mouth of which stream Benedict Biscop sailed to land here in the year 674, and found a monastery. Egfrith gave 70 hides of land out of his own estates, and ordered a monastery to be built thereon, and here came the Venerable Bede, then an orphan boy of seven years of age, to be educated, and to become one of the earliest authors with a knowledge of bells and founding. Bede was buried at Jarrow in the eleventh century, and his bones were removed to Durham, where, in 1541, they were scattered; but the stone bearing his name, and which formerly covered them, is still to be seen.

### A DOUBLE EVENT.

With a double event, our final day, Saturday, was spent at Hartlepool, famous for its tirab yards. We saw the devastated area, burnt out last spring, when some £100,000 worth of timber was destroyed. At All Saints', Stranton, the mother church of the town, we rang through a wedding ceremony in the morning, and finished the peal in time to toll for a funeral—'life and death' ever with us. Messrs. Metcalf and Hall from Middlesbrough, and Messrs. J. and T. Gofton joined us at Stranton, making up the Cater band for our

last attempt. The Parish Church of St. Oswald is situated on the west side of the Pool, a beautiful decorated Gothic structure erected in 1907, with richly carved stonework, and, internally, oak tracery and fittings that showed there was no lack of funds. It was the last work of three craftsmen engaged upon the building, who died soon after its dedication—the architect, clerk of works, and the bell hanger. The bells and hanging are a good example of the work of Warner and Sons, London. It is a very fine belfry, but, marred by the clock put in over the heads of the tenormen and furnished with wooden shoots for the two ropes, easily touched by tall ringers such as our tenormen were. Our permission to ring was subject to a '7 o'clock restriction,' and Treble Ten was abandoned for Stedman, the 'finale' coming with only five minutes to spare.

Returning to Whitley Bay for the last time, our ranks were thinned by calls for the 'home position' from Metcalf and Jenkins—calls that we were to obey on the morrow. Our last look at the North Sea, from the rocky parade of the bay, was subject to the noise and battle of carnival, the paved walk being completely obscured with a layer of confetti and sundry ragged tawdries strewn by the revellers in a final attempt to outdo one another. We left the 'madding crowd' in their high revelry at eleven o'clock to seek the enjoyment of contented sleep.

### MONKSEATON MEMORIES.

Before we left St. Paul's Church I was able to take a few notes which will add to my 'story,' and, like the 'barber,' I will cut it as short as possible. The headstones in the churchyard—and bells in the tower—all speak of the long association this parish has enjoyed with the D. and N. Association. The original peal of six bells was the gift of Sir Charles Mark Palmer in 1865, and the first 720 of Minor rung by an entirely local band on July 23rd, 1890, conducted by J. T. Gofton, with the late R. S. Story, who had previously removed into the parish from Newcastle, on the tenor. This was not accomplished without years of patience, during which the older hands dropped out, and the 'boys' progressed with their tutor, Mr. Story, who died in 1911, at the early age of 52 years, and is buried near the chancel east window.

The new ring of eight bells, dedicated January 25th, 1913, were made up by new bells given and the old ones recast, the back six having the coat of arms of their former donor cast upon them. The tenor is a Coronation bell, King George V., 22nd June, 1911, diameter 3ft. 10in., recast in 1912. 4th, 5th and 6th, given by the local ringers. 3rd: 'In grateful memory of Robert Spencer Story, 22 years President of the Durham and Newcastle Association.' 2nd: Given by Thomas T. Gofton, in memory of his father, Richard A. Gofton, who died 25th December, 1891.

A strong friendship existed between Story and Gofton; both died at an early age, but the change ringing seeds sown had sprung up in their later days, to be crowned after they had gone to rest by a peal London Surprise Major on the new octave, March 24th, 1913, conducted by Thomas Gofton, whose father is buried on the spot he chose, as near the belfry door as possible. A grandfather (on the mother's side) is also sleeping near, a memorial obelisk recording:—

'To perpetuate the memory of Thomas Thompson, Farmer, Whitley Bay, by his friends and admirers, universally loved and affectionately known as Father of Whitley. He died October 5th, 1911, in his 87th year.'

So we go backwards a century, when the farmhouses and cottages could be counted on the fingers of one's hand, but now the rows of corn are rapidly being replaced by rows of houses over the fields of North Farm.

Sunday morning the return was safely effected by the 10.10 a.m. express out of Newcastle, which took an alternative route, occupying one hour longer, but giving a glimpse of more cathedrals and abbeys. With a carriage (part of) to ourselves the time passed pleasantly, although it turned out to be the first day of another heat wave, and two doors away the 'Little Willie' Concert Party gave us a number of musical pieces by four performers who happened to be returning to town.

Mr. Thomas Gofton saw us off the premises at Monkseaton, and our 'Little Willie' at Whitley Station. I could not help noticing the sad look upon his face as our train pulled out, his letter to me a week later confirming it: 'I spent two miserable days at work after you all went away, couldn't settle down at all, but I am all right now.'

When reporting my notes of the tour to 'The Ringing World' I was asked to be sure and thank the friends up North for giving us such a right good time. We—the half-dozen survivors—parted in London some 50 feet underground, where the King's Cross subways join, each to his own little belfry, like rabbits in a warren.

W. H. F.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 2nd, 648 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Other 1, H. Hayes 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, H. Holmes 4, W. A. Day 5, G. H. Wells 6.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**ROTHERHAM.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, by a Sheffield and Rotherham united company, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,289 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Craven 1, H. Bower 2, J. W. J. Cottam 3, W. Burgar 4, A. Firth 5, C. Ryder 6, J. Brothwell 7, S. Briggs 8, J. Thorpe (conductor) 9, M. E. Wilson 10. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method by the ringer of the 5th. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Ralph Long (of the Sheffield Cathedral company) and Miss May Robinson.

**STAMFORD HILL.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St. Ann's Church, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, 720 Bob Minor: T. Ringrose 1, Miss M. Ringrose 2, A. Putland 3, T. Deal 4, W. Ringrose 5, F. Ringrose 6. First 720 in the method as conductor by F. Ringrose.

**HORNSEY.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Blee 1, Miss M. Ringrose 2, W. Ringrose 3, H. Blee 4, A. Putland 5, C. Ross (conductor) 6.

**WATFORD, HERTS.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Jones 1, J. A. Howard 2, W. E. Oakley 3, E. Mounter (Bromley) 4, W. Norris 5, W. J. Norris 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—At St. Peter's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, August 2nd, 1,287 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: \* Miss G. Norris 1, H. Markell 2, W. Collison 3, S. H. Green 4, W. Latter (conductor) 5, T. Groombridge (seur.) 6, F. White 7, A. Mayo 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**WITHYCOMBE, DEVON.**—On Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: R. G. C. Manley 1, W. Hibbert (Reading) 2, W. J. Manley 3, F. Dimond 4, E. Pook 5, J. M. Skinner 6, J. R. Hayman (conductor) 7, G. Rendell 8.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, July 26th, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 47 mins.: W. Latter 1, H. Markwell 2, W. Collison 3, F. White 4, R. T. Lambert 5, R. E. Lambert 6, F. J. Lambert, seur. (first 'inside'), 7, S. H. Green 8.

**DARLINGTON.**—On Sunday, July 26th, at Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, 960 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 32 mins.: Roland Park 1, W. H. Thomas 2, W. H. Porter 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

**EDMONTON.**—On Sunday, July 19th, for evensong, 1,218 Grandsire Triples: W. G. A. Edmunds (longest length) 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, W. J. Hazell 3, J. Thomas 4, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 6, A. Cutler 6, G. W. Fletcher 7, G. Paice 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday evening, at the Church of St. Thomas, Canterbury, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. Burnett 2, E. C. Martin 3, P. Giles 4, C. A. J. Aitken 5, J. H. Blake 6, H. L. W. Aitken 7, L. P. Cook 8.

## CANON ELLACOMBE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Absence from home has prevented me seeing your issue of July 17th until now. I should like to correct the opening paragraph under the heading of 'Notes by the Way' on page 454, and I am sure my old friend J. A. T. will forgive my doing so.

The late Canon Ellacombe could ring, and ring 'scientific' too, as they say in Devon.

In 'Church Bells' for May 19th, 1877, are copies of peal tablets hanging in the tower of Clyst St. George, recording the fact that on December 26th, 1873, and December 26th, 1874, the Rector rang a working bell to Grandsire Doubles.—Yours truly, C. E. B.

## DEATH OF MR. J. M. POYNTZ.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. John Michael Poyntz, a Marconi technical engineer, son of the late Nathaniel C. S. Poyntz, Vicar of Dorchester Abbey, Oxon, from 1886 to 1920, who died at his mother's home in Godalming on Sunday, July 5th. He was a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. Bells seemed to inspire in him a very deep enthusiasm, and he was able to impart this enthusiasm to others.

As a tribute to his memory a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Godalming, with the bells half-muffled, by the following: W. Moorey 1, W. Clissold 2, C. Bish 3, V. H. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, J. A. Cole 6, C. Hazelden 7, R. Pamment 8. Mr. Hazelden, Ringing Master of the Guildford district, conducted. The following took part in a short touch before the quarter-peal: W. Mills, W. Balchin, F. Mills, J. Pugsley and E. Mills.

At the same time a muffled peal was being rung at Dorchester Abbey, on the fine old bells that Mr. Poyntz had learnt to ring on as a boy.

He was laid to rest at Dorchester near his father, and as his body reached the village the great tenor—over 600 years old—tollled solemnly, and large numbers of parishioners were gathered by the lych gate.

## LONDON SURPRISE.

By GEORGE BAKER.

In the 'Ringing World' of 19th August, 1921, I gave the first leads of London Surprise Royal and Maximus respectively, and I pointed out that the Royal was a seven-part irregular touch, the Maximus a five-part touch with Grandsire coursing order.

These statements can be verified by 'proof of construction' (I can find no better term), but as they are touches only, and the Royal irregular at that, I do not propose taking up valuable space in these columns in explaining them.

My object in this article is to prove beyond any possible doubt by the round blocks and transpositions that London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major are one and the same method, and as mathematical progression has been the sheet anchor of the mathematicians, I think that even they will be convinced when they have scanned the following figures.

In this article, as in my last, to economise space as much as possible, I intend giving only the half leads, and will start as usual with the Minor.

## LONDON SURPRISE MINOR.

|                   | Rd. Blocks. | Transpositions. |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 123456 x 142635 = | 142635      | 142635          |
| 213546 x 412365 = | 521364      | 341256          |
| 125364 x 143256 = | 164235      | 362415          |
| 215634 x 413526 = | 625314      | 561234          |
| 251643 x 431562 = | 563241      | 341625          |
| 526134 x 345128 = | 561423      | 253641          |
| 521643 x 341562 = | 653142      | 143265          |
| 256134 x 435126 = | 652413      | 564213          |
| 526314 x 345216 = | 461253      | 235614          |
| 562341 x 354261 = | 415326      | 621534          |
| 653214 x 532416 = | 234651      | 215436          |
| 635241 x 523461 = | 342516      | 541326          |
| 365421 x 253941 = | 531246      | 215436          |

## LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR.

|                       | Rd. Blocks. | Transpositions. |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 12345678 x 14263857 = | 14263857    | 14263857        |
| 21354768 x 41236587 = | 52137486    | 34125678        |
| 12537486 x 14325678 = | 16423857    | 36241857        |
| 21573846 x 41352768 = | 72531486    | 56123478        |
| 25178364 x 43157286 = | 86324157    | 84162537        |
| 52713846 x 34512768 = | 57142386    | 23864175        |
| 52178364 x 34157286 = | 68314257    | 15826347        |
| 25713846 x 43512768 = | 75241386    | 46521873        |
| 52731486 x 34521678 = | 46125837    | 28461357        |
| 57234168 x 35426187 = | 41537682    | 62145378        |
| 75321486 x 53241678 = | 23465817    | 21435867        |
| 73524168 x 52346187 = | 34257681    | 43156872        |
| 37254618 x 25436817 = | 34516872    | 15648273        |
| 32745681 x 24563871 = | 24561738    | 54821763        |
| 23476518 x 42658371 = | 31568274    | 85173462        |
| 24367581 x 46285371 = | 24176358    | 57864132        |
| 42637851 x 64825731 = | 31627548    | 85173462        |

The half-way transposition rows are:—

Minor 54132  
Major 57864132

The 6th's place bell in Minor has returned to its own position, so it can be struck out to give a better comparison of the progression, but a clearer comparison can be obtained if we add 678 to the Minor row as follows, and then strike out all the bells that are lying still, i.e.:—

Minor prog. plus 678 = 56784132  
Major progression 57864132

by striking out the five fixed bells we have left 678x786, which is equivalent to a progression of 231.

If the method would extend with coursing order to the higher numbers, the extra pairs of bells from Major upwards would have to be added on the front, and the progression would then be:—

54132 Minor  
57864132 Major  
5907864132 Royal  
561907864132 Maximus

Now that we know what the progression row on ten bells should be, we will compare it with the progression row of the seven-part touch of Royal to try if we can find any resemblance.

Seven-part touch progression 54x79621830  
Proper progression 59078641x32

By striking out the five fixed bells we have residuum of 90842 x 49280, which is equivalent to a progression of 41532.

We will now compare this with the Minor progression, which is possible because the 5th is the pivot bell in Minor, and the 3rd is the pivot bell in the seven-part touch of Royal.

London Minor progression is 54132  
 London Royal 7-pt. touch progression is 41532

By striking out the two fixed bells we have left 541 x 415, which is equivalent to a progression of 231 between Minor and Royal, and as we have previously seen this is also the progression between Minor and Major.

It will be useless trying to compare the progression of the five-part touch of Maximus, because the 2nd is the pivot bell throughout the touch.

There is nothing haphazard about pivot bells, and where we have a fresh pivot bell for every pair of bells added, in regular methods, they will always be in coursing order, either forward or backward, i.e., forward as in Plain Bob 4; 6; 8; 0; 6; etc., or backward, as in Bristol Surprise 4; 2; 3; 5; 7; etc., and this rule also applies to any other sequence of coursing bells that may happen to be pivot bells.

I feel certain that I am right in stating that no two separate methods can possibly have the same mathematical progression, so when anyone is clever enough to find a Royal and Maximus with the progression that London Surprise Royal and Maximus should have, they will not only have found the correct extensions, but they will have found what I firmly believe to be impossible.

### THE OXFORD GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You appear, according to your letter last week, re the Oxford Guild annual meeting, to be under some misapprehension. I should like to inform you that no one, as far as I know, has ever claimed that we were swamped by the Oxfordshire members. What we claim, and I think rightly, is that we are swamped by the members living close around Oxford. The show of hands proves that, if it proves anything, for of the 75 members from Bucks, 55 must have come from the North Bucks branch—Oxford suits them—therefore, they vote for it.

We other members are trying to make it fair for all the members, not only one branch, but all the branches. I also claim that if a vote was to be taken of all the members, there would be a large majority for a movable annual meeting.

One of the speakers at the meeting enlarged on democracy, yet he is willing to be governed by a few that can attend at Oxford. I personally think that as long as the meeting is held at Oxford the result will be the same, and the turmoil and bickerings, which I very much regret, will go on indefinitely. I also think that when this question was first suggested a meeting was arranged, and was met with strong opposition for Oxford by a manoeuvre. Some of the members, relying on the fact that it was not in the rules, but only a custom to visit the three counties in rotation, arranged the meeting at Oxford, and then relied on the members that could attend there with little trouble, continually to vote the others down.

This, to my mind, is very selfish, and as far as I am able I shall try to win them over to my way of thinking on the question.—Yours truly,

F. W. HOPGOOD.

Reading Branch Secretary.

Dear Sir,—There is another side to this Oxford Guild trouble. How well the late Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson, knew it! Nothing would induce him even to discuss the question, 'You must have the annual meeting in different parts of the diocese to keep the Guild alive, and get all branches interested.' I have never forgotten the 'rap' he gave me for proposing that the annual meeting should be held at Oxford, Reading and High Wycombe, in rotation. Remembering this, I was not a little astonished when his daughter, Miss Robinson, the other day, proposed that the annual festival should be held in four towns in rotation.

In your leading article last week you say, 'there were 75 members present from Bucks and 57 from Berks, out of a total of 157; that showed it was not decided by the Oxford members alone, and this should remove one of the grounds of discontent.' To me it plainly shows how few members in Oxfordshire take an interest in the festival when held in their city, as they could only muster 25! Seeing that the registered number of ringing members is 1,400, the total of 157 who attended the festival hardly expresses the feeling of the Guild.

There undoubtedly is a strong feeling of discontent which, if not pacified, must do the Guild much harm. I should like this question tested by a vote of all ringing members, to be handed into their branch secretary, who could forward the number of votes to headquarters.

The present Master rightly says he can only go by the rule which says, 'The annual festival shall be held in July at a place selected at the previous festival.' If those wishing for an alteration would make their opinion felt, and it was found they were in a majority, it should not be difficult to change the rule.—Yours faithfully

August 3rd, 1925.

W. POLE ROUTH.

### NOTICES.

**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—The annual commemorative dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon will be held at Leeds on Saturday, September 19th.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 20th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 11th; \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th (6 p.m.) and 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rainham on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available at 3. The association service will be held at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. A. R. Ball. Tea will be provided, at a charge per head.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting will be held at Waltham Abbey (12 bells) on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Middlesex Association, E. J. Butler, Essex Association, Hon. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, August 8th. Ringing from 3.30. Will arrange tea as usual. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Withington on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. Please write early if tea required.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster (8 bells) on August 8th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., Martock.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 8th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting 5.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Bletchingley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 8th. Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 5.15 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Arborfield on Saturday, August 8th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (6 bells).—R. Darvill.



**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Loxton on Saturday, August 8th. Tea and meeting 6 o'clock. Service after. Those requiring tea kindly let me know soon. Bells afternoon and evening. — G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**KIRKTHORPE.**—A meeting will be held at Kirkthorpe on Saturday, August 8th. All those wishing for tea should communicate with the Vicar of Kirkthorpe.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 8th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, August 8th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Important business meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—Practices are to be held at Canford on Saturday, August 8th, from 3 p.m.; Wimborne Minster on Tuesday, August 11th, at 7 p.m.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting, tea and social will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Bells of Holy Trinity Church will also be available. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m., meeting and social following. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Will all intending to be present please send in their names to Mr. D. Campbell, 12, Hurling Lane, Burnley, not later than August 12th? — J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at St. Michael's Church, East Peckham, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage, followed by business meeting. Members intending to be present are requested to notify the District Sec. not later than Wednesday, August 12th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8 and 6) available 3 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea, etc., to follow. Will those intending coming for tea please advise me by previous Tuesday?—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, August 15th. Bells at 2.30, tea at 5.—J. L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—“List to the music of those village bells, sweetly pealing o'er hill and dale.”—Aldenham, Saturday, Aug. 15th. Ringing from 3.30. Tea (1/3) at Village Club 5.30, meeting after. Names for tea by Wednesday previous.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey, Herts.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, August 15th. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, August 15th. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Will those coming to tea let me know before the 12th? Everyone invited.—C. F. Mitchen, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W.3.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—The meeting for August will be held at Biddulph on August 15th, and not the 22nd, as arranged. Members intending to be present please notify Mr. J. Cottrell, 38, Congleton Road, Biddulph, on or before August 11th. Bells (6) from 3.30 p.m., tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eserick on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. each, to those who notify Mr. J. Steel, Eserick, near York, not later than August 19th. Further details on circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraaxall on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. 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.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, at Thorpe-le-Soken. Short service at 4.30 p.m. At 5.15 tea will be provided on the Vicarage lawn, by kind invitation of the Vicar. All members wishing to be present will they please notify me by Monday, August 17th, latest?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Iretton Road, Colchester.

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### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

#### CAERLEON RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 20th, six of the Caerleon ringers accompanied the choir by boat from Newport to Weston-super-Mare. Leaving Newport at 9.30 a.m., and arriving at Weston at 10.50 a.m., Mr. S. Jones and his colleagues visited Mr. F. G. Stuckey, who had made arrangements for them to have a ring at Uphill in the afternoon. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The peal of six, in excellent condition, can easily be reached. The band made their way back for tea, and afterwards visited the park and gardens. The most important pleasure was the company of the churchwarden (Mr. I. Parry), who is well over seventy years of age, whose able assistance was greatly appreciated by all. The day was a most enjoyable one, and the party's best thanks go to the Vicar of Uphill for giving permission for the use of the bells, and Messrs. Stuckey, together with another of the locals, for such an excellent reception.

#### SWINDON PARISH CHURCH.

On Saturday, June 27th, ringing members, wives and friends of the above Guild, including that ringing pioneer, John Austin, of Gloucester, held their outing over the bracing Berkshire and Wiltshire Downs. The start was made at 8 a.m., Appleton being reached at 9.30, where everything was in readiness at the belfry. This light and melodious peal of ten were soon going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Caters. Abingdon, which was reached about 11 a.m., was the next place to be visited. Abingdon has a fine tower, containing a good ring of 10 bells. These were much appreciated. A well-struck touch of Stedman Caters was rung by the following: 1 A. Lawrence, 2 E. Bishop, 3 J. Austin (conductor), 4 A. Bond, 5 H. Bishop, 6 W. Lancaster, 7 C. Gardiner, 8 H. Hearl, 9 S. Palmer, 10 L. Wilson. The bells were then lowered, and the party left for Ilsey, via Drayton, which recalls the name of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Ilsey Church contains a most talkative peal of eight, in splendid tone, and of exceptionally good 'go.' Touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were successfully rung. Newbury was the next call, where lunch was served. After luncheon the bells of St. Nicholas were set going to Grandsire, Plain Bob and Double Norwich. Mr. Henry Curtis, the locals' captain, appreciating the visit. The next move was Kimbury, where there hangs a nice ring of six, with a tenor about 16 cwt. Situated close to the River Kennet, they charm the neighbourhood. Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. Hungerford was reached at 5 p.m., tea being taken here. No ringing took place at this little market town, owing to the bells being out of order. The party then proceeded to Great Bedwyn, and were received by the Vicar. Without doubt these were the finest peal of bells they encountered during the day. A touch of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles were brought round here. The journey was continued to Ramsbury, where there is a splendid belfry, a nice ring of six bells, plenty of room and room for improvement, the bell banger being badly wanted there. A touch of Grandsire Doubles was the only thing accomplished. Aldbourne was the last tower to visit, being reached about 8.30 p.m. The Aldbourne Church has a very fine tower and melodious peal of bells. Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were rung, the locals appreciating the art of change ringing. Swindon was reached about 10 p.m., everyone expressing their enjoyment of the day's outing. Thanks are due to Mr. Ernest Bishop for his excellent organisation, and to all steeplekeepers for their kindness in having things ready.

#### THE CASTLE CARY RINGERS.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, with their wives, had their annual outing on July 18th. Leaving Cary by charabanc at 8 a.m., they visited South Petherton, where, after a short tour of the church, they had a ring on the bells; going on to Seavington St. Mary, where a light ring of six enabled them to have some touches of Grandsire Doubles. Ilminster was reached about 11 o'clock, where a very pleasant time was spent on the bells, some of the local band being present. The visitors also met a former curate and captain of the Cary ringers, the Rev. Vaughan Jones. At Chard a couple of touches were rung. The last stage of the journey brought the company to Seaton, which provided another light ring of six, which the party soon set going. When the bells were lowered a tour of the town was made and tea served. Leaving Seaton at 6.30, the return journey was made via Crewkerne and West Coker, home being reached at 10 p.m., after spending a most interesting day.

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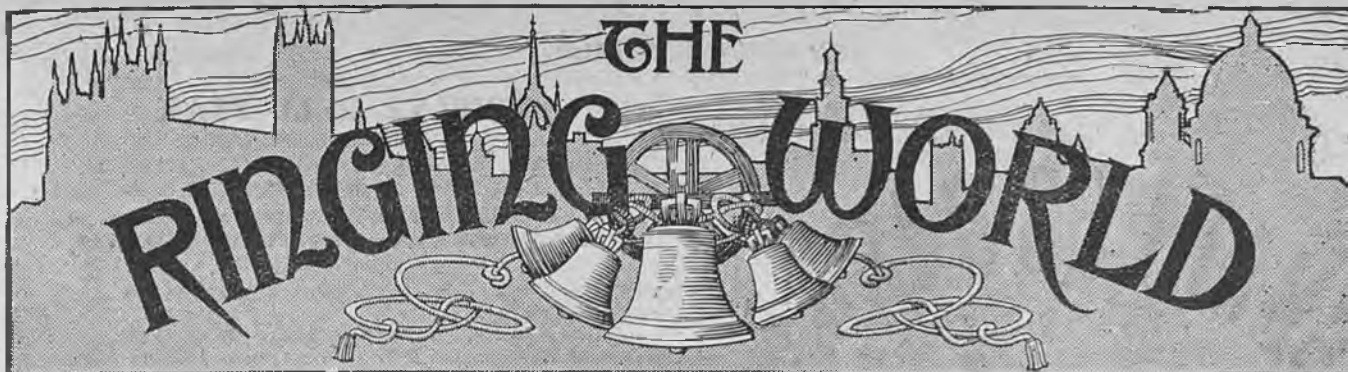
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| WM. CLOVER ... .. 2          | FREDK. ROOPE ... .. 7      |
| ALFRED SMITH ... .. 3        | JOHN SNELLING ... .. 8     |
| FREDK. HOWCHIN ... .. 4      | ERNEST WHITING ... .. 9    |
| BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... .. 5   | FREDK. SEAGER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. BOOTH.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First peal on ten bells.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM HOLIFIELD ... .. Treble | ARTHUR H. WHITE ... .. 6     |
| HENRY C. WHITE ... .. 2         | FREDERICK S. WHITE ... .. 7  |
| GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 3    | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 8 |
| HENRY BENNETT ... .. 4          | RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9       |
| CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. 5      | FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor      |

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

For the last half-hour of this peal the ringers were in almost complete darkness, the lights having been forgotten.



IPSWICH.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM F. TILLEY ... Treble | HY. CHAS. GILLINGHAM ... 6    |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 2     | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7    |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3     | *WILLIAM C. ROMSEY ... 8      |
| *LESLIE WIGHTMAN ... 4       | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 9       |
| *ERNEST E. GRIMES ... 5      | FREDERICK J. TILLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

\* First attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. This was a birthday compliment to Mr. Gillingham.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

ORMESBY, YORKS.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| THOMAS LANCASTER ... Treble | *FRED A. HARRISON ... 5   |
| *W. ROBERT W. YOUNG ... 2   | CECIL ROBINSON ... 6      |
| MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... 3  | †WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 7  |
| *ALFRED REEDER ... 4        | THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor |

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by W. AINSWORTH.

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

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Three Hours and One and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble | WILBY J. HAZELL ... 5     |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2         | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 6     |
| WALTER ARNOLD ... 3          | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7      |
| FRANK CLAYDON ... 4          | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble | PERCY J. SPICE ... 5      |
| CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 2     | THOMAS JOLL ... 6         |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 3       | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7     |
| WILLIAM SPICE ... 4          | EDWARD H. SPICE ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. in G.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| GEORGE LANCASTER ... Treble | WILBY J. HAZELL ... 5     |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2        | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 6     |
| WALTER ARNOLD ... 3         | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7      |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 4     | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

GET YOUR  
RINGING  
FRIENDS  
TO SUPPORT

**THE RINGING  
WORLD**

BY  
TAKING  
A COPY  
EVERY  
WEEK

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| CECIL DRAKE ... Treble | ALBERT PICKLES ... 5    |
| FRED HUTTON ... 2      | EDGAR WHITELEY ... 6    |
| THOMAS SENIOR ... 3    | WILLIAM AMBLER ... 7    |
| HAROLD PEARCE ... 4    | *WILLIE HAMER ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

\* First peal. First peal in the method by all except the conductor. First peal in the method as conductor.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *JAMES SWINDLEY ... Treble | HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5    |
| *GEORGE R. JONES ... 2     | *JAMES H. RIDING ... 6   |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 3    | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 7   |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4        | EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Superlative in the county.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and One and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| JAMES SWINDLEY ... Treble  | JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5       |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... 2       | GEORGE R. JONES ... 6     |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3 | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 7    |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... 4        | JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal of Cambridge in the county.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| CHARLES EDWARDS ... Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5  |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2      | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 6   |
| *ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3   | JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 7 |
| GEOFFREY LEWIS ... 4       | CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First Surprise peal in the city of Hereford. \* 150th peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5183 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| *CYRIL PORTER ... Treble | WILLIAM POYSER ... 5       |
| *WILSON ALLIN ... 2      | THOMAS STIMPSON ... 6      |
| JACK BAILEY ... 3        | †HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 7 |
| ALFRED MOULD ... 4       | JOSEPH LORD ... Tenor      |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. LORD.

\* First peal in the method. † Elected a member before starting peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BANGOR, NORTH WALES.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for Welsh service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. V. Sear 1, H. Sear 2, H. J. Midwinter 3, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 4, T. Jones 5, J. L. Jones 6, A. E. Pegler 7, C. L. Jones 8. Arranged for Mr. H. Sear and his son, who hail from Bletchley.

## COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE LANCASTER ... .. Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5    |
| WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 2       | WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6       |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3        | GEORGE MOSS ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4     | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

## ABINGDON, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

|                          |                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| JACK JUDGE ... .. Treble | EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. 5   |
| JOSEPH H. WHITE ... .. 2 | *WILLIAM STONE... .. 6   |
| JACK HONEY... .. 3       | ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 7   |
| GORDON CAUDWELL ... .. 4 | *PERCY DYKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

\* First peal in the method.

## WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                             |                                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| *GEORGE WHITE ... .. Treble | GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... .. 5      |
| MISS M. STEPHENSON ... .. 2 | GEORGE H. CORNER ... .. 6         |
| ALFRED E. OXLEY ... .. 3    | †WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... .. 7      |
| ALBERT V. COATES ... .. 4   | JOHN W. WATERS, JUN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

\* First peal. † Fiftieth peal.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ALFRED W. VOYSEY ... .. Treble | JOHN BEAMS ... .. 5           |
| THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... .. 2    | †DANIEL COOPER ... .. 6       |
| MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... .. 3     | ALBERT HARMAN ... .. 7        |
| *JOHN GALYER ... .. 4           | HERBERT G. PRATT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

\* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

## BRISTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *WALTER A. POSTON ... .. Treble | *WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 5 |
| FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 2         | ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6 |
| JOHN CLARK ... .. 3             | ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 7 |
| WALTER T. BENNETT ... .. 4      | WILLIAM POSTON... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

Arranged for Mr. F. E. Darby, of Croydon. \* First peal of Major.

## COLEORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF THE REV. H. EARLE-BOLWER'S SIX-PART NO. 11.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. Treble | *ALFRED MOULD ... .. 5    |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 2    | EDWIN H. STONELEY... .. 6 |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3       | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7     |
| MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 4    | JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

\* First peal of Stedman.

## SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lb.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. Treble | †JOHN KING ... .. 5         |
| HERBERT E. FROSSELL ... .. 2  | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 6    |
| †MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3    | †C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 7 |
| FREDERICK W. PEARCEY ... .. 4 | †HARRY BAXTER ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

Composition No. 38, C.C.C. \* First peal in the method. † 25th peal. ‡ 50th peal.

## TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. in F.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALFRED BACON ... .. Treble | †JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... .. 5   |
| *WALTER J. CURSTON... .. 2 | †JAMES RAPER ... .. 6         |
| TOM GREENACRE ... .. 3     | WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. 7      |
| ROLAND NEWSON ... .. 4     | WILLIAM J. ELDRID... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by W. J. ELDRID.

C.C. Collection No. 117. \* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First as conductor.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | THOMAS HENSHER ... .. 5    |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2        | THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 6  |
| TITUS BARLOW ... .. 3          | JOHN POTTER ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE PINCOTT... .. 4         | PETER NUTTALL ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were relung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., and the 'go' is everything that can be desired.

## CHESTER.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES SWINDLEY... .. Treble   | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5    |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2    | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6   |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3      | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7    |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 4 | JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Mr. G. R. Jones' 200th peal, and Mr. H. J. Poole's 100th peal as conductor.

## MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *FRANK BERRY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM HORAN ... .. 5     |
| JOSEPH HALL ... .. 2       | WILLIAM H. SHOKER ... .. 6 |
| FRANK FIELDEN... .. 3      | JOHN POTTER ... .. 7       |
| HERBERT DAVENPORT ... .. 4 | JAMES H. LEES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. POTTER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. H. Shuker. The ringers hail from the following towers: treble, local band; 2nd, Miles Platting; 3rd, Todmorden Unitarian; 4th, Todmorden Parish; 5th, Cross Stone; 6th, Pendleton; 7th, Walkden; tenor, Baldersstone.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, August 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Dionysius,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. Treble | *JOHN KING ... .. 5          |
| MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 2    | HARRY BAXTER ... .. 6        |
| MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... 3 | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 7     |
| *HERBERT E. FROSSELL ... 4   | *C. ARTHUR MANNING ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal in the method.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 19 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *WILLIAM STOCK ... .. Treble | JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 5       |
| HERBERT L. HURLOW ... .. 2   | AMOS SMART ... .. 6         |
| HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3     | HENRY STAPLETON ... .. 7    |
| MISS E. STEEL ... .. 4       | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor |

Composed by SAM THOMAS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

\* First peal on eight bells. The ringers of the 5th and 6th were elected members of the association previous to starting.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 17 cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Treble | †VICTOR WHITE ... .. 5   |
| *THOMAS GREENHALL ... .. 2  | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6    |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3          | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 7 |
| †HARRY PRICE ... .. 4       | ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal and first attempt (aged 17 years). † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8th, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *SIDNEY A. GARDNER ... Treble | ALBERT D. CALLAWAY ... 5    |
| PHILLIP S. PARKER ... .. 2    | BERTRAM J. SNOW ... .. 6    |
| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3    | C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 7 |
| ALBERT R. WARD ... .. 4       | T. WILLIAM KEMP ... Tenor   |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

\* First peal, and first attempt. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to ringer of the treble.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| J. BROWN ... .. Treble  | W. SHARPLES ... .. 5      |
| L. J. WILLIAMS ... .. 2 | W. LANCASTER ... .. 6     |
| A. BLOGG ... .. 3       | A. TOMLINSON ... .. 7     |
| F. RIGBY ... .. 4       | *J. H. GARTSIDE ... Tenor |

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son to the Rev. T. H. Priestnall (Vicar of the above church), and Mrs. Priestnall. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, 720 Annable's London Surprise: W. Halford 1, W. Thornley 2, J. Hall 3, A. Freeman 4, W. R. Drage 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 15 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. Treble | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5    |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2     | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6   |
| WALTER J. BATTLE ... .. 3    | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7    |
| JOHN COOKE ... .. 4          | SYDNEY F. BARNES ... Treble |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Doris Sperring, of Chester.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MISS IDA B. THOMPSON ... Treble | CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 4 |
| HENRY SQUIRES ... .. 2          | THOMAS SQUIRES ... .. 5  |
| REV. CHAS. J. STURTON ... 3     | WALTER WHITE ... Tenor   |

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Hubert S. Evans, of Chaddenden, Derby, with Miss Norah M. White, daughter of Mr. William E. White, of Cotgrave. Treble ringer from Nottingham, 2nd from Hough-on-the-Hill, 3rd from Orston, 4th from Folkingham, 5th and 6th from Cotgrave.

WEAVERHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| *HARRY HOWARD ... .. Treble | ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 4     |
| SAMUEL ROYLE ... .. 2       | †GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... 5 |
| GEORGE VERNON ... .. 3      | HARRY PARKER ... Tenor    |

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of College Exercise and London Scholars' Pleasure, and 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE VERNON ... .. Treble | LEONARD BOSTOCK ... .. 4 |
| JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... .. 2  | ERNEST BOSTOCK ... .. 5  |
| HARRY PARKER ... .. 3       | EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in five Treble Bob methods by all the band.

CLIVE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(St. Mary's Society, ELLESMERE.)

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire, and 4 six-scores of Plain Bob each called differently, and 28 six-scores of Stedman with 12 different callings. Tenor 25 cwt. 9 lb in D.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *RICHARD BIGGS ... .. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4     |
| †THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 2   | †THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 5     |
| †WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 3  | †WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal of Doubles, and in three methods. † First peal of Doubles in three methods. ‡ First peal in three methods.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At 36, GOMM ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 12 in F.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 1—2    | CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... .. 5—6 |
| THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3—4 | FRANCIS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7—8 |

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE.  
 rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Chapman on attaining his 21st birthday. It was his first peal 'in hand.'

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5640 CHANGES,**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| PERCY JONES ... .. Treble | HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 5 |
| ALBERT ADDICOTT ... .. 2  | GEORGE COOKE ... .. 6    |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 3    | JOHN W. JONES ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM PIKE ... .. 4     | THOMAS LOVE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES GREEDY ... .. Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5       |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 2       | *SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 6        |
| JOHN BULLEN ... .. 3         | WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. 7      |
| *TOM FORD ... .. 4           | *WILLIAM A. GULLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

LLANDAFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat,

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE LARGE ... .. 2       | *HARRY PAGE ... .. 7        |
| *FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 3   | *CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 8    |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4      | ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 9      |
| FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 5   | WILLIAM BOLTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Bob Royal. 50th peal for the ringer of the 7th. First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. Treble | *ALFRED TALBOT ... .. 5  |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 2         | JOHN W. JONES ... .. 6   |
| CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 3      | ERNEST STITCH ... .. 7   |
| FRED ATWELL ... .. 4           | BERT WEAVER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Triples.

**OLD DORSET RING AUGMENTED.**

The old ring of five bells at Hawkechurch (near Axminster) have been retuned and rebung and a new treble bell added to form a ring of six. They will be opened and dedicated by the Bishop of Sherborne on Monday, August 24th, at 3 p.m., when any ringers who may be in the neighbourhood will be very welcome.

The bells have been silent and unringable for years.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have done the work.

**CARDIFF.**

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. P. EVANS ... Treble | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 6      |
| FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 2      | ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 7      |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3         | SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 8        |
| FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 4       | WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 9      |
| GEORGE LARGE ... .. 5          | SEYMOUR K. BARKER ... Tenor |

Composed by CHARLES HATTERSLEY Conducted by FRANK BENNETT

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| EDGAR GOISE ... .. Treble  | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 6  |
| EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. 3    | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 7 |
| HENRY PRING ... .. 4       | GEORGE TREW ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN BUTLER ... .. Treble | HARRY PAGE ... .. 6        |
| CHARLES GREEDY ... .. 2   | FRANK BENNETT ... .. 7     |
| FRED ATWELL ... .. 3      | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 8  |
| JOHN BULLEN ... .. 4      | WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. 9  |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 5    | ALBERT THOMAS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. B. JEALOUS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

**MR. REUBEN SANDERS' 500 PEALS.**

The following is the list of Mr. Reuben Sanders' 500 peals, which he completed on Saturday :-

|                            |     |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Cambridge Surprise Maximus | 22  |
| Kent Treble Bob Maximus    | 5   |
| Stedman Cinques            | 53  |
| Middlesex Surprise Royal   | 4   |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal   | 32  |
| Oxford Treble Bob Royal    | 1   |
| Kent Treble Bob Royal      | 8   |
| Stedman Caters             | 54  |
| Grandsire Caters           | 1   |
| Bristol Surprise Major     | 69  |
| London Surprise Major      | 42  |
| Cambridge Surprise Major   | 39  |
| Superlative Surprise Major | 48  |
| Norfolk Surprise Major     | 3   |
| Double Norwich Major       | 5   |
| Kent Treble Bob Major      | 16  |
| Bob Major                  | 4   |
| Stedman Triples            | 62  |
| Grandsire Triples          | 19  |
| Cambridge Surprise Minor   | 1   |
| Bob Minor                  | 3   |
| Grandsire Doubles          | 3   |
| Total                      | 500 |

NORWICH.—At St. Peter Mancroft, on July 30th, on the occasion of a visit of Pulham Market ringers, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 55 mins.: F. R. Borrett 1, F. J. Howchin 2, F. Seager 3, E. Whitting 4, A. Smith 5, J. Snelling 6, A. Roope 7, J. F. Duffield 8, C. Roope 9, F. J. Roope 10, G. H. Cross 11, F. R. Copeman 12.—Also 528 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: F. R. Borrett 1, G. Burton 2, G. H. Cross 3, E. Whitting 4, A. Smith 5, J. Snelling 6, A. Roope 7, C. Cutting 8, C. Roope 9, F. J. Roope 10, F. R. Copeman 11, F. Seager 12.



## ESSEX & MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

Members of the above association fraternised at Waltham Abbey on Saturday last, when a joint meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association and the North and East District of the Middlesex Association was held, by the kindness of the local ringers in giving up their practice night, and the courtesy of the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Johnston) in giving his permission for the meeting to take place. Visitors began to arrive from all parts soon after 3 o'clock, and at an early hour in the afternoon the bells were set going to Stedman Caters, which was followed by Stedman Cinques and Grand-sire Caters.

Tea was served at the Cock Hotel at 5.15. The 'chair' was taken by the Master of the Essex Association (Mr. C. H. Howard), who was supported by Messrs. F. J. Piastow (general secretary, Essex Association), E. J. Butler (district secretary, Essex), W. Pye (Master, Middlesex Association), W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex), C. T. Coles (district secretary, Middlesex), and some 40 ringers, amongst whom were to be observed some 'young bloods' of the Exercise in Joe Rayner, George F. Margetson and James George, whose ages, we believe, are upwards of 90, 80, and 70 respectively.

After tea, the Chairman expressed his great pleasure at being present at so successful a meeting. It was a great idea to hold joint meetings of neighbouring associations, whose objects were entirely the same, and who, if they chose not to give and take, might easily be very unfriendly, instead of meeting, as they were doing that day, to enjoy themselves together. He hoped that the meeting would be an annual one, or even more frequent than that, and he also hoped that the idea would be taken up by other associations. He was glad to see so many present, some from considerable distances away, and hoped that this annual gathering would always be well supported. Waltham Abbey was an ideal place for holding such a meeting, and they were lucky to have such a tower, with such a fine peal of bells, at their disposal. Their friends of the Middlesex Association were always welcome in Essex towers, just as he was sure that Essex ringers would always be made welcome in Middlesex. He noticed only this week that the secretary of the Middlesex Association had conducted one peal, and had rung in another, in Essex, for the Essex Association, and amongst Middlesex and Essex men. This was just the spirit in which they should live together, and he trusted they would always do so.

Mr. C. T. Coles thanked Mr. Howard for his very kind references

to the Middlesex Association, and stated how pleased he was at the success of this joint meeting. His only regret was that they of Middlesex had no such ideal spot to which they might invite their Essex friends. When discussing with Mr. Butler where they might go for this year's meeting the latter had suggested Waltham Abbey again, and he felt sure that the choice would meet with general approval. He hoped that the good feeling existing between the two societies would be all for the good of change ringing. Mr. Coles apologised for the absence of their president (Mr. P. A. Milne), who was away on holiday.

Mr. W. Pye also voiced his approval of the meeting, and his agreement with the idea of holding it, as also did Mr. Butler.

Mr. James George, on being asked for a speech, gave one of his usual pithy talks on ringing, and also expressed his pleasure at meeting Mr. Joe Rayner, of St. Andrew's, Holborn. He added that he hoped he would be as fit as Mr. Rayner in another 20 years. Mr. George also congratulated Mr. R. Sanders on ringing his 500th peal, and elicited from the latter one of the shortest replies on record.

The Chairman proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rev. F. B. Johnston for allowing them the use of his very fine peal of bells, and this was carried unanimously.

The ringers afterwards paid another visit to the belfry, where several new-comers were found, bringing the total attendance up to 50. Some very good touches of Stedman Caters and Cinques, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, were rung, until the party finally dispersed at about 8.30 p.m., after a very pleasant afternoon.

### PUBLISHED TWICE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Owing, no doubt, to an oversight, the peal of Surprise Minor, rung at Aspley Guise, on July 25th, has been published in the last two issues of the 'Ringing World.' Will the Peals Analysis Committee kindly note?—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN,  
Hon. Secretary, Beds A.C.R.

### WEDDING BELLS.

At Sharnbrook, Beds. on Wednesday evening, July 29th. 720 Woodbine: W. Surridge 1, W. Cooper (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, G. Bell 3, A. Barcock 4, R. C. Allen 5, E. C. Allen (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. G. Lamb, whose marriage took place earlier in the day.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of St. Mary's, Abergavenny (8) are in the hands of the bell hangers, as are also the six bells of Usk Parish Church. These latter are being rehung in a new iron frame, and two more are to be added to complete the octave. Monmouthshire will thereby shortly be the richer in peals of eight.

Seven peals out of eight attempts was the result of Mr. Frank Bennett's first visit to South Wales, with an evening's trip to Bristol in between. The only failure was at Pentre, where a peal of Double Norwich was lost, after ringing half-way.

'Samiwell Peppery, Bart.' says that the lines written with regard to peal points, and left on the table at the Central Council meeting at Chester, need slight amendment. They would read much better, he says, if they read, as follows:—

Points for peals were always absurd,  
And the writer has ever averred  
That it's easy to see,  
Most ringers agree,  
There's a letter too much in EACH word.

Samiwell adds that a certain well known North Country worthy was asked if he had had a good touch at the meeting, and replied that the only touch he really enjoyed was the musical glasses with the Piccadillicum Stilton in the handstroke home position. 'I believe,' says Samiwell, 'he knows something about a composition with a coat behind the ninth. No guesses will receive more than one prize.'

The towers being visited this week by the ringers touring Somerset include Yeovil, Beckington, Sherborne Abbey (Dorset), Milborne Port, Wells Cathedral, St. Cuthbert's, Wells, Drayton, Curry Rivel, Taunton (St. Mary's and St. James'), Burnham-on-Sea, Bridgwater, Milverton and Wiveliscombe.

The peal at Farmborough, Somerset, was not the first peal by D. Parfitt, as reported.

The tour had a rather unfortunate start. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted on the peal of ten (tenor 45 cwt.), at Yeovil, on Saturday, but the 9th ran dry, and the ringer had to give up. (It really was the bell, not not the ringer, that needed lubricating).

To-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which was rung at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908.

On August 16th, 1902, 10,080 Double Norwich Major was rung at Henley, Suffolk.

On the bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, the fate of which has recently been discussed, a peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung on August 17th, 1812.

The Southern Railway (writes a railwayman-ringer, in reference to a paragraph in this column last week), have always granted free passes to any stations on their system to employees on annual leave, also a free pass to any station in the United Kingdom to members of the clerical staff. All railwaymen can travel quarter rate anywhere in the United Kingdom when they are off duty. I feel certain that these privileges are greatly appreciated by a vast majority.

A Bradpole, Dorset, ringer, Eric Foote, age 18 years, was drowned while bathing at West Bay last Friday.

## DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to point out to Mr. Wilde that the peal of Double Norwich, published under my name, July 24th, does contain the full combination of 4, 5, 6 in 5—6 at the course-ends. Peal No. 35 in the Central Council Collection III. does not contain those qualities, and the calling of my peal is distinct from Mr. Lindoff's peal; therefore, I claim it as an original composition.—Yours, etc.,

JOHN HOWES.

## COMPOSED YEARS AGO.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 5,184 of Double Norwich Major, published July 24th, and the remarks by Mr. H. W. Wilde in your issue of July 31st, it is high time that all amateur composers knew that all the peals of 5,000, with the tenors together, have been composed years ago, in such methods as Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, etc.

During the last several years a number of peals have been published, and in nearly every case these have been variations of some previously composed peals.

I am of opinion that the above matter should be brought before the Central Council, at their next meeting, to be dealt with. I suggest that, unless the name of the composer is a recognised master of the art, you should be requested not to publish the composer's name in the report of peals.—Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

## HINTS ON 'SPICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.

As one peruses the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' week by week, a very noticeable feature is the constant repetition of methods employed in building up peals of Minor, many of which are irregular. When one considers that 'the Collection of Minor Methods' contains something like 178 methods, viz., 29 Plain, 30 Treble Bob, 35 4th's Place Delight, 42 3rd's Place Delight, and 42 Surprise methods, the question, 'What is wrong?' presents itself. Perhaps it is the absence of explanatory detail, a circumstance which makes it difficult for many who desire to ring new methods. With a view to assisting those members of the Exercise who are thus handicapped, the following details of my experience gained at Norbury, under the tutorship of Mr. James Fernley, will, I feel sure, be of assistance. If so, my efforts will be rewarded.

Before a builder commences erecting a house, it is necessary to get plans drawn up, and afterwards to secure a good foundation, and so it is in ringing multiple-method peals of Minor; the band must first of all have a foundation to work on, and gradually build up the number of methods to be rung in the peal. The plans are already drawn up, and will be found in 'The Collection of Methods,' and the finished article, a peal in thirty-five methods. To be able to follow these 'Hints' the more readily, the reader should provide himself, if he has not already done so, with a copy of the 'Collection of Methods,' published by the Central Council, price 1/2, to be obtained from the Hon. Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

A term new to many will be found used in these articles, and one which has been found necessary in our experience at Norbury, this is 'grouping.' This means the 'grouping' together of methods having similar characteristics and which will splice, a feature that will save the student a good deal of time. (It is to be hoped the next edition of the Collection will have all its methods 'grouped'.)

## GROUP NO. 1, OR 'THE OXFORD GROUP.'

In this, it will be found that Oxford Treble Bob is the dominating method, and will be found on page 8, No. 1. The other members of the group being No. 2, No. 7, No. 18 and No. 26, making five in all.

For the benefit of those unacquainted with the Treble Bob Principle, it will be necessary for them to analyse it and commit the work to memory by the order of passing treble, and by no other way.

Let us look at the lead of Oxford given, and take the path of the treble, which dodges in 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6, both up and down. (N.B.—For the dodge in 1-2, the term 'snap' is used.)

Our next bell is the 2nd, it 'snaps' with the treble or passes it in 1-2 down, and takes up the 'slow hunt' work. This comprises leading full, and making 2nd's place alternately until treble returns to lead and snaps again, this time being passed in 1-2 up.

At the lead end, the 2nd will now be seen in 3rd's place. Therefore, it will be necessary to carry on the analysis by following the path of the 3rd. The bell passing treble 1-2 up makes 4th's place and returns to lead, passing treble 2-3 down, leads full and does Treble Bob work, i.e., dodges in 3-4 and 5-6 up. The dodge in 5-6 in this case is with the treble, so another note must be made—pass treble in 5-6 up, dodge 5-6 down, make 3rd's place, and return to dodge both ways in 5-6. (The lead end coming just previous to the 3rd commencing the dodge, and that bell occupying 5th's place, return to lead head and follow the path of the 5th.) Our dodge in 5-6 down ended, treble is passed in 4-5 down, continue the Treble Bob work, but without the 'snap,' a full lead being substituted, and treble is now passed 3-4 up; continue the Treble Bob work.

On coming to the lead end, the 5th occupies 6th's place, and we see that the Treble Bob work is continued until treble is met in 3-4 down. The work is as in 4-5 down, but treble being next passed in 4-5 up, the work is now similar to that of the bell passing treble 5-6 up, i.e., 3rd's place being made after dodging both ways in 5-6.

The 6th occupying 4th's at the lead end, follow the path of the 4th, and it is seen that after making the place, returns up behind and dodges; dodges with treble 5-6 down, and continues Treble Bob work; after leading, passes treble 2-3 up, makes 4th's place and returns to lead, to snap treble and take up the 'Slow Hunt,' or the work of the bell we commenced with, i.e., the 2nd, thus completing the course.

## OXFORD.

It will be found necessary to have a notebook to write down the results of the analysis in the following manner:—

## Pass Treble.

- 1-2 down. Slow bell.
- 1-2 up. (out of slow) make 4th's and return to lead.
- 2-3 down. lead full, Treble Bob work.
- 5-6 up. dodge 5-6 down, make 3rd's place and out behind.
- dodge in 5-6.
- 4-5 down. Treble Bob work, as in 2-3 down.
- 3-4 up. Treble Bob work.

- 3-4 down. Treble Bob work, as in 2-3 down.
- 4-5 up. work as in 5-6 up.
- 5-6 down. work as in 4-5 down.
- 2-3 up. make 4th's place and into slow.

As the work at a 'Bob' is not shown with the lead given, it is shown herewith, and an analysis on the lines given would record it as follows:—

2 4 1 5 3 6  
2 1 4 3 5 6  
— 1 2 3 4 6 5  
2 1 3 4 5 6  
1 2 4 3 6 5  
1 4 2 3 5 6  
4 1 3 2 6 5  
1 4 3 2 5 6  
4 1 2 3 6 5  
4 2 1 6 3 5

## Pass Treble.

1-2 and 2-3 up, as at a plain lead.

3-4 and 4-5 up, the work behind becomes a triple dodge in 5-6.

5-6 up, makes 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, and up behind.

It will not be necessary to worry about what has to be done next, if the pupil is conversant with the work by means of passing treble, because the next position in which he meets that bell tells him immediately the work he has to do.

## CONDUCTING.

For the production of the extent, 'Bobs' will, of course, be required. From study of the work given, it will be seen that two bells are unaffected by the call. When the observation bell is in one of these two positions, a call must be made, except when a pre-arranged bell is also in a position unaffected by the bob. For example, say the calling will be 'Tenor without the 5th,' call a bob every time the tenor goes either in or out of slow, except when the 5th is going into slow as tenor is coming out. In simple terms call tenor 'In, Out. In, twice repeated,' the figures for this 720 are as shown:—

23456

42635

— 64235

— 26435

42563

54326

35642

— 63542

56234

25463

42356

Twice repeated.

The true extent can be produced by employing any two bells in these positions.

Having thoroughly committed Oxford to memory and practised it, attention must now be turned to Kingston (No. 18, page 121). Let us analyse it in the manner described, and see what we find. The first item of note is that all the work done after passing treble up is the same as Oxford. That being known, attention can be concentrated on the work after passing treble down.

Start with the 2nd, passing treble 1-2 down takes up the slow, but not a continuous one, as in Oxford. It gets broken up half-way through, which must be recorded in the notebook.

The next position to note is 2-3 down, see 3rd, which after passing treble in that place, leads full and commences the middle work, which is place making, i.e., 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, 4th's, and passes treble 4-5 up.

The next bell to pass treble down is the 6th, which passes in 3-4, and this is the bell to break up the slow. Should the man already in slow forget what he is doing, the 3-4 one can soon put him right. His work commences with a triple dodge on the lead, whilst the other, which he has come to relieve, does a triple dodge off the lead. Having completed this dodge, the bell relieved meets treble in 3-4 up; the other one remaining in slow until treble comes to it.

The work of the 5th occupies the next position, which is 4-5 down, taking up the middle work in conjunction with the 2-3 bell, and whilst it is making 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, 4th's, the 4-5 bell is doing the opposite, i.e., 4th's, 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's. On completion, they go their respective ways, the 2-3 bell, up; and the 4-5 bell, down.

We have now only one position left. It requires no thinking about, and is more likely to upset the treble man than the other. The bell passing treble 5-6 down, makes 5th's, and passes it 5-6 up. The result of the analysis will be as follows:—

## KINGSTON.

Work up, as in Oxford.

Work down:—

- 1-2 (slow) lead, 2nd's, lead. Triple dodge 1-2 up (or off the lead), and out.
- 3-4 Triple dodge 1-2 down (or on the lead), lead, 2nd's, lead (Treble comes).
- 2-3 lead, 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, 4th's, and out.
- 4-5 4th's, 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, lead and out.
- Bob work, and conducting as in Oxford.

After study it will be seen that the bells work in pairs, an advantage which must not be lost sight of, and a circumstance enabling a weak ringer to be pulled through. I cannot impress this point too strongly, and the reason will soon make itself manifest to those who take advantage of these hints and practise the methods.

The two methods having been thoroughly mastered, attention must be turned to splicing them, and a little variety added by ringing an extent in two methods. A plain course of each method produces exactly the same changes, but in different leads; therefore the methods will only splice course for course, which means that a full course, unaffected by bobs, of one method must be rung, and the courses containing bobs are rung to the other method.

#### SPLICED 720 OXFORD AND KINGSTON.

|   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Oxford   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------|
|   | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | "        |
| — | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | "        |
|   | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 6 | Kingston |
| — | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | "        |
|   | 3 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | "        |
| — | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 | "        |
|   | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | "        |
| — | 5 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 | Oxford   |
|   | 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | "        |
| — | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | "        |

Twice repeated.

The only tip I can give to the ringer is: Remember the method you are ringing, it is so easy to forget. To the conductor, do not try and memorise the leads produced by Oxford, and those by Kingston. The calling is the same as before, and having been mastered requires no more explanation. Commence ringing the extent with Oxford, and ring this method until the first bob is called, and just as the treble is leaving the slow bell, change over to Kingston, continue ringing this until the third bob is called, it is the last one in the part, then change back to Oxford up to the first bob in the second part, when change again and carry on as in the first part.

For practice, reverse the process. Commence with Kingston, ring it to first bob, change, and carry on as with the previous extent. In each case the calling is 'Tenor without the 5th,' but any observation can be used, provided the instructions for changing method are carried out strictly to letter.

#### SPLICED 720 KINGSTON AND OXFORD.

|   | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Kingston |
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|   | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 | "        |
| — | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | "        |
|   | 3 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | "        |
| — | 6 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | "        |
|   | 2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | Oxford   |
| — | 4 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 3 | "        |
|   | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | "        |
| — | 3 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 2 | "        |
|   | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 2 | "        |
| — | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | Kingston |

Twice repeated.

In my next article I shall deal with the other three members of the group, and the ringing of an extent in five methods.

#### LONDON SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please accept my best thanks for your courtesy and kindness in publishing the articles that I have contributed to your columns.

In the eight columns of figures in last week's article on London Surprise, I do not find a single figure misplaced; great credit is due to your compositor for his careful setting up.

Probably I am mostly to blame for one error in regard to the progressions, because although my press copy shows the proper progression first, I write of comparing it with the seven-part touch progression, whereas I intended to compare the seven-part touch with the proper progression, as follows:

Proper progression 5907864\*32  
7 part touch progression 54\*79621830

N.B.—The asterisks are introduced to enable the progression to be shown by a single operation.

In this way only can the progression 90842 x 49280, which is equivalent to 41532, be obtained.

I think that the readers of this journal, who are competent to judge, will agree that I have proved what I set out to do, but as there does not seem any widespread desire for this kind of knowledge, I have come to the conclusion that it is not worth while to go on with it.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

#### CORRECTIONS TO PEAL COLLECTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your columns, draw the attention of your readers to the addition which has recently been made to the Central Council publications in your advertisements?

I refer to the Corrigenda Leaflets, the history of which is as follows: A few years ago it was represented at a Council meeting that in the three books known as 'Collection of Peals,' Sections I., II. and III., there were a great number of false peals, as well as misleading figures, owing to misprints. I was instructed by the Council to get the books corrected and a list of corrections published. The work was undertaken by the Revs. H. L. James, H. S. T. Richardson, E. S. Powell, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde, and a long and tedious work it was. Each book was carefully gone through by these experts, and every peal examined as to its truth. An exception was made in the case of Grandsire Triples, which peals were considered to be sufficiently established.

The result of this work is now offered to the Exercise for two-pence, and is a most valuable addition to the books in question.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

#### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### EAST BERKS AND SOUTH HUCKS BRANCH HOLIDAY MEETING.

An August Bank Holiday meeting of the above Guild was held at Slough and Stoke Poges, and although the weather seemed rather doubtful, the visitors never were. They were there in plenty, too, from 'all over.' Age was very well represented, in the persons of Messrs. Joe Waghorn (East Ham) and Tom Beadle, Isleworth, with some of his 'boys.' Ringers were also noticed from Southgate, Enfield, Manchester, Guildford and London, fraternising with a host of local brethren. It should be mentioned that it was at one time thought the fair sex would be in the majority, but although this was not so, their presence lent a delightful air to the proceedings. The general branch secretary very early had the bells at Slough going to various methods, and during the morning everything (almost) was attempted and mostly rung, several of the people present scoring 'first touches' in one or other method. The church and tower, modern buildings of red brick, with sandstone and flint dressings, stand in a good open position, and the ringing can be heard all round to a pleasing advantage. The writer heard many comments (Oh, yes! complimentary) on the beauty of the bells and ringing generally. Twelve-thirty was the 'appointed time,' so the bells were very nicely lowered in peal, and the company in, shall we say, sections, groups or round blocks, by bus, foot, bike or car, hid them up to Stoke Poges, many taking lunch at Slough, or on the way at their own sweet will. Two o'clock saw a goodly muster at this historic old church, which, as most people know, has famous associations, the greatest being presumably in connection with the poet Gray, and William Penn.

I do not propose, writes our correspondent, to inflict on you the history of the whole thing (because I don't know it), so if you'll suppose we've seen all the points of interest in church and churchyard, we will pass under 'that yew tree's shade' to the belfry, where there are six musical bells, Simpson tuned by the Croydon Foundry, which were soon raised and giving forth various 'tunes,' mostly having 'topo-what-is-it' names. London, Cambridge, Kent and Oxford were some I heard. Several here had their first touch of Spliced Minor, and voted it 'tricky.' One thing noted in particular was that, whether it is a boat race or some ringing, the ladies seem to have a great partiality for 'Cambridge,' which speaks volumes for someone's tuition. Also, 'tea will be served at "Cambridge," Wexham.' All Cambridge to-day, you see, so a nice party found their way to a delightful spot, where the secretary and his good lady had been busy with others preparing to meet the wants of the inner man. I speak for myself. A splendid tea having been partaken of on the lawn, the evening was devoted to tennis (what energy our Arthur has to lay down a court and garden, keep it going, put in a lot of ringing, and in his spare time go to 'town' every day), and other games, interspersed with handbell ringing, in which some of the gentler sex made a beginning of history, I hope. Some tunes by Mr. and Mrs. Barker and Mr. Slowcoach were much enjoyed by the multitude, the fun as well as the tennis being fast and furious, except when some player forgot, and hit a boundary. Or, passing on to another game, a player got an 8 in 2 or a 9 in 3 at clock golf. Of course, Mr. Wag said, 'Call the third in the hunt and they'll come home at hand.'

The thanks of the members and visitors are due to the incumbents of both churches for the use of the bells, and in largest measure to Mr. and Mrs. Barker, the host and hostess, for their great efforts to make a right pleasant day (in which they succeeded), also to their lady and gentlemen helpers.



## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE 'LAWS' OF THE EXERCISE AND THE NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

People talk about the laws of change ringing, and say that you must not do this or you must not do that. We all do it. Some time ago a very old and much valued friend of mine told me that he proposed to go for a peal of St. Clement's Triples. What could I do but say, 'Oh, you mustn't. It has a bell lying still for four blows?' And then there was a gentleman who proposed going for a five thousand, consisting of four separate quarter-peals, one each of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative. That came before the Central Council, and the assembled wisdom of the Exercise unanimously forbade it. 'You mustn't,' the Council said, 'You are breaking the law which says that you must not ring the same change twice in a peal.' I remember a case where a well-known man refused to start for a peal of Stedman because the conductor directed two bells to lie still at the start. 'You mustn't do it,' he said, 'it is against the rules.'

Behind all this there is a vague idea that change ringing has a definite code of strict rules which ringers are bound to obey, like the rules of cricket and football, and such sports.

But it is not so. There is no analogy whatever between the rules of ringing and the rules of ordinary sport. The rules of cricket are due to the fact that there you have competition between two teams, and you must have laws to hold the balance between the opposing parties. Anyone who deliberately breaks one of these laws is guilty of unfairness. And you have a central body which had not only authority to make laws, but power to enforce them. There is nothing of the sort in ringing. There is not, and never has been, any central body with power to say to ringers, 'You shall not do such and such a thing.' And no rule was ever adopted by the Exercise to prevent men doing anything they thought fit. Competition does not directly enter into change ringing, and, therefore, there is no need to make laws to hold the balance between contending persons. If, in cricket, a bowler throws, he is guilty of unfairness, because he is putting the batsman at a disadvantage. But there is no unfairness when a hand rings a peal of Bob Triples or starts a peal of Grandsire Caters with 6-7 lying still.

What has happened is this: During three centuries, the Exercise has found out by experience that if you want to get the best out of ringing there are certain things which it is advisable to do, and certain things which it is advisable not to do. Our rules are only a set of directions as to how you can get the best out of ringing. They are good advice, not definite laws. Every hand has ultimately the right to say whether they will take the advice or not. There is no rule which a band may not break freely if they have sufficient reason, and there is no authority that can call them in question if they do so.

'But,' you will say, 'how about the Law of Truth? Surely it is a stringent rule that you may not ring the same change twice?' No, not even that. You must not, indeed, say you have rung a true peal of Grandsire Triples when in fact you have not done so. That is a matter of common morality. Everybody, in all things, admits that no one may claim to have done what he has not done. In short, you must not tell lies. And when you publish a peal you do say you have rung a true peal.

But where you make no such claim—in ordinary short touches, for instance—there is no reason why you should not have repetition of rows. And I for one can see no reason why a hand should not ring four quarter-peals, one in each of the four Surprise methods, since by so doing they openly admit that rows which come in one come also in another; and, perhaps, in all four.

Now, do not think I am advocating general lawlessness in ringing matters. Nothing of the sort. Just remember what our rules are. They are good advice gathered together during centuries by the experience of the whole Exercise. You have the right to disregard the advice, but you can depend upon it that the whole Exercise knows more about the matter than you do; and you can be sure that you will do well, from the point of view of your own interests, to keep to the generally accepted rules.

People used to think and say hard things about the Method Committee, because they thought that we were trying to impose on ringers arbitrary rules and restrictions of our own invention. And some of them were men of authority, men of knowledge and experience. It was not so. What we were trying to do was to gather up and codify the experience of the Exercise. When we said that a good method should have Bob Major Lead Ends, and be symmetrical, and not have any one bell lying more than two consecutive blows in any one position, and the other things, we were not saying to ringers, 'You must not ring other methods; but that these generally are what the experience of the Exercise has found to be necessary.' We were giving good advice, and the Exercise has found out that we were right. This, then, is all that the Central Council and its committees can do—it can give good advice; it can increase knowledge; it can

point out the more excellent way. It cannot definitely forbid ringers to do anything; nor, if it could, would it be advisable (ringing being what it is) for it to do so.

I am moved to these observations by the report of the committee on nomenclature. The good intention and the abilities of that committee are not in question, but they take up a position and ask for powers which the Exercise at large will never concede to them, and which the Central Council will, I fully believe, never grant. What they ask for is nothing less than autocratic powers over the names of all methods, past, present, and to come. They ask for the right to alter the names of any old method they think fit, and to suppress such as they deem unsuitable; and to decide, apparently without appeal, what names should be used in future. It cannot be. The names of the past belong to history and to past generations. The names of the future belong to the future, and I am quite sure that a band which rings a new method will object, and rightly object, to anyone forbidding them to call it what they think fit.

Besides, the committee have made an excursion from their proper sphere into the difficult and much debated region of classification. I am sure I do them no injustice in saying that their qualifications for that are of the slenderest. But what can the committee do? They can give good advice. They can do something—they can do a lot to create a good style and good taste in this matter. Do not think the thing is easy. It is hard indeed to say exactly what does constitute a good name; far harder than to propose the drastic changes of the present report.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## A KENTISH TRIP.

The ringers of Ospringe Church (Kent) had their annual outing on Bank Holiday, and during the day they visited four towers, and spent some time at each of them in ringing. Leaving Ospringe at 8 a.m. they journeyed through Chilham and Canterbury to Elham, where they made a stay of an hour, and had their first ring. From Elham they went on to Lymington, where another halt was made for an hour, and the church bells set going. The afternoon was spent at Folkestone, but it was not confined to listening to the music of the waves, an hour or so being passed in a pull on the bells of the Parish Church. The homeward journey in the evening was via Ashford, and there also the ringers found their way to the church tower, and had their last ringing for the day, after which the party had supper together, leaving Ashford for home shortly after ten. At both Folkestone and Ashford the party (who were accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens) were met by the local ringers, and the two bands spent an enjoyable hour together.

## CHELTENHAM RINGERS VISIT CIRENCESTER.

The members of Cheltenham and St. Mary's Guild, with a few friends, enjoyed an outing on Bank Holiday. Although the day was not congenial for a motor trip, it in no wise damped the spirits of the company, who journeyed to North Cerney, Perrott's Brook, Cirencester and Fairford. The start was from the house of the captain (Mr. W. T. Pates), and soon things took a cheerful aspect. Stopping at North Cerney, the members visited the small but very nice tower of the church, and soon had the bells going in merry changes. No wonder the good folk of the village asked if a wedding had taken place. After the bells had been lowered, and the Vicar thanked for the welcome, a move was made to Perrott's Brook, where a very substantial meal awaited the party, who then moved on to Cirencester. The rain was still pouring down on arrival, but it did not in any way interfere with the buying and selling in the market, in which most of the party became interested, but a few strokes on one of the bells soon brought the band together in the lovely church, and soon the bells were ringing out their sweet music. What a lovely peal of bells they are! Lucky Cirencester to possess them! After a short sojourn, a move was made to Fairford, where the company were met by some of the local ringers. After a rapid survey of the interior of the church, further ringing took place, in company with the local men. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Pates' combination of methods were rung in all the towers visited. Tea was provided at Fairford, after which the members roamed the village and surroundings before returning to Cirencester and Perrott's Brook for supper. By this time the rain had ceased, and the return journey was made under ideal conditions. After supper, song, etc., held sway for a couple of hours. The following rendered songs and a touch on the handbells: Messrs. W. T. Pates, Yeend, senr., Foster, Parsons, Collier, Humphris, Clements and Sykes. Cheltenham was reached about 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

LONDON.—On Friday, August 7th, in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Fulham, on handbells, for practice, 1,263 Stedman Caters: D. Stevens 1-2, W. E. Judd 3-4, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 5-6, J. W. Driver 7-8, H. Stevens 9-10. First quarter of Stedman Caters on handbells by ringers of 1-2, 5-6 and 9-10.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, August 9th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: G. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. Arnold 4, F. Claydon 5, L. W. Wiffen 6, W. Keeble (conductor) 7, A. Saunders 8. This was Mr. Hammond's first attempt to ring a Surprise Major method.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On Sunday, August 9th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: H. Ridout (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Forbes 2, J. Bullen 3, Frank Bennett (conductor) 4, C. Greedy 5, H. Howell 6, J. W. Jones 7, W. Ridout 8.

**LONDON, S.W.**—On Sunday, August 9th, at the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, Miss P. A. Upsher 2, Miss E. B. Chapman 3, C. F. Winney 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, J. L. Watkins 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, T. Welbourne 8.

**CHICHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, 560 Bob Major: A. D. Rowe 1, A. Paddon Smith (Birmingham) 2, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 3, J. Mawby (Irthlingborough) 4, H. J. Tucker (late of Bishop's Stortford), conductor, 5, W. E. Ticehurst 6, M. Heffer 7, J. H. Blake 8. Also 447 Grandsire Triples.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. O. Bone 1, J. H. Parrott 2, J. F. Parrott 3, W. W. Stevens 4, R. C. H. Steel 5, S. Penfold 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, H. Taylor 8. First quarter by ringers of 3rd and 5th.

**CALDICOT, MON.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Hooper 1, A. Pitt 2, F. Woods 3, A. Lewis 4, W. Allsop 5, W. Hooper 6, W. Margetts (conductor) 7, P. Luty 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th and 8th.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, composed by R. Hasted), in 49 mins.: F. Kemp 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, R. J. Hasted (conductor) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8. R. J. Hasted hails from Havant, and it was his first quarter-peal as conductor.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Upshall 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Kemp 5, T. Upshall 6, R. J. Hasted (cond.) 7, A. E. King 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, on August 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, F. Chamberlain 3, E. Coombes 4, A. Parnell 5, G. Large 6, W. Large (conductor, and hails from Stretton-on-Foss) 7, S. R. Barke 8.

**PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.**—On August 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. H. Doick 1, Sid Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, J. Burdfield 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, R. W. R. Picton (conductor) 6, A. C. Greenfield 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Mr. R. W. R. Picton, who was on a visit from Walford.—Also, for evening service, 714, in same method: Roy Pink (first touch) 1, S. Greenfield 2, P. H. Doick 3, R. W. R. Picton 4, H. C. Greenfield 5, S. Picton 6, A. C. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8.

**WINDSOR.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: P. Cripps 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, G. Barker 4, W. Henley 5, A. Bateman 6, T. Farr (conductor) 7, G. Adcock 8.

**CHORLEY, LANC.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Marsden 1, W. Blackledge 2, J. H. Gartside 3, F. Rigby (conductor) 4, R. L. Ince 5, H. Southworth 6, G. Hewitt 7, H. Foster 8. Arranged for R. L. Ince, who was on a visit to the district.

**CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.**—On Sunday, July 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: H. Combes 1, T. Wyatt (conductor) 2, Mrs. H. Knight 3, F. Derrick 4, N. Combes 5, H. Knight 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 5th.

## NOTICE.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.**—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Bolton Police invitation to all ringers to their Athletic Grounds, August 22nd. Usual arrangements for tea. Forward names to me not later than 20th inst.—Peter Crook, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
PRESTON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Preston Branch, which was held at Higher Walton on Saturday, August 1st, was very successful, members being present from Brindle, Chorley, Eccleston, Leyland, Preston, Penwortham, and the local band, in addition to one member of the Wigan Branch, and Mr. R. L. Ince, of Farnon, near Chester, an old branch member, who was heartily welcomed by the members, and who got good practice, of which he has had very little recently, in Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

At the business meeting the chair was occupied by Mr. E. R. Martin (Ringing Master) and the secretary gave a report of the year's working of the branch. He said there had been eleven meetings held by the branch, including a joint meeting with the Furness Branch, at Lancaster, with an average attendance of 27 members. The meeting at Brownedge was the first to be held there by the association, and they were heartily welcomed by the Rector and ringers, of whom four have become members of the association. Many of the members he considered were more advanced than they were twelve months ago, as, although the number of branch peals was less, the number of members ringing their first peal, and first in a method, was well up to the average, 29 members having rung in the different peals, amongst them being the first lady ringer to ring a peal for the branch, Miss May Clayton, of Houghton. The peals rung were as follows: One Cambridge Minor at Brindle, the first by the branch, and rung by the local band; two of Grandsire Triples (one at Chorley, and one at Houghton by the local band, this being the first by locals since 1893); two of Kent Treble Bob Major (one at Samlesbury, rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Vicar of Samlesbury, who was an honorary life member, and one at Houghton); also a peal of Minor in three methods at Eccleston. Entrance fees, subscriptions and sale of diagrams had brought in £7 10s. up to date. They had elected eleven new members, including one honorary. He was sorry to say they had lost two life members by death, one the Rev. T. W. Broadhead, of Samlesbury, who died whilst on a journey to Blackburn, and Mr. Henry Robinson, of Walton-le-Dale, who died whilst attending to his duties as sexton. Mr. Robinson was their oldest member, and had been a service ringer 63 years. They had also lost two or three other members, who had gone to reside in other districts, one of whom, Mr. S. Robinson, was now an active member of the Yorkshire Association, as proved by his peal ringing on tower and handbells. The fourth annual social at Preston was quite up to the previous ones, as far as the social side was concerned, although it was not an entire success financially, and it gave the Preston members pleasure to know that their efforts were appreciated. At the February meeting a gift of great interest to ringers generally, and especially to the Preston ringers, was made on behalf of Mr. T. Russam, of Birmingham. The gift consisted of a print of the Preston Parish Church, as it was in 1821, and two peal records of peals that were rung there in 1831 and 1837. The gift was greatly appreciated not only by the ringers, but by the Vicar and wardens.

The election of branch officers then took place, the secretary and Ringing Master being re-elected, and Mr. W. Sharples was elected on the committee in place of Mr. J. T. Miller. The present acting members of the association were nominated for the respective positions of vice-president, ringing secretary and auditors.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local men for having all in readiness, and arranging teas; also to the chairman for presiding.

The tower was again visited, when good practice was had in Cambridge Surprise, a method which should be rung at most of the future meetings.

## 5,120 REAL SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR

By A. J. PITMAN.

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Repeat either of above four times. If preferred, the calling of the parts may be interchanged. There are hobs at both ends, and the calling is shown by the half leads, treble behind and at lead.

2-3 Tenor W (treble at lead) and 5th's (from treble behind): 4 Tenor before; 5-6 Tenor In (from treble behind) and In (treble at lead); 2 Wrong; 6 In.

First rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry on May 30th by the Midland Counties Association, conducted by E. Morris. Contains 240 7-8's, and is in short courses throughout.

## WILLIAM RAYNER, OF ARRETON. FAMOUS RINGER'S TOMB RESTORED.

Skilled in the mystery of the pleasing peal  
Which few can know, and fewer still reveal,  
Whether with little bells or bells 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.

This quaint inscription, in metal let into the face of the stone, appears on the tomb of William Rayner, at Arreton, Isle of Wight, who was a leading ringer in the Island, and who died just a hundred years ago. The tomb has been restored as a result of the efforts of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, whose interest in the matter was awakened by the 're-discovery' of the tomb by Mr. W. H. Fussell and a visit paid to it by a party of College Youths, who rang handbells over the grave.

The completion of the restoration was marked by a special meeting of the Winchester Guild at Arreton on July 25th.

The service was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president), other clergy present being the Rev. H. C. Stokes (Sandown) and the Rev. J. C. Orr (Whitwell). The Guild form of service was used, the first part, with the address, being in the church, and the closing prayers and blessing at the tomb. The service concluded with a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, by H. Barton 1-2, Dr. J. B. Williamson 3-4, G. Williams 5-6, A. R. Ward 7-8. Altogether it was a very impressive scene, with the old Norman church set in the midst of the downs, and the whole bathed in brilliant sunshine.

As the tower was under repair, the old ring of five bells could not be rung, to the regret of all, but during the morning a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Carisbrooke, which has been recorded elsewhere.

It is of interest to note that Rayner rang a peal of Grandsire Triples in this tower 150 years ago, and the old peal tablets in the belfry are well worth seeing.

Members attending the service included Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (gen. secretary), Mr. F. W. Rogers and Mr. W. Upton (Portsmouth and Isle of Wight district secretaries), and ringers from Arreton, Chale, Milford-on-Sea, Newport, North Stoneham, Portsea, Portsmouth, Ryde, Southampton, Ventnor, Whitwell, Winchester and Yaverland. Mrs. A. E. Locke, of Abingdon, Berks, was a very welcome visitor.

During the evening, Ryde bells were available for ringing, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were enjoyed on this fine ring.

Visitors to the Island may inspect the very interesting peal and record books of William Rayner, which are kept in Newport belfry, on application being made to Mr. W. Upton, the popular district secretary of the Isle of Wight district.

One can easily imagine Rayner, who was a turner by trade, with his mate, the local artificer in iron, tinkering about with the bells and their fittings when it was necessary and the 'go' was not all that could be desired. The parson of those days was probably too busy with his fox hunting pursuits ever to want to listen to anything connected with the bells, which were out of sight, and the belfry staircase too full of dirt and cobwebs for him ever to be induced the ascend. And thus Rayner would have been left to his own devices to keep the bells going, while at the same time he visited other churches to spread the art of change ringing. We of the present day are unquestionably indebted to men of the Rayner type, who kept things going in those dark ages, because their influence lived for years in the respective neighbourhoods in which they operated, and is in fact felt at the present time.

## BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at Ilminster on Saturday. Drayton, Curry Rivel, Langport, Ilminster and Martock towers were represented, and Mr. Pemberton, of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and Mr. Lane (Doulting) were welcome visitors. The president (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock) conducted the service.

The meeting, which followed tea, was presided over by the vice-president (the Rev. A. Rhys James, Vicar of Drayton).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Kingsbury Episcopi.

The Vice-President thanked Mr. D. G. Taylor for his generosity in providing such an excellent tea. They all knew, he said, how keen Mr. Taylor was to do anything he could to help on the art of change ringing. He also proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Ilminster for the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. Fowler Sharp for his services at the organ.

Some good touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round after the meeting.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD. MORE DISTRICT MEETINGS WANTED.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Diss on Bank Holiday. The ring of eight bells at Diss, and also the ring of eight at Palgrave were placed at the disposal of the members. The luncheon took place at the King's Head Hotel, the Rector of Diss (the Rev. Ralph L. Whytehead) presiding, supported by the following members of the committee: The Rev. W. O. Pearson (vice-president), Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary), Mr. William Ireland (district secretary for Diss), and also Dr. Arthur L. Vaughan, and representatives from Diss, Henley, Norwich, Palgrave, Thornham Magna, etc.

The toast of 'The King' was proposed by the chairman, and duly honoured.

At the business meeting which followed, the secretary announced that apologies for non-attendance had been received from the president (the Dean of Norwich), the Rev. R. M. Downton, Messrs. G. P. Burton, C. E. Borrett, F. S. Wilson and F. R. Borrett.

Mr. J. A. Herbert was elected a life member (non-resident), and Messrs. E. J. Barton and P. N. Barton, of Buxton, were elected performing members.

Mr. A. L. Coleman (secretary) brought before the meeting the secretary of the Central Council's letter to the 'Ringing World,' with reference to the Standing Committee's appeal to the Bishop of Coventry to stay the melting down of the Coventry bells, and said he thought the action that the Standing Committee had taken should have the support of the meeting, but before moving a motion he would read Mr. E. Alexander Young's letter, which appeared in the 'Ringing-World' of July 31st. In support of that letter he moved the following motion, 'That this general meeting of the Norfolk Guild held at Diss, August 3rd, 1925, endorses the action of the Standing Committee of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers in approaching the Bishop of Coventry with the view to staying the melting down of the ring of ten bells of the Church of St. Michael's, Coventry, and that the motion be forwarded to the Rev. H. Holland, M.A., St. Michael's, Coventry.'—The Rev. W. C. Pearson seconded the motion, which, on being put before the meeting by the chairman, was carried nem. con.

Mr. Coleman (secretary) said that he had received a letter from Mr. F. R. Borrett with reference to the cost and size of the annual report, and suggestions for the consideration of the committee, and for discussion by the members at the Diss meeting. The secretary suggested a small committee be appointed to deal with the matter.—The Rev. W. C. Pearson moved, and Mr. J. F. Duffield seconded, 'That Messrs. C. E. Borrett, F. R. Borrett, G. P. Burton, and the secretary, be appointed the committee,' and this was agreed to.

Mr. J. F. Duffield opened a discussion on the need for more district meetings, and moved that the meeting instruct the general secretary to write to the district secretaries with the view of organising district meetings on Saturday afternoons.—Mr. A. L. Coleman said that he fully agreed with what Mr. Duffield had said on the need of holding more district meetings, and thought that if the members in their respective districts rallied round their district secretaries, there should be no difficulty for each of the eleven districts to hold at least one meeting during the summer months. He thought there was no need to pass a motion, but would write to the district secretaries on the subject of district meetings.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. L. Whytehead for presiding, and for the use of his bells, and also to the Rev. B. M. Downton for the use of the ring of eight bells at Palgrave.

The meeting then closed, and the members adjourned to the belfries of Diss and Palgrave for more ringing until the evening.

## RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday, August 1st, at St. Mary's Church, Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, Mr. William Wheeldon, son of the leader of the tower, was married to Miss Floria Simcoe, of All Saints', Hanley, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. G. T. Birch (Rector). Before the service 720 Violet Treble Bob was rung, and afterwards 360 Bob Minor. The bells were also 'fired.'

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeldon, senr., the ringers afterwards adjourned to No. 47, High Street, as guests at the wedding breakfast, and best wishes were extended to the bride and bridegroom for their future happiness. The ringers afterwards returned to the tower to give the happy couple a hearty send-off on their honeymoon by ringing 720 College Pleasure. The honeymoon was spent at Blackpool.

## BIRTHDAY BELLS.

To celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. W. States, who has been a ringer at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Croydon, for 52 years, a touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung for evening service on Sunday, August 9th: W. States 1, J. Rimple, senr., 2, H. J. Skelt 3, J. Talbot 4, H. G. Pratt 5, J. Cooper 6, A. W. Clark (conductor) 7, J. Cawley 8.



## NOTICES.

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PRELIMINARY NOTICE.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon will be held at Leeds on Saturday, September 19th.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on August 20th, \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th (6 p.m.) and 25th, Southwark Cathedral on the 18th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting, tea and social will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, August 15th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Bells of Holy Trinity Church will also be available. Tea (1s. 6d.) 5 p.m., meeting and social following. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this District will be held at St. Michael's Church, East Peckham, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service (by kind invitation of the Vicar) at the Vicarage, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dartmouth on Saturday, August 15th. Bells (8 and 6) available 3 p.m. Short service at 4 p.m. Tea, etc., to follow.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, August 15th. Bells at 2.30, tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Berkswell on Saturday, August 15th. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—South District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday, August 15th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Business after. Everyone invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, S.W. 3.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Aldenharn, Saturday, August 15th. Ringing 3.30. Tea (1/3) 5.30. Meeting after.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenharn Road, Bushey, Herts.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. each, to those who notify Mr. J. Steel, Escrick, near York, not later than August 19th. Further details on circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. 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.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, at Thorpe-le-Soken. Short service at 4.30 p.m. At 5.15 tea will be provided on the Vicarage lawn, by kind invitation of the Vicar. All members wishing to be present will they please notify me by Monday, August 17th, latest?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Iretton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Hughenden on Saturday, August 22nd, at 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at 9d. per head, only for those who notify me not later than Monday, August 17th.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Will all requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, August 19th?—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Consett on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available after 3 p.m. Tea to those who notify me by Wednesday, 19th. A good company desired.—H. Tyson, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A hearty welcome to all.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Sellenge on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, 18th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.



**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery.—A meeting will be held at Dinder, Nr. Wells, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells afternoon and evening. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting follow.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Sec., 14, Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Practice meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Tuesday, August 25th. Bells from 7.30 to 9.30. All members and friends cordially invited. Next Saturday meeting on September 12th, at Willesden.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 18th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, August 29th. Ringing from 2.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. The committee ask all members to attend to discuss important business concerning the Association. Will all members whose subscriptions are in arrears please oblige at this meeting to enable me to make a correct report for 1925?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

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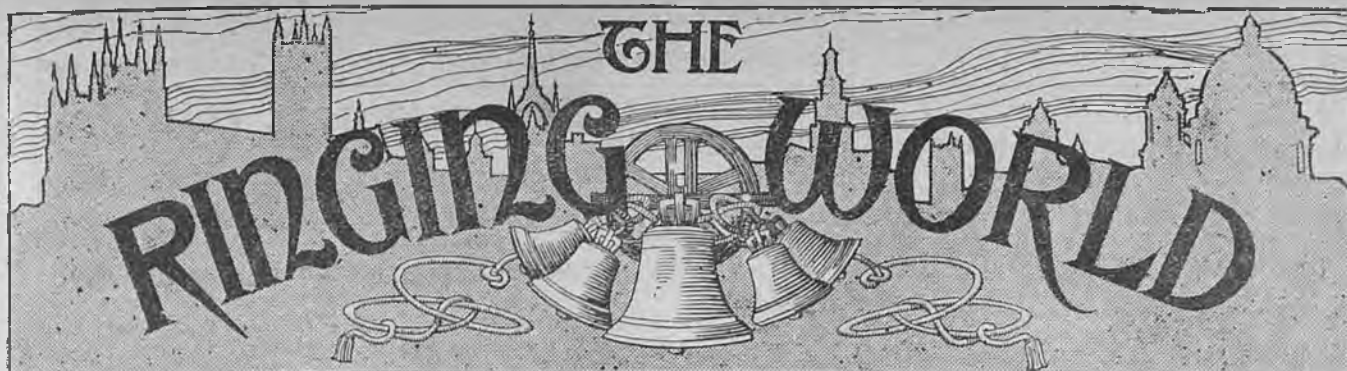
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### THE HISTORY OF RINGING.

In his 'Notes by the Way' this week, Mr. J. A. Trollope discusses the question of compiling a history of ringing, and suggests the steps by which this might be accomplished. This is a matter which we have several times advocated in this column, for the Exercise at present has its records scattered here, there, and everywhere, and there is no sort of connected history of the art in existence. To the ringer of to-day and of the future, the story of the past should make a deep appeal; those who have taken the trouble to study the evolution of the art during the two and a half centuries which have passed since Fabian Stedman launched his 'Tintinologia,' are already well aware of the vast interest which enwraps those early days, particularly the eighteenth century, when men strove with perseverance for years to accomplish those things which to-day are looked upon almost as elementary performances, although, let us not forget that they achieved some things which would have been acknowledged great even in these days. In ringing, as in all other things, present knowledge is built up largely on the successes and failures of the past, but with the progress of time we shall, unless steps are taken to prevent it, lose sight of much which is of value from the historical standpoint.

Bells and ringing form a vast subject, or series of subjects. Their story covers not merely centuries of time, but a variety of material that would require many volumes to treat in even a general way, and no history, if it is to be within reach of ordinary readers, could touch upon any but the most important details. The selection of material, however, could not be satisfactorily accomplished without the historian having before him all available information, and Mr. Trollope suggests the steps by which, in course of time, the desired end might be reached. The task would, inevitably, be a long and laborious one, and the difficulty is to find the man, first of all with sufficient time and interest, and also with the necessary literary ability, to write, in the end, that history of ringing which so many desire to see compiled. It is hardly a task for a committee, although the backing of the Central Council would be valuable. Indeed, the financial aspect of such an undertaking would make it essential that the person who shouldered the work should not have to risk a serious monetary loss. But this ultimate publication is a matter which the future can settle. The immediate task is the collection of information, and in this, we believe, those who undertook the responsibility would receive ready help from ringers all over the country. We hope that Mr. Trollope's ideas will be matured: he occupies a position in connection with the Central Council which will enable him to put the subject forward in the right quarter, and to get the assistance of the people best able to help.

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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

This composition is now rung for the first time. \* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 100th twelve-bell peal. ‡ 850th peal.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, August 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8043 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. Treble | * J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 6  |
| * GEORGE WEST ... .. 2       | NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 7   |
| FREDERICK S. PRICE ... .. 3  | * LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 8    |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4       | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 9     |
| JOHN C. DICKEN ... .. 5      | JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal was arranged for Mr. W. Rogers, who hails from Northampton. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. C. GobeY.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes.*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

**A PEAL OF LEICESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30½ cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| * WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. Treble | KEDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6      |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2        | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7          |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 3    | * JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 8     |
| * E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 4    | HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 9        |
| * SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5       | † FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First in the method. † First in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

*On Saturday, August 15th, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.*

AT THE BELLFOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Treble | E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6    |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2         | KEDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7    |
| HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 3       | JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 8     |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 4       | WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 9      |
| SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 5        | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal in the method. This is the first time two Surprise Royal peals have been rung by one band in one day.

GET YOUR  
RINGING  
FRIENDS  
TO SUPPORT

**THE RINGING  
WORLD**

BY  
TAKING  
A COPY  
EVERY  
WEEK



## STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. Treble | LESLIE BARRY ... .. 6          |
| ROBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2     | THOMAS PRICE ... .. 7          |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 3       | HARRY BARRETT ... .. 8         |
| FRANK WAITE ... .. 4         | JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 9        |
| GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5      | CHARLES BARNFIELD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 5, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Leonard.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALFRED J. TORNER ... .. Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5     |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 2       | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 3      | JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 7     |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 4         | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. Treble    | *ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6 |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3      | WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 7  |
| *MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 4 | HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method.

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM HART ... .. Treble   | ERNEST GOWER ... .. 5     |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... .. 2     | GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 3    | BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 7   |
| ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... .. 4 | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

## OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Oswald.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| THOMAS MARSHALL ... .. Treble | HARRY JARMAN ... .. 5           |
| WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 2  | RICHARD EDWARDS ... .. 6        |
| EDWARD JONES ... .. 3         | ROBERT T. EVANS ... .. 7        |
| REGINALD KYNASTON ... .. 4    | E. HARVEY KYNASTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT T. EVANS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harry Jarman.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. Treble | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2          | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 3          | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7       |
| JOHN HAYES ... .. 4               | JOHN F. SHARP ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER, SEN.

## CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

A. KNIGHT'S No. 196 reversed.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN BROWN ... .. Treble   | JAMES W. GROUNDS ... .. 5   |
| *MISS MAY CLAYTON ... .. 2 | JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 6   |
| FRED RIGBY ... .. 3        | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 4 | WILLIAM FOWLER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

\* First peal by a lady ringer on these bells. The ringer of the 8th has now rung all these bells through a peal. This peal was arranged for and rung on the festival of St. Lawrence the Patron Saint.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, August 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

At the Church of St. Giles.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Treble | BERT HORTON ... .. 5          |
| BERT H. POUNTNEY ... .. 2      | THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 6      |
| SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 3          | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7 |
| JOHN T. DAVIES ... .. 4        | SAMUEL SHARRATT ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. F. W. Butler, of Somerford, Willenhall, wife of a past warden of St. Giles.

## CHERITON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES TURNER ... .. Treble | WALTER FARLEY ... .. 5         |
| STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 2    | CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... .. 6    |
| THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 3      | CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... .. 7 |
| RICHARD H. STEVENS ... .. 4  | FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.

Arranged for Mr. T. E. Sone, of Paddock Wood.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *FRANK CORKE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5      |
| CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 2 | WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 6   |
| J. WILLIAM FRIDIN ... .. 3 | HENRY A. FOLKARD ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 4 | JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. WELLING.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung to welcome the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. James) back to his parish, after a long illness. Also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. R. Mackman and W. C. Parker, they having attained their 50th and 60th year, respectively.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| J. ARTHUR ORGILL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM POYSER ... .. 5  |
| CYRIL J. JENNINGS ... .. 2     | JACK BAILEY ... .. 6     |
| ALFRED MOULD ... .. 3          | JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 7    |
| HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 4        | JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JAMES PAGETT.

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by all the band. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of William Lewis Phipps, late vergier of St. Peter's Church.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| *RICHARD A. JENKINS ... Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5           |
| HERBERT HOLDEN ... 2           | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6        |
| ALFRED G. HILL ... 3           | FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... 7  |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 4       | C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in G.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | PERCIVAL A. ALDSHAM ... 5 |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... 2              | GEORGE P. GARNER ... 6    |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3       | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 7   |
| WILLIAM COPE ... 4              | CHARLES H. WEBB ... Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble | EDWARD JENKINS ... 5      |
| *WILLIAM E. CLARK ... 2      | THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 6   |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... 3          | TITUS BARLOW ... 7        |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... 4          | ALLAN F. BAILEY ... Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise.

## PULHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble | CHAS. CUTTING ... 5     |
| *ALBERT C. AUSTIN ... 2      | WILLIAM RUMSEY ... 6    |
| FREDERICK ROOPE ... 3        | LESLIE WIGHTMAN ... 7   |
| †ALPHEUS BERRY ... 4         | ERNEST GRIMES ... Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

\* First in the method. † First of new Cambridge.

## ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *ARTHUR J. LLEWELLYN ... Treble | WALTER T. BENNETT ... 5  |
| JOHN CLARK ... 2                | ALFRED T. POULTON ... 6  |
| EX.-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 3      | ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 7  |
| WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 4         | WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. POSTON.

\* First peal of Major.

## HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                           |                         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... Treble | THOMAS C. LARKEY ... 5  |
| JOHN ALLEN ... 2          | ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 6    |
| GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3    | JAMES MARTIN ... 7      |
| *JAMES GARDNER ... 4      | EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First peal in the method away from treble.

The following peals were rung during the Somerset tour:—

## BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble   | GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5      |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2        | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6    |
| JOHN A. COLE ... 3            | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 7       |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 4 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal of London on the bells.

## SHERBORNE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 46 cwt. 1 qr. (note unknown).

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5      |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2       | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6 |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 3       | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7       |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4      | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor  |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was of particular interest to Major Hesse, on account of his having been educated at Sherborne School, as also were his father, his uncle and his son.

## WELLS, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 57 cwt. 3 qr. in B.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble | *OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 5       |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 2       | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 6     |
| JOHN A. COLE ... 3          | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7      |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4      | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |
|                             | WM. T. BEESON, JUN.          |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This is the heaviest octave on which a peal of Stedman Triples has been rung. \* 300th peal. This is the 200th peal Messrs. Pulling and Steere have rung together.

The company wish to take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the Very Rev. the Dean of Wells and his wife, Mrs. Robinson, who very kindly entertained the band, with their wives and friends, to tea before the peal.

## DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble   | JOHN A. COLE ... 5          |
| WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 2 | *GEORGE W. STEERE ... 6     |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 3         | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7       |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 4      | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

† 100th peal of Surprise. \* 100th tower bell peal. First peal in the method for the association.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5 |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... 2       | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6      |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3       | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7      |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4      | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor   |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

## BURNHAM-ON-SEA, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5 |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2      | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6       |
| GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3     | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7      |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4         | ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor   |

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

## BRIDGWATER, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb. in D.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON ... .. 5   |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2       | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 6      |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3          | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7      |
| CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 4       | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* 100th peal. Rung in 85 different towers. First peal in the method on the bells.

## WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES HUNT ... .. Treble  | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 5     |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 2 | GEORGE W. STERRE ... 6       |
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3   | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 7      |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 4  | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## COTTON, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of St. Simon's, ten of Old Doubles and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| GEORGE BAKER ... .. Treble     | ALPHRED J. BERRY ... .. 3 |
| BERT CHILVERS ... .. 2         | ARTHUR BLAXALL ... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM STEGGALLS ... .. Tenor |                           |

Conducted by WILLIAM STEGGALLS.

First peal upon these bells. Also the first peal of Doubles by Bert Chilvers, to whom great credit is due, as he has to ring his bell with his left hand only. The treble, 2nd and 4th men belong to the local band; the 3rd Thornham Magna, and the tenor hails from Dickleburgh.

## BARLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALBERT HOWARD ... .. Treble | WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4     |
| WALTER F. SERMONS ... 2     | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5     |
| WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3    | ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William A. Tack on his coming of age. The ringer of the 5th hails from Great Shelford, Cambridge.

## WESTON, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *JOSEPH STAGG ... .. Treble | JESSE HALLETT ... .. 4      |
| *JOHN LYE ... .. 2          | WILLIAM H. CROCKER ... 5    |
| MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3    | *GEORGE BREWER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CROCKER.

\* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

## YARDLEY HASTINGS, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Single Oxford Bob and Bob Minor. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JAMES WARD ... .. Treble | *JOHN KING ... .. 4           |
| AMOS SMART ... .. 2       | *HARRY PETTIT ... .. 5        |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 3     | REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

\* First peal of Minor. † First with working bell. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to an excellent meat tea by Mr. Harry Pettit, to whom thanks are due.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. D. JOHNSON, 'THE FERNS,'

PERSEORE ROAD,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MISS NELLY JOHNSON ... 1-2    | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 5-6 |
| JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3-4      | JOHN HALL ... .. 7-8      |
| FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10 |                           |

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

Witnesses: MRS. J. HALL and MRS. J. D. JOHNSON.

Rung as a farewell peal to Miss Johnson, who is leaving the district for Hereford.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT 3, WINCHESTER AVENUE, LEICESTER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

|                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... 1-2    | WILLIAM WILLSON ... 5-6 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3-4   | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7-8   |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9-10 |                         |

Composed by WM. WILLSON. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Umpire: MR. J. MORRIS.

Arranged as a compliment to the composer on his birthday.

## BRADPOLE RINGER DROWNED.

Quite a gloom was cast over the Dorset village of Bradpole, near Bridport, a fortnight ago by the accidental drowning of one of its parishioners. A party of youths went bathing at West Bay on Friday afternoon, August 7th. At a spot known as 'Table Rock,' two of them got into difficulties. One—a lad, named Knight—was courageously rescued by a sea scout, but another, Eric Foote, aged 18, was unfortunately carried away and drowned, and the body was not recovered till some three hours later.

Eric Foote had always identified himself with Bradpole Church, first as a chorister, and later as a bell ringer, being, in the latter capacity, a most regular attendant.

The funeral took place on Monday week, amid signs of much sympathy with the relatives.

The body was borne to the grave by four local ringers, Messrs. Chester, Clarke, Elsworth and Swaffield, while in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples were rung, with the bells half-muffled by the following band: C. Clarke 1, T. Hervey Beams (conductor) 2, A. A. Hughes 3, J. Zealley 4, W. D. Smith 5, P. Hayden Beams 6, F. Bugler 7, W. S. B. Northover 8.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE HISTORY OF CHANGE RINGING.—WANTED, AN HISTORIAN.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

One of the best things about change ringing is its many-sidedness, and the number of different ways in which it can interest different sorts of people. You can be a peal ringer, and pile up your three or four hundred peals in a dozen or so methods—you have only touched one part of the art. You can be an expert composer, and understand all the tricks of the trade—there are still further things to do. You may know all about the laws of method construction (though nobody does), and even then there are further things to interest you. There are matters of archaeology and history big enough to provide work for an industrious man's spare time for many years. Bell inscriptions and the history of bells themselves are not exactly a part of change ringing, and they require qualifications not to be found among ordinary ringers, such as knowledge of Latin, to say nothing of much spare time and money. But there is one thing that can be done, and that should be done; which is to collect a complete copy of the peal boards throughout the country. Complete, that is, within limits. Nobody wants to read all the peal boards, a large proportion is of no interest to anyone, and to copy them would be a stupendous task without any fitting reward. We can reduce the number to manageable size by ruling out any of later dates than 1880. Perhaps it would be advisable to fix the date still earlier. All those of the eighteenth century, of course, we must have, and, perhaps, the first half of the nineteenth century. For the rest you can include boards which record first performances, or peals of unusual interest, long peals, boards, which illustrate the history of famous ringers or famous bands, and a certain number of the boards with quaint features. Of course, a lot of the oldest and most interesting of the peal boards have been copied, and have been printed in different books, and from them we get a large proportion of what we know about the early history of ringing.

The Exercise owes more than it acknowledges to the labours of Mr. Jasper Snowden in this matter. When we consider that his ringing career was little more than ten years long, the amount he got into it is wonderful. Other people, too, have copied and printed peal boards, here a little and there a little, but the thing has never been done as a whole. This is a matter which might engage the attention of the Central Council. Unless an enthusiastic and able man with plenty of opportunities for getting about, will come forward and undertake the task, the best way would be to work through the territorial associations. First, each association should make a survey of its own county or diocese, and send in a return showing what peal boards they possessed, and a brief description of each. Later on, as desired, full particulars could be obtained. As each year passes, the old boards get more unreadable, the wooden ones get more decayed, and now and then one collapses through age, and, perhaps, is never repaired. These things do not happen in the bigger and well cared-for belfries, such as Mancroft, or St. Martin's, Birmingham, and such like. It is in out-of-the-way towers, where once there was a hand that for a time made ringing history, and which has since lapsed into obscurity; or in city churches, where there is no regular band, and no one to care for such things; or in towers where the bells are unringable, and where now no one goes; or in places where you ring on the ground floor, and some parson, with an itch for putting matters straight, objects to having such things in church, and so makes a clean sweep.

When the collection is complete—it would take many years—but when it is complete the Central Council should publish, not the lot, perhaps, but a big selection, and a very interesting book it would be. It would include the record of the first peals in the standard methods, the long lengths, and the accounts of quite a number of peals rung in methods which seem to have been utterly forgotten. For instance, there is a board at Maidstone recording a peal of Maidstone Bob Major Royals. Does anyone now know what Maidstone Bob Major Royals was?

Then you would have a number of curious and quaint boards, of which the following, which hangs in the belfry of St. Paul's, Hammersmith, is a good example.

C.R.

In Commemoration of the  
Glorious Victory of our  
GRACIOUS QUEEN CAROLINEover her vindictive and unrelenting enemies, the bells in this steeple  
was rung on the 10th, 11th, 13th and 14th of November, 1820.

By the following Persons,

viz.:

|               |     |        |                |     |     |       |
|---------------|-----|--------|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Wm. Hallett   | ... | Treble | Wm. Paris      | ... | ... | 2     |
| Cornelius Lea | ... | ...    | J. De Ville    | ... | ... | 4     |
| Wm. Sadler    | ... | ...    | Chas. Buckrell | ... | ... | 6     |
| Henry Begent  | ... | ...    | Bu. Spencer    | ... | ... | Tenor |

Samuel Whitlock, Assistant Ringer; Mr. James Gumme, Churchwarden. N.B.—Nine bottles of wine, the gift of Mr. J. Moody, was drunk here on the 13th in honour of the victory. The gilding, the gift of Mr. F. Wescombe, Plumber.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

A good many men at one time or another have stood drinks round, and a good many ringers have partaken thereof, but did anyone else ever record the fact in gold and vermilion, and in a church of all places?

This board has an historical interest, apart from ringing. The chief of the 'vindictive and unrelenting enemies' of Queen Caroline was none other than her husband, George IV., the reigning King of England. After some miserable and disgraceful years of married life he brought an action for divorce against her in the House of Lords. Apparently the lady was no better than she should have been, and the gentleman a good deal worse than he need have been, and the court found in her favour. The board gives a good idea of the popular opinion and the excitement the trial caused.

When we have got the complete copies of the peal boards one step will have been made toward that definitive history of change ringing, which one day will have to be written. A big step, but only one of the things that will have to be done. Another thing is to make a complete search through the files of the old newspapers, especially those of the eighteenth century.

This is a long and tedious job, but not quite so bad as it looks. Much has already been done. There is the collection made by that enthusiast, the late Mr. Samuel Slater, of Glemsford. Mr. Jerran, of Salisbury, has much material, and quite recently Mr. George Burton has discovered and published interesting items from the old Norwich papers. It will be remembered that he found the record of the first peal of Double Norwich Royal; a peal which was believed to have been rung, but of which all detailed account had been lost. I myself found by accident a reference to a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Norwich so long ago as December 28th, 1719. It was in a letter written to the 'Norwich Gazette' by Thomas Melchior, in reference to the first peal of Stedman Triples rung at Mancroft. No other account of the peal exists, and the memory of it has quite perished. When I read it at first, I thought it referred to the well-known peal of Garthson's, rung in 1718. It was only in after years that a comparison of the dates and such particulars as were available showed that it was a quite different peal.

Then there are the various MSS. preserved in public libraries, Mason's, at Downing College, Cambridge; Annable's and Osborne's, at the British Museum. I have long promised myself to take an opportunity of inspecting this latter, and finding out what it contains. Mr. Snowden printed several extracts, but whether there is anything further of interest I know not.

When we have got all this with the printed books that have come down to us, and such oral tradition as still survives, we shall have the materials ready for our history. Not the history itself, mark you. That has got to be something very much different from a mere collection of lifeless facts. Twos and twos have to be put together, and the old ringers made to live. For instance, there is the Norwich peal of Bob Triples of 1715, the first peal ever rung. We have the board with the usual details, the date, time, names of ringers, conductor, and the rest. Beyond this all accounts of the peal have perished. No figures have come down to us, and because they were lost, later ringers, such as Shipway, concluded rather contemptuously that the peal was false. We know better. By putting two and two together we can find out what sort of peal was rung, and we can be reasonably sure that it was true.

So with the men themselves. Many of them—nay, the great majority of them—are names, and nothing else. We know that James De Ville rang the fourth at Hammersmith in 1820. Who he was, what else he did, we neither know nor care. But some of the ancients can be made to live. There are enough touches here and there to build up a living picture of Ben Annable not very far from the truth. And what sort of man Fabian Stedman was is writ large in his book for all who have eyes to see.

Oh yes! The history of change ringing can be written. But where shall we find the historian?

## HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

## PRESTEIGN DISTRICT.

The summer quarterly meeting was held at Wigmore on Saturday, July 25th. Twenty-two members attended from six towers, representing five districts. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. Irving Watson), and tea was provided by members of the congregation.

The business meeting was held afterwards, presided over by the Vicar.—The District Secretary reported combined practices well attended, and one peal of Doubles rung, the first peal for three of the ringers.

Combined monthly practices were arranged, and the next quarterly meeting is to be held at Presteign in October.

The Vicar was elected as an honorary member, and the Wigmore band as probationers.—Votes of thanks were passed to all who had helped to make the meeting a success.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells concluded the meeting. This was much appreciated by all. Ringing was kept up till nearly nine o'clock in the following methods: Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, and Bob Minor.



**OXFORD GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of the 'Ringing World,' Mr. Hopgood states that you appear to be under some misapprehension by suggesting that your leader claimed that the Oxfordshire men had the dominating power in voting. I did not read it quite in the same light, and anyone who attended the annual festival at Oxford could cast their eyes round and see that the local district men were not there in any great strength to turn the vote of the meeting. I did not intend to enter into any discussion on the 'annual meeting venue,' but when I read that Mr. Hopgood suggests that our 'North Bucks Branch' was strongly represented, giving the number approximately at 55, I must, as secretary, tell him that we did not realise half that number, so he is considerably wide of the mark. We come, he states, because it suits us. Well, that I do not deny. Why shouldn't we, so long as we are members of the Guild? North Bucks has the same legitimate right to come to Oxford and vote for the festival to be held there, equally as much as the other side comes to vote to have it removed. We are not envious about it, and should the time come when South Bucks turns the vote so that the festival is moved from Oxford, there will be no turmoil from North Bucks. As to voting for Oxford we do it because we like it, and think it the proper place. Perhaps it may be thought that we are selfish. I fail to see it. We North Bucks members have to travel quite as far, and, might I suggest, further than a good many of our fellow-members. From the nearest point we do not get under 30 miles railway travel, and I should say we cannot be called selfish on that ground; it would suit us better were it nearer.

But why keep on stirring up the same old trouble? If there is a way to alter it, subject to the approval of the members throughout the Guild it should be done, but while the rule states, 'A place to be selected,' and that place is selected in a proper manner, and voted for on constitutional lines, there is nothing wrong with what is done, even though it may not suit all members. It is quite obvious, and I think my fellow-members of the Guild will agree, that neither North Bucks nor Oxfordshire can be directly accused of being strongly represented at the annual meeting to turn the vote. It would be better to suggest, I think, that the 'Oxford favourites' are well sprinkled throughout the Guild, a few here and a few there, who come and put their hands up, and so sure as Mr. Hopgood tries to win those 'selfish' ones over to his way of thinking, we in North Bucks shall try to hold Oxford.—Yours truly,

WALTER SEAR,

North Bucks Branch Secretary.

**DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Howes' letter in your last issue, in which he says that the calling of his peal, published July 24th, is distinct from peal No. 35 in the C.C. Collection, kindly allow me to point out there is no difference whatever, except that he commences with the 4th course of Mr. Lindoff's peal, and also moves the single.

It does not contain the full combinations of 4th, 5th, 6th, in 5—6, as two leads are cut out by the bob at 5 in each part (twelve leads altogether), when two of these bells are in that position.—Yours, etc.,

H. W. WILDE.

**WHERE ARE THEY?**

Dear Sir,—With reference to the controversy on Mr. Howes' peal of Double Norwich, and the remarks made by Mr. G. E. Symonds, that all these peals were composed years ago, will he kindly say where they are to be found? The Central Council Collections of Double Norwich are very antiquated; in fact, in this district they are termed 'cock-eyed,' and contain the extent of nothing. Any peals that are published in the 'Ringing World' now are as a whole really good peals, especially from a musical point of view. Conductors will sooner call these than those containing bad music. Should a false peal be published it is soon discovered (as Mr. Symonds will readily agree), but the C.C. Collection went for years without these discoveries being made. Some of the peals like those in that collection would never be published nowadays. Yours sincerely,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

**INVITATION RINGING AT AUDLEY, STAFFS.**

At Audley, Staffs, on Saturday, July 25th (St. James' Day), at the Parish Church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Doubles was unsuccessful, after ringing 2,270 changes: B. H. Pountney 1. W. T. Powell 2. S. H. Coley 3. C. Wallater 4. H. Knight 5. J. T. Davis 6. This was rung on the Patronal Festival, by the kind invitation of the Rev. W. Sykes (Vicar) and his sons, the Rev. David T. Sykes, M.A., curate of Willenhall, curate-elect, Sheffield Cathedral; the Rev. William D. Sykes, M.A., Vice-Principal, London College of Divinity; and the Rev. John N. Sykes, R.A., Principal, Chesterfield Residential School, Vancouver, B.C., this being his first visit to the Old Country since leaving 12 years ago. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Audley and his sons for the warm welcome and hospitality before the ringing; also Mrs. Sykes, who kindly provided refreshments afterwards.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Until the peal rung there last week, there had been no peal rung at Sherborne Abbey since September, 1912, when Mr. W. Pye's party rang Stedman Triples there, the peal being called by the late Mr. Bertram Prewett. Incidentally it was the 300th tower in which Mr. W. Pye had rung a peal, and during the same tour 'Bert' Prewett rung his 800th peal.

Mr. John Austin, whose services to ringing have been recognised by his friends by the presentation of a gold watch and chain, is a native of Burton-on-Trent. He began his ringing career at Winhill, rang his first peal in 1885, and joined St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, with whom he rang his first Surprise peals.

On going to Gloucester he helped to lift the St. Michael's Juniors to the top of the tree, and has been the mainstay of ringing in the western city ever since. As a conductor he has had few equals.

A peal was rung at St. Lawrence's Church, Chorley, Lancs, last week, in commemoration of the patronal festival. According to the history of the church, and documents in the British Museum, the skull of Saint Lawrence was brought from Normandy by Sir Rowland Staudish, of Duesbury, near Chorley, and was presented to the church by his brother James, in the year 1442. Since that time the church has been known as St. Lawrence's.

The second peal of Stedman Caters (the first having been rung at St. John's, Horsleydown, in the previous year by the College Youths) was rung by the Cumberland Youths at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on August 23rd, 1788. The Cumberlands peal book records that, on this date, 'the society rang a true peal of 5,184 Grandsire Caters on Stedman's principle in 3 hours 47 mins., being the second peal ever performed in that method.'

Some famous men of that day took part in the peal, which was composed and conducted by John Reeves. It was William Shipway's first peal with the society. George Gross, who composed and called many peals, including various record lengths of Treble Bob Royal, culminating in the 12,000, was one of the band, and the tenor was rung by Robert Mann, who also rang the tenor to the 10,200 Treble Ten in the year 1777.

August 26th is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples. On that date, in 1718, Garthorn's peal, the triumph of the age, was rung at Mancroft Church, Norwich.

Benjamin Annable conducted a peal of 5,040 Bob Major, at St. George's, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750.

A peal of 12,320 Treble Bob Major was rung in 7 hours 15 mins., at Otley, Yorks, on August 27th, 1814.

An interesting peal of nearly sixty years ago was that at Guisley, Yorks, on August 24th, 1868. It was a 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major by a band whose combined ages amounted to 553 years. The ringers were J. Hanson, Huddersfield, aged 78; J. Kendal, Otley, 73; C. Iles, Leeds, 74; W. Senior, Earlsheaton, 68; H. Hubbard (of Leeds, formerly of Norwich), 64; T. Dawson, Bradford, 62; I. Hingworth, Bradford, 66; W. Dumbleton, Pudsey, 68.

The time of the peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Painswick on August 1st was 3 hrs. 13 mins., not 3 hrs. 5 mins., as published. The peal of Stedman Caters at Rochester on the same day was Carter's No. 217, and not 127.

A prize of an artichoke has been sent to and duly acknowledged by a Sussex reader of the 'North Dorset Church Magazine,' for the solution of a problem, viz., the correct interpretation of the initials S. D. G. R. The successful competitor must have been a ringer, and we wonder if we should have to make two guesses at his identity? The competition was promoted by the Rector of Kington Magna, who is hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

## DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have no objection about making the point raised by Mr. Lindoff.

The Royal method discovered by the late Thomas Porter, of Norwich, has the prior right to the name of Double Norwich Royal, but if there is anything at all in mathematical progression (a weapon forged by my opponents to their own undoing, and which, perhaps, they are not so keen about since it has been turned against them), there is not a shadow of a doubt that I have now shown the correct extension of Double Court from Minor to Maximus inclusive, and it will now be for the Nomenclature Committee to find a name for the true extension, leaving the old name unaltered for Porter's Royal.

I notice that one of my 'opponents,' notwithstanding the harm done in the past by his arbitrary and false definitions, is still misleading us, and it will be well for me, once more, to point out to the Exercise that while Mr. Trollope's so-called 'constructional shunts' will explain some methods that have Bob Major lead heads, my formula that 'single moves' produce round blocks in the primary principles or the Treble Bob principle will explain any method, principle or system whatsoever.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

## HINTS ON 'SPLICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER. SECOND ARTICLE.

Having met with success in ringing two methods to a 720, attention can be directed to the remaining members of the group. Let us, therefore, sort out the work of London Scholars' Pleasure (No. 7, page 9). Here we find a method, similar to Kingston, with the exception of the middle work below treble, i.e., the work of the bells passing treble 2-3 and 4-5 down. The 2-3 bell, after leading, makes 4th's, dodges 3-4 down, makes 3rd's, and goes up; whilst the 4-5 bell does the opposite, viz., 3rd's, dodge 3-4 down, 4th's, and to lead. A point to remember is to make the far place first, and finish with the near place.

Our next method is Sandal (No. 2, page 8). This will require a little thought spent on it. Its work may be said to be London Scholars' Pleasure transposed, the middle work being transferred to the front, and the front work going to the middle. Let me explain. In the previous method, we have, when treble is up behind, one pair of bells triple dodging on the front, and another pair doing the middle work. The corresponding position in the method under review gives us the opposite, the triple dodge being done in 3-4, and the other work being done in front. For the time being, examine the slow work, and work of the 3-4 bell first. After dodging with treble in 3-4 down, it leads full, snaps, and makes second's place, and is equal to far place, dodge, near place, afterwards remaining 'in slow.' The 1-2 down bell, after snapping with treble, leads, makes second's place, leads, again makes second's place (this is the equivalent to a far place), snaps and leads full (the near place), then to treble in 3-4 up. Simultaneously, the bells passing treble 2-3 and 4-5 down, are triple dodging in 3-4.

In our notebook we shall record the methods as follows:—

**LONDON SCHOLARS' PLEASURE.** Work up, as in Oxford.  
 Pass Treble 1-2 down. Work, as in Kingston.  
 Pass Treble 2-3 down. Lead, 4th's, dodge 3-4, 3rd's and out.  
 Pass Treble 3-4 down. Work, as in Kingston.  
 Pass Treble 4-5 down. 3rd's, dodge 3-4, 4th's, lead and out.  
 Pass Treble 5-6 down. 5th's, as in Kingston.  
**SANDAL.** Work up, as in Oxford.  
 Pass Treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, lead, 2nd's, snap, lead and out.  
 Pass Treble 2-3 down. Triple dodge in 3-4, after leading.  
 Pass Treble 3-4 down. Lead, snap, 2nd's, remain in slow.  
 Pass Treble 4-5 down. Triple dodge in 3-4, lead and out.  
 Pass Treble 5-6 down. 5th's and dodge treble 5-6 up.

The last method in this group is Overton, No. 26, the figures for which are reproduced herewith. It was discovered by Mr. E. H. Lewis, after the present Collection had been published. It is the tit-bit of the group, and contains very interesting work. Up to now, all the work dealt with has been straightforward dodging and place making with the bells the right way, i.e., hand and back. In Overton, we have place making with the bells wrong, i.e., back and hand, which has a tendency to upset some ringers. If, however, strict counting of places is maintained, this difficulty will be overcome.

Overton.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

1 2 4 3 5 6

2 1 3 4 6 5

2 3 1 6 4 5

3 2 6 1 5 4

3 2 1 6 4 5

2 3 6 1 5 4

2 6 3 5 1 4

6 2 3 5 4 1

2 6 5 3 1 4

2 6 3 5 4 1

6 2 5 3 4 1

2 6 3 5 1 4

6 2 5 3 4 1

2 6 5 3 1 4

6 5 2 1 3 4

5 6 1 2 4 3

5 6 2 1 3 4

6 5 1 2 4 3

6 1 5 4 2 3

1 6 4 5 3 2

6 1 4 5 2 3

1 6 5 4 3 2

1 5 6 3 4 2

Bob 5 6 4 2 3

the slow.

Having memorised the slow work, you can tackle the middle work, which is that of the bells passing treble 2-3 and 4-5 down. Taking the 2-3 bell first (this reminds me of army days, I felt like saying between the forefinger and thumb; however, to be serious, if one will only learn by easy stages, or numbers if you like, the work will be more readily remembered), in this case the 3rd, trace her path to lead, up to third's (note it is near place first this time), double dodge 3-4, fourth's (far place last), and pass the treble 4-5 up. There is a bell doing the opposite work, and as in the case of the other three methods it is the 4-5 bell. Bear in mind which place is made first, viz., fourth's, double dodge 3-4, third's and to lead. There is only one more position left, which is fifth's below treble, and this which needs no explanation. The bob work is the same as for the rest of the group.

The record in our notebook will be as follows:—

OVERTON.

Work up, as in Oxford.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, lead, half-2nd's, lead, 2nd's, half lead and out.

Pass treble 3-4 down. Half lead, 2nd's, lead, half-2nd's, stay in slow.

Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, 3rd's, double dodge 3-4, 4th's and out.

Pass treble 4-5 down. 4th's, double dodge 3-4, 3rd's, lead and out.

Pass treble 5-6 down. 5th's.

Naturally, after mastering these methods, it will be desired to ring a 720 in five methods. In each of the groups to be considered, there is an ugly duckling. The 'odd' method in the group under review requires care in introduction, otherwise a true extent cannot be rung, although the other four methods, which produce exactly the same changes, lead for lead, can be introduced at any treble lead. As already stated, Oxford is the 'odd' method of this group, and the rule holds for the 720 in five methods, as for the one in two methods, the odd method need not be introduced more than once. After much practice, we have considered that the best place for it is between the last bob of the first part and the first bob of the second part, the remaining methods being changed at will. In the figures given for this extent, tenor without the 5th is the observation.

A SPLICED 720.

2 3 4 5 6 Overton

5 6 3 4 2

4 2 6 3 5

3 5 2 6 4

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2 3 4 5 6

Oxford

Sandal

London Scholars'

Kingston

Although I have put the names of methods against the leads, it does not follow that Overton, Sandal, London Scholars' and Kingston must be changed exactly at that position, and they are only shown for guidance. Oxford, however, must be the five leads of the course shown in brackets, or between the last bob of the 2nd part and the first of the 3rd part, or the extent may be commenced with Oxford up to the first bob, and finished with it, changing immediately after the last bob. Further variety may be added by introducing Oxford at all the positions mentioned, and the other methods every other lead end. This will be found good practice, but for peal ringing it will be advisable to use them as indicated in the figures given.

Having accomplished so much, it may be desired to have a shot for a peal. To make a seven method peal of it, I would suggest adding Burton (No. 4), which is Oxford up, and work down that can soon be memorised, and Kent (No. 13). Although these two will not splice and will not be used again, no harm will come of their introduction, it being good practice for the learning and retention of the methods to come.

The following will be found a suitable order for the seven extents: Burton, Overton, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston, Oxford and Kent—a good stepping-stone to higher things.

In the next article, I shall deal with another group, in which our old, but irregular, friend Woodbine plays no small part.

### RAILWAY TRAVELLING FACILITIES. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION.

The following letter from the hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association has been forwarded to the Divisional Superintendent of the Great Western Railway, making formal application for cheap travelling facilities for ringers:—

Dear Sir,—I now send you compilation of facts re travelling of church bell ringers. In doing so I earnestly appeal to you to recommend our application when forwarding to Clearing House.

This association has been established nearly 50 years. Our area extends from Bristol to Swindon, Cirencester to Cotswold Hills, Cheltenham, Tewkesbury, Forest of Dean and Lydney.

We have a membership of 850.

At our meetings we usually get about 12 per cent. This is due to the fact that only parties of twelve are granted pleasure party tickets. In most of our churches we have only peals of six bells, and even five in some. This means that these bands of ringers are not given the opportunity to attend our conferences unless they obtain the necessary extra persons (who are usually disinterested) to make up to twelve.

There are about 50 ringing societies in England, and an approximate number of ringers concerned would be 40,000.

Every week there is an opportunity of ringers visiting neighbouring villages or towns to ring, but unfortunately cheap travelling facilities have not been instituted except to a few of the places concerned, and so many opportunities to ring have had to be turned down.

I understand that the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association have made a similar application to you, and that other societies in England are also applying to their district superintendent to place their case before the Clearing House.

### FACTS.

We hold a large annual meeting every year, at about Eastertide, average 100. We hold a large dinner in Bristol on the second Saturday in January, average 130.

These gatherings are of ringers from all over Gloucestershire, Somersetshire and Wiltshire, whilst others travel from even longer distances.

This association has ten branches, and they hold an average of six meetings a year, making the total sixty.

Experienced members arrange party trips, and I give herewith the particulars of one individual arranged this year. There are many doing this.

First trip: Minehead, party of 20; Chewton Mendip, 14; Milborne Port, 20; Dorchester, 10.

Second trip: Minehead, 5; London, 4; Birmingham, 5.

By another: Wrington, 10; Newport, 9; Corston, 8; Corston, 6; Corston, 6; Chester, 3; Reading, 5.

Numbers would be largely increased if consideration could be given to ringers in respect to travelling.

### FROM AN ORGANISATION POINT.

Owing to the fact that ringers are drawn from all villages, and the fact that there are usually less than twelve attached to local guilds, we have observed with great regret that the tendency has been, and is persisting, to arrange charabanc conveyance, two village guilds arranging to go together, and fill, perhaps, a 14-seater.

Now, we regard this as being against the interest of ringing associations, from the standpoint that there is a restriction upon the number. In the case of trains there would be no restriction, and on the day in question, perhaps, an extra one or two could travel to the meeting quite unexpectedly.

If you would kindly place our application with your recommendation before the Clearing House we should be extremely grateful, and, successful or otherwise, ringing organisations would be greatly indebted to you.

In the event of consideration, arrangements would be made for registered members of organisations to produce a registration card.—Yours very truly,

(Signed) EDGAR GUISE.

### TWO SURPRISE ROYAL PEALS WITHIN EIGHT HOURS.

As reported in our peal columns, the Leicester branch of the M.C.A. have added yet another unique performance to their list. Arriving at Loughborough Parish Church, on Saturday, a start was made at 2.10 p.m. for Leicester Surprise Royal, and a successful peal accomplished in 3 hours 42 minutes on this fine peal of ten bells. A break of about one hour for tea, and then another essay on the small peal at Messrs. Taylor's bell foundry for a peal of Pudsey Surprise Royal was successful, and came into rounds at 10.5 p.m., thus completing the first two Surprise Royal peals ever rung by one band in a day; and within eight hours. By a coincidence, the second peal completed the 100th and 300th peals for the association by the Brothers Morris, and they also completed the 'circle' of the tower.

### LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO SENIOR STEWARD.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very enjoyable and successful meeting at Isleworth last Saturday. Some pleasant touches were brought home during the afternoon, and twenty members partook of a very nice tea at the Northumberland Hotel. At the business meeting afterwards the members passed a vote of sympathy to Mr. H. Ellis (a late Master of the district, and a well-known ringer) on the loss of his wife, who died in March, after a short illness.

Mr. Taffender then informed the company of an accident which had occurred to Mr. W. Hewson, an enthusiastic member and senior steward of the society, who, whilst on holiday at his estate in Ireland, was injured by his shot gun, which went off accidentally. This, unfortunately, would probably mean a finish to all active ringing on his part. It was agreed that the secretary should write to Mrs. Hewson expressing the members' sympathy and hope for Mr. Hewson's speedy recovery.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar (the Rev. H. Relton) for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. T. Beadle for making all the necessary arrangements.

This concluded the business, and a little handbell ringing was then indulged in by some of the company. The tower was again visited, and touches in standard methods were rung. Ringing was stopped at 8 p.m., owing to a service, and handbell ringing and a few songs were enjoyed at the Northumberland Hotel.

### DEATH OF MR. GEORGE HOLLIS. A WELL-KNOWN CHESTERFIELD RINGER.

After having been unrung for two years, Chesterfield bells, in the famous crooked spire, have been heard again—but their voices were half-muffled in memory of one of Chesterfield's ringers, Mr. George Hollis, who died on the last day of July, and was buried on the 4th inst. The late Mr. Hollis was 52 years of age, and had been for 23 years a clerk in the Chesterfield Borough Accountant's office. He had been seriously ill for six months, but he bore his suffering with great patience.

Mr. Hollis began his ringing career while in London, and rang his first peal at St. Mary's, Willesden, as a youth. As soon as he went to Chesterfield he associated himself with the band at the Parish Church, and, in all, he had rung 178 peals, 15 of which he conducted. Three of these were of his own composition. He had given a good deal of attention to this phase of the art, having as his mentor Mr. Arthur Knights, and he had a considerable collection of musical touches in a variety of methods.

The funeral took place on August 4th, the first part of the service being in the Parish Church, and the interment in Baythorpe Cemetery. His fellow-ringers acted as bearers, and at the conclusion of the last sad rites, a course of Grandsire Calers was rung over the grave. Ringers were present from several of the surrounding towers, including Sheffield and Staveley, and wreaths were sent by the Sheffield and District Society and the Chesterfield Parish Church band. The many mourners included representatives of the various Corporation departments.

In the evening the bells were rung to muffled touches, a peal being out of the question on account of the spire being under repair. The bells had not been rung for two years, but the architect was able to permit short spells of ringing for this occasion.

### DEATH OF AN OLD BEESTON RINGER.

One of the 'old brigade' of Beeston, Notts, Mr. George Oldham, passed away on the 9th inst., in his 70th year. A stalwart of the past generation, he would not be widely known among present ringers. He was not a frequent participator in peal ringing, his peals being very few, but he had an innate love of good striking, and never refrained from grumbling if he didn't get it.

The interment was with full ringers' honours, four of his 'brother strings' acting as bearers, and a course on handbells was rung over the open grave. Deceased was a bachelor, and during the last few years had resided near Newark, but was brought to Beeston for interment.



## NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Rev. H. Drake's letter in your columns on the subject of nomenclature engenders considerable surprise. Mr. Trollope has endeavoured to place before your readers a glimpse of the other side of the question, but Mr. Drake apparently thinks there can be no alternative solution. We all want to be helpful, and none of us wish that so important a subject should be considered too hastily, but we do ask Mr. Burton's committee to consider the question in all its aspects.

Now that mention has been made of the 'terms of reference' of the committee, it may be pointed out that it is a grave question whether they have not been exceeded. The committee were appointed to 'review' and 'revise.' Actually they want completely to change. Their mandate does not allow of this, nor does it seem to have been the wish of their appointers. However, apart from technicalities like this, I cannot agree to the wholesale massacre that is proposed. Such entire alteration serves no useful purpose, and, owing to its very entirety, will never find favour with the Exercise. If the committee had confined itself to the removal of anomaly and the effacement of ambiguity their report would have been of much greater value. A scientific, not a rough, attempt at classification would have been better still. At present it seems to be change for the sake of change. No attempt is made to preserve old names which, with the passage of time, have become fixed by immemorial custom, and have given strength to the art of their traditions.

At the Council meeting at Westminster there were 83 members present; the supporters of the committee numbered 35, so that it is evident that Mr. Drake's 'clear majority' was only obtained by abstentions from voting. If, as is often the case, those who did not vote were counted as voting against the motion, the committee would never have been appointed. This goes to show that opinion was then divided enough to make it doubtful whether the body of ringers wish for any marked change other than that which is absolutely imperative.

It is to be hoped that Mr. Trollope will respond to Mr. Drake's invitation and put forward proposals for modification by way of amendment at next year's Council meeting. Surely that is the proper place for him to do it. Meanwhile it would be advantageous if the affiliated Guilds would debate the report and instruct their representatives how to vote, so that their votes may next year represent the Exercise, and not merely their own personal views.—Yours sincerely,

The Rectory, Capenhurst.

EDWARD W. ELWELL.

## PLAYING THE GAME.

There are several reasons why one regrets that ringers are not often keen on games. This has been brought home to me this week twice. First, I received a letter from the Sub-Dean of Coventry Cathedral, in which he thanked me very gratefully for my letter, as he said, 'all the other letters had been aggressive, and in some instances, abusive.' Had the writers been accustomed to play in games, they would have recognised that abuse is not only useless, but that it always has the opposite effect to that desired. I hope that the Sub-Dean will get many more letters from ringers, but that no more of them will be either aggressive or abusive. What we want cannot be effected that way, but I am sure it will be effected if we are courteous and 'play the game'; in short, if we put ourselves in the other man's place.

The other instance was the article by Mr. Trollope on 'The Laws of the Exercise, and the Nomenclature's Committee's Report.' To say that this is wrong from beginning to end is not very helpful, so I will try to explain why it is so.

All arts, and games or sports (which are really different forms of arts), are founded on what are often called Laws of Nature, or Scientific Laws. (The word law here is an entire misnomer, and very misleading, but one must put up with it now.) We recognise that these laws are unchangeable, but for the purpose of the art or game, most of us know nothing of them. Instead we use them for our purpose, and turn them into certain practical 'rules.' If we look up the law of impact in a book on physics, we shall find it concerned with angles. But the practical rule in cricket simply says, 'keep your shoulder forward.' Similarly we have in ringing a practical rule about noticing when you pass the treble. For these rules there is no need for any formal enactment; in fact, exponents often find that different practical rules suit different persons. They carry their own penalty, e.g., if you do not keep your shoulder forward you will be caught.

In addition, the liberty allowed by the Laws of Nature is restricted by certain fixed conventions, written and unwritten. Among the latter are that one must not dispute the decision of an umpire, or that one must not set one's bell up in the middle of ringing.

Among the former, are such matters as the width of the bat, or the question of Bob Triples. In all these matters there is no such difference between ringing and cricket, or any other sport, as Mr. Trollope would have us believe. In fact, when we had Points for Peals, we were not only bound quite as strictly by the regulations under which the analysis was published, as any other art or sport, but these points gave a refinement of regulation which does not exist in any other case that I know of.

Mr. Trollope seems to think that there is more liberty in setting aside the laws of ringing than those of games and sports. As a matter of fact, I have played many a game of cricket (and I suppose most players have) in which certain laws were deliberately disregarded, or even set aside. I never remember to have done the same when ringing.

Again, he seems to think that ringing is differentiated by its lacking the spirit of competition, which all other games or sports have. It is true that ringing is among those pursuits which are chiefly concerned in making records, rather than those which imitate a fight or conflict. But so far from this helping his argument, it is much easier to agree to alter rules in a mimic conflict, than in making a record—whether on a paced cycle, or in a long peal.

Even if these arguments were sound, they would not apply to the Nomenclature Committee, who (to use Mr. Trollope's own words of his own committee), have been trying 'to gather up and codify the experience of the Exercise.' He then goes on to repeat almost word for word a paragraph he had printed a fortnight ago. Again I must say that this is not playing the game. Either let him fight by article, or by letter; or by one following, and consequent upon the other. Not by saying the same thing in both. This means he gets in two whacks to one of ours. Besides, in the meantime I had pointed out that all that he says, in this repeated paragraph, is inaccurate.

Is not our report going to have any sounder criticism than this?

HERBERT DRAKE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. REVIVAL OF THE STOW BRANCH.

A very successful meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Bourton-on-the-Water on Saturday, July 25th, and attracted visitors from Swindon, Gloucester, Upton-on-Severn, Chisbury, Dumbleton and Cheltenham, as well as a good muster from the neighbouring towers. The bells were set going at 3 o'clock by the local band, who were soon augmented by the visitors, who arrived in motors, etc.

The service was conducted by the Rector (Canon W. E. White, R.D.), and attended by over 30 members. The Archdeacon of Cheltenham gave an inspiring address.

Tea was partaken of in the Church Rooms, and was kindly provided by the Rector and friends.

At the meeting which followed, the Archdeacon was voted to the chair. Mr. Yeend then explained the object of the meeting, which was to endeavour to revive the Stow Branch.—Thereupon a proposition by Mr. Banning (Bourton), which was seconded by Mr. F. Davis (Stow), that a branch be formed for the Stow Deanery, was carried unanimously.

Several letters of apology were read, the cause of absence being chiefly the unavoidable short notice of the meeting.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Canon W. E. White, R.D.; hon. secretary, Mr. Bernard Phillips (Bourton); representative, Mr. F. Davis (Stow). Canon White then took the chair.—The date and place of next meeting were left to the chairman and secretary to arrange.

Some dozen new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his support and interest in the association, and all who had made the meeting such a success.

Canon White, in response, expressed pleasure in having such a good number present, and said he would do all in his power to further the interest of the branch.

Stow, with its fine 30 cwt. tenor, was visited in the evening to the delight of all who were present. Their thanks are due to Mr. Banning for his genial help in arranging the meeting.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 18th, through the kindness of the Rector of Aldington, an invitation was given to the members of the Exercise to visit his tower. Owing to the rather short notice, and the fact that it was holiday time for some, only about 22 members attended, the following towers being represented: St. Peter's, Brighton; Henfield, Shipley, Shoreham, West Grinstead, and the local band. The bells were kept going in various methods, from Grand sire Doubles to London Surprise, during the afternoon and evening.

At 4.30 a short service was held, and conducted by the Rector, who also gave an address on the uses of bells. Afterwards the members adjourned to the Parish Hall, where an excellent tea was provided by the Rector, and was much enjoyed by all present.—Mr. Markwell (in the absence of the Master, Mr. J. T. Rickman) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind invitation, and for the excellent tea; also to the organist for his services.—The Rector said it gave him great pleasure to entertain the members, and hoped they would pay another visit in the near future.

A visit to the Rectory gardens was then enjoyed.

Great regret was felt that the hon. secretary, Mr. A. D. Stone, was not present.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part: F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. C. Cuse (conductor) 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. Hayward 5, F. J. Lewis 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday, August 16th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. J. Saunders 1, R. H. Stevens 2, F. Clark 3, S. Binfield 4, C. R. Walker 5, C. Turner 6, C. R. Millway (conductor) 7, L. Sibley 8. Arranged for Mr. F. Clark, hon. secretary of the Southern District, Yorkshire Association.

**HAMMERSMITH.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Hollier 1, H. Cook 2, C. Hunt 3, G. C. Hes 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Crook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

**TIVERTON.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, August 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), was rung by the following, in 50 mins.: Rd. Grater 1, Jas. Elsworthy 2, E. Richards 3, Miss H. C. Orchard 4, F. Viney 5, P. C. Orchard 6, F. Newcombe 7, W. Cockram. Conducted by F. Newcombe. Rung as a compliment to Miss Orchard, who comes from Portishead on a visit to her brother.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, 872 Grandsire Triples: J. Burrows 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, T. Watson 3, G. Jackson 4, A. Brown 5, W. H. Dennison 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, T. R. Jackson 8. For evening service, 224 Grandsire Triples, conducted by F. Willey, of Sheffield, a prominent member of the Yorkshire Association, who was on a visit to the district.

**PETWORTH, SUSSEX.**—On August 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: P. H. Doick (Pulborough) 1, John Netley (Armidale) 2, A. V. Corden (Pulborough) 3, A. C. Greenfield (Pulborough) 4, J. Burdfield (Billingshurst) 5, W. Stanford (conductor, Warnham) 6, A. J. Bartlett (Chiddingfold) 7, H. J. Doick (Pulborough) 8.

**EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, August 16th, 1,248 Double Norwich Major: S. Warne 1, F. Claydon 2, G. Dixon (Sunbury) 3, R. Fluty 4, J. Fluty 5, W. Arnold 6, J. French (conductor) 7, W. Scillitoe 8. Longest length in the method by the 3rd. Arranged as a thankoffering for the speedy recovery from an accident which befell J. Fluty, a highly esteemed member of the Earls Colne band, on the above date last year.

**EYDON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins.: C. Tompkins 1, H. Lansbury 2, P. Asplin (Milton) 3, C. Parish 4, I. Townsend (Milton), conductor, 5. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th, and believed to be the first quarter-peal on the bells.

**LONDON.**—At All Saints', Wandsworth, on Sunday, August 9th, for evening, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: T. Bennet 1, H. Langdon 2, T. J. Holloway (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, E. E. Bish 4, H. N. Pitstow (conductor) 5, J. Rumley 6, W. S. Langdon 7, L. Attwater 8.

**DALTON-IN-FURNESS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Minor: T. Watson 1, W. S. Forshaw 2, W. H. Dennison 3, G. Jackson 4, T. R. Jackson 5, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 6, J. Burrows (cover) 8.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, August 9th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Upshall 1, J. Read 2, H. Kemp 3, S. Meadows 4, R. J. Hasted (conductor) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 518 in the same method: J. Read 1, H. Kemp 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

**ALDERMASTON.**—On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Clarke 1, J. Abery (Englefield) 2, J. Frankum 3, S. Quinton (Newbury) 4, R. Frankum 5, H. Smith (Thatcham) 6, D. Cooper (Croydon), conductor, 7, A. Cox (first quarter) 8.

**BECKENHAM.**—On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, at St. George's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. C. Moye 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. Hollamby (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, H. James 6, J. Daffers 7, F. Scutcher 8.

**SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL.**—On August 9th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Brooks): G. E. Padgett 1, H. F. Clulow 2, T. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, J. F. Milner 6, W. Rogers (Northampton), conductor, 7, G. W. Kirk 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor.

**ACKWORTH, YORKS.**—For morning service, at St. Cuthbert's, on August 9th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Linsey 1, W. Beetham 2, W. Linsey 3, T. Lamprey 4, E. Lamprey (conductor) 5, W. Palmer (Badsworth) 6.

**FYLINGDALES, YORKS.**—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. A. Breckon (Whitby), conductor, 1, A. E. Oxley (Whitby) 2, Miss D. Bulman 3, J. Bird (Gosforth) 4, Miss A. Bulman 5, G. H. Corner (Whitby) 6, A. V. Coates (Whitby) 7, M. Duck 8.

## RINGERS' OUTING.

THE WESTMINSTER ABBEY COMPANY, WITH  
ST. STEPHEN'S, ROCHESTER ROW.

The Westminster Abbey Guild's annual week-end is always a great event, both from a ringing and social aspect. This year, West Dorset was the attraction, and Bridport the headquarters. Bridport is a quaint old town, and full of history. It sent five ships to the Spanish Armada.

On arrival, the party was met by Messrs. W. S. B. Northover, and the ubiquitous Hervey Beams. The programme began on Saturday morning. A motor coach had been reserved, but owing to the great bulk demanded by the 'stores' department, Mr. Northover very kindly conveyed several of the party in his car. Bradpole (a charming old-world village, where Mr. Beams instructs the young in the way they should go) was the first to be visited, and where Stedman Triples, and various Surprise methods were rung. Then to Beaminster for heavier metal, but weight worried not, for the company included such stalwarts as Cockerill, of St. Paul's fame; Peck and Langdon, of Southwark fame; and Bob Newton, of Bow and Southwark fame. The bells here are a complete ring of eight by the famous West Country founder, Thomas Bilbie, in 1765. The party afterwards moved on to Lambert's Castle (old Roman earthworks on the summit of a hill, where the view obtained on all sides is magnificent. A sumptuous picnic was here enjoyed. The day, by chance, was the 40th anniversary of the advent into this mortal world of a certain maker of bells from Whitechapel, who, to his delight, was presented with a fountain pen, and, earlier, at breakfast, with a handsome coting, with greetings and all good wishes to mark the occasion. Of the etching, we refrain from comment except to say that it was certainly inspiring on such a warm day. It is said that the same is to be preserved, as later in the evening it was autographed by every member of the party. By the way, every signature was written with the pen, and each is perfectly legible. One inscribed it thus:—

The Westminster ringers had a day out,  
At Bradpole and Beaminster the bells rang out;  
Lunch on the site of a Roman camp,  
It wasn't dry, and it wasn't damp:  
At Hawkchurch we tested the bellhanger's work,  
And a 'prohibited one' near to the kirk;  
To Axminster then, and a 'Chapple' to tea,  
Lyme Regis, too, and a sniff of the sea;  
Then as to the 'Greyhound' we motored our way,  
Each wished Bertie 'A Happy Birthday.'

After lunch, and down terrible gradients, Hawkchurch was reached, where the bellhanger's recent work was tested, and passed as a thorough good job. Thence to Axminster, Devon, where, after good ringing on the heavy peal of eight, the party was invited by Mr. Pittfield Chapple to take tea in his garden. After some Stedman Cinques and Duffield in hand, and loath to leave their kind hosts and hostesses, the party proceeded on their switchback tour to Lyme Regis—what hills!—one member will never again venture such drives as the day provided without a special insurance policy; his heart is fluttering still. Lyme is a glorious old-world spot, and the views along the coast were truly wonderful. It is recorded in the town archives that at the time of the Spanish Armada, the men were paid £1 15s. for fighting the foe, and after the battle, £2 18s. was spent for them for beer. After an hour's ringing on a peal one would not worry to save from the bellfounder's maw, the party had time to explore, and the Worshipful Grand Primo of the A. and H. O. T. T. was soon making his presence 'felt.' The party took supper at Bridport. About that supper—let it go that the Abbey band does nothing by halves. They may be a terrible lot, but they're healthy. After the spoliation, a special business meeting was held by the members present of the A. and H. O. T. T., which being translated, is 'Ancient and Honourable Order of Tom Tits.' The Worshipful Grand Primo, John W. Golding, mentioned aforesaid, took the chair, supported by Deputy Grand Primo Hughes, with 'Captain' Macdonald, on guard, the G.P.'s new robes of office being greatly admired. Five new members were initiated into the mysterious order (Messrs. Cockerill, Northover, Beams, Warren and Turner), who took the oath of secrecy and allegiance without flinching, and were allocated to their respective lodges. No penalties being necessary, business was closed. More double-handed ringing was enjoyed. On Sunday morning, after ringing on the fine new peal of eight, the party moved down to West Bay until dinner-time. After a display of some members' aquatic talents, the party were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Northover.

However, the only train to Paddington departed at 3.20, so back to dinner.

In closing, it must be said that mere words cannot express the company's appreciation of the wonderful help and kindness shown them by Mr. Northover, who engineered all the local arrangements, and also to Host Walter Trump and his staff who ministered to the creature comforts of the party so splendidly.

The trip was unanimously voted the finest yet undertaken, and the scenery passed through on the Saturday's run must be seen to be appreciated. CAMPANARIUS AND TOM OF BERKYNCE.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.****BOLSOVER RINGERS IN NOTTS.**

On Saturday, July 18th, the Bolsover ringers, with their wives and friends, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Pagett), set off for the day by charabanc into the North Notts district. After a twenty miles' run, Ossington Grange was reached, and here, by the kindness of Lady Elinor Dennison, permission had been obtained to ring on the peal of six. The bells were soon set going to Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Cambridge, while the rest of the party were being shown round the beautiful gardens. Lady Dennison gave the visitors a hearty welcome, but the stay here only lasted an hour, the party being due at the Dolphin Inn, Sutton-on-Trent, at 10.30 for breakfast. Mr. Midwinter, the captain of the local ringers, met the visitors. After a substantial meal, the beautiful peal of six, by Taylor, was set going to the usual Minor methods. These bells are all that can be desired, and will make a good eight.

The party next proceeded to East Markham, where the splendid peal of eight were set going to various Major methods, and then moved on to Gamston. Here there is another peal of six, but disappointment was in store for the ringers, as illness close to the church prevented them having a pull. Ordsall being only three miles away, however, the visitors counted on getting a pull there, as the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson had been inducted Rector of the parish only the week previous. On arrival, it was found that the newly-appointed Rector-ringer was not in residence, but the priest-in-charge readily gave the necessary permission to ring, and several Minor methods were got through. Gainsborough was the next stop, and after tea had been served at the Sun Hotel, the party were escorted to the Parish Church by Mr. F. S. W. Butler. The noble peal were soon going to Superlative, Double Norwich, Plain and Treble Bob. Up to this point the ringers had rung at five towers, and travelled 86 miles. They wish to thank the steeplekeepers, Vicars, and all those who helped to make the outing a great success.

**ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.**

The above company, with their wives and friends, to the number of 33, held their annual waygoose on Saturday, July 4th, when Staunton Harold and Ashby-de-la-Zouch were visited, the former by kind permission of his lordship, Earl Ferrers. The church, standing in the private grounds, possesses a ring of eight bells, which was utilised by the men. Later, the annual 'races' took place, and a group photo was taken by the company, which was joined by Mr. H. Poole from St. Martin's, Leicester, and Miss J. Oldlam and H. Stubbs, of Loughborough, who accompanied the party to Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where a meat tea was served. Ringing at St. Helen's Church was permitted, thanks to Mr. E. W. Beadmore, and Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman were brought round. Many visited the Castle Grounds and caves. Further ringing and an hour at a neighbouring hostelry brought a most successful outing to a close.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, July 18th.

Members were present from Nuneaton, Chilvers Coton, Shilton, Buckingham, Etkill, Rugby, Lutterworth, Southam, Allesley, and the local ringers. The new Rector of Stoke gave the Guild a hearty welcome, and in his address emphasised the point of clergy and ringers working together.

An excellent tea, arranged by Mr. F. Perrins, followed the service.

The meeting immediately afterwards was presided over by the Rev. Frank Burnett, Rector of Stoke, and after the usual business, Mr. H. Argyle moved that a resolution be sent to the Sub-Dean of Coventry with regard to St. Michael's bells. The resolution was, 'That this meeting of the Warwickshire Guild bears with regret of the proposed conversion of the Coventry Cathedral bells into a carillon, and expresses the hope that if possible the whole question be reconsidered by the Sub-Dean and the authorities.'

The motion was carried, and Mr. F. Perrins moved that the resolution be also sent to the secretary of the Central Council, and to ask him to move in the matter. This was also carried.—Seventeen new members were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector.—The Chairman, suitably replying, extended a welcome to Stoke whenever the Guild wished to go. Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge, Bristol, and London Surprise Major.

**ELLESMERE, SALOP.**—On August 4th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Brooks'), 1,260 changes, in 51 mins.: R. Kynaston 1, R. T. Evans 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, E. Kesterton 8.—Also on July 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by T. Butler, senr., with R. Biggs, G. H. Edwards and W. Higginson, senr., standing in the places of 1st, 2nd and 8th respectively.

**NOTICES.**

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**PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon will be held at Leeds on Saturday, September 19th.

**THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Escrick on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5, at 1s. 6d. each. Further details on circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Sedgley on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, Aug. 22nd. 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.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, at Thorpe-le-Soken. Short service at 4.30 p.m. At 5.15 tea will be provided on the Vicarage lawn, by kind invitation of the Vicar.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Hughenden on Saturday, August 22nd, at 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A hearty welcome to all.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, North Dunstable.



**LADIES' GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the above will be held at Consett on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells available after 3 p.m. A good company desired.—H. Tyson, Sec.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery.—A meeting will be held at Dinder, Nr. Wells, on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells afternoon and evening. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting follow.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Sec., 14, Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Practice meeting at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Tuesday, August 25th. Bells from 7.30 to 9.30. All members and friends cordially invited. Next Saturday meeting on September 12th, at Willesden.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, August 22nd. Bells (6) 2.30. Service at 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, August 29th. Ringing from 2.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. The committee ask all members to attend to discuss important business concerning the Association. Will all members whose subscriptions are in arrears please oblige at this meeting to enable me to make a correct report for 1925?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Bolton Police invitation to all ringers to their Athletic Grounds, August 22nd. Usual arrangements for tea.—Peter Crook, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Alteration of rules will be discussed.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Cheriton, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock; members 6d., visitors 1s.—W. J. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Church service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be at Combe Florey (Creech not available), on Saturday, August 29th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 and business after. As the Rector is kindly giving the tea, it is most essential that all intending visitors should notify me by Tuesday, August 25th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Mangotsfield, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by August 24th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arveley, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Goole, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (8) ready early. Visitors will please make their own arrangements for tea. A good meeting is desired. All ringers welcomed.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.** Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting at Solihull, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those intending to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Eccleston, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. R. Rigby, Bridge Foot, Eccleston, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Crediton, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Church Institute, 1/- each. The following bells will be available from 2.30 p.m.: Crediton, Newton St. Cyres, Shobrooke, Sandford, and Upton Pyne. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Ringing from 3.15. The Vicar will entertain members to tea. St. Mary's tower will be opened in the evening. A hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Sunderland, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius (all 8 bells). Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, at 5. Members intending to be present please notify Secretary by Sept. 2nd.—G. S. Taylor, Dist. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.



**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill, on Sept. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea (at 5.15 p.m.) please notify Mrs. Whittaker, Cross Gate, Tickhill, not later than Sept. 3rd?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. 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 August 29th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Oakford, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1/- each. Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 8th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts), on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are due.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The second quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at Melton Mowbray. Further particulars later. Will local secretaries and members please note date and endeavour to attend?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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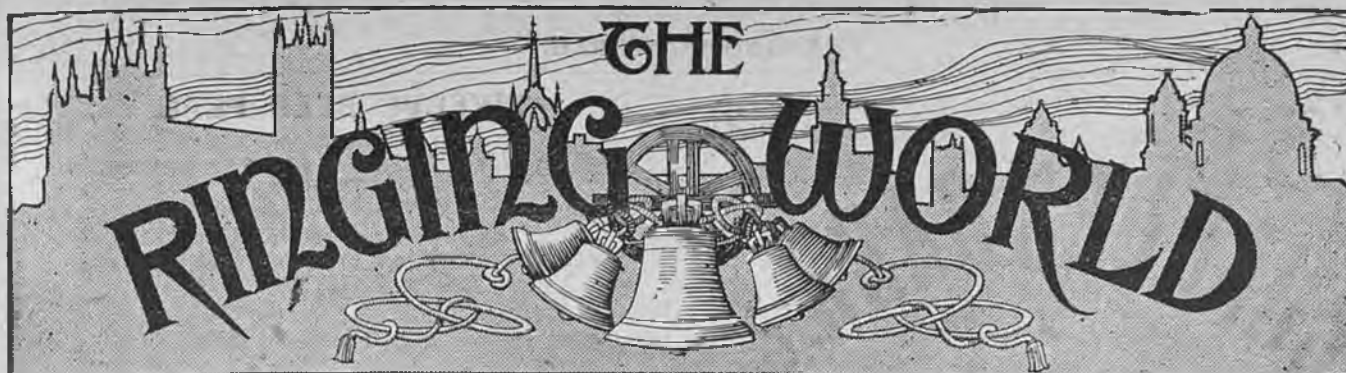
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Recent correspondence once more emphasises the need there is for the Central Council to set up a register of peal compositions and of methods. For a long time past we have pointed out how important it is that there should be reference files of these two things, and the Central Council's archives is the place where they should be found. Continually we are having disputes as to the authorship of peals, and this will go on to the end of time, unless there is in existence an official collection of compositions to which one can turn and say authoritatively whether a new claim to originality can stand. Indeed, the present unsatisfactory state of affairs will almost assuredly increase with the years if something be not done. A man may, perfectly genuinely, obtain what he believes, with the limited means of investigation at his disposal, to be a new composition; it may even be rung and accepted as his, and yet the same figures may have been put on paper years ago by one of the old masters, or by some lesser light of the Exercise. As Mr. Symonds points out this week, these supposedly new-found compositions, published as the product of a present-day ringer, may be robbing an earlier composer of the honour due to him, and yet the man who has now evolved what he considers something original may feel justified in his claim, because, having searched all the available material, he can find nothing which can be called the same as his own figures. That is because of the lack of anything like an exhaustive collection of compositions.

The task of providing this register is obviously one for the Council. The difficulty with most of these things, as we pointed out in another connection last week, is to find the right man, with the right qualifications and with the necessary leisure. Hitherto the Council, when entering upon matters of this kind, has generally confined its search to its own members, but there is no reason why they should not go outside their own ranks and enlist, if possible, the services of one or two of the many enthusiastic young men now gradually making their names in the Exercise. They would doubtless, in the interests of the art on which they are so keen, be ready to give their help. Among the rising generation there are ringers as brilliant as any who have gone before them, and if the work of the Council is not to be handicapped and circumscribed, it will be necessary to go outside the ranks of the members to find the necessary men to undertake the tasks which are calling, some of them almost urgently, for attention. And, after all, if it is essential that those who work in such capacity for the Council should be in touch with it as members, there is always the remedy of enlarging the number who find seats as honorary members.

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## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD... .. Treble | GEORGE WALKER... .. 7         |
| *PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 2     | ERNEST BISHOP ... .. 8        |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 3     | JOHN NEAL ... .. 9            |
| ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4         | GEORGE F. YENDALL ... .. 10   |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5      | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 11      |
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD... .. 6      | WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. WALKER.

\* First peal on twelve tower bells, and is from Leeds. Ringer of 8th from Swindon; 11th from Midsomer Norton.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKNUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN S. SWINFELD ... .. Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 6     |
| ALBERT WALKER... .. 2          | WALTER WALLACE ... .. 7     |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 3        | JOHN FLINT ... .. 8         |
| EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 4       | ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 9      |
| SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. 5      | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Lilian Ward, the youngest daughter of Mr. A. H. Ward. Also as a compliment to Mr. A. Braines on the 4th anniversary of his wedding. This peal was specially arranged for the conductor, upon his first visit to Duffield.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5049 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6  |
| HENRY PRING ... .. 2           | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7   |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 3       | GEORGE E. TREW ... .. 8   |
| RICHARD CLARK ... .. 4         | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9  |
| JESSE B. TYLER ... .. 5        | RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor |

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Mr. Pring was elected a member at Long Ashton on August 7th, and Mr. and Mrs. Deal at Colerne on August, 19th.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIE TRIPLES, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *J. F. WILLIAMS... .. Treble | T. JONES ... .. 5          |
| J. H. MIDWINTER ... .. 2     | W. SAUNDERS ... .. 6       |
| W. T. PEGLER ... .. 3        | A. E. PEGLER ... .. 7      |
| A. J. HUGHES ... .. 4        | *R. P. C. DAVIES ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. SAUNDERS.

\* First peal. Arranged for W. Saunders, who hails from Coalbrookdale.

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## SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 15, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble | HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 5      |
| ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 2           | MUS. V. A. JARRETT, R.E. ... 6  |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 3       | GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 7          |
| * EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4         | C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. GROOM ... .. Treble | WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 5          |
| JAMES BRITS ... .. 2           | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6    |
| ALPHEUS J. BERRY ... .. 3      | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 4   | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDK. W. ROGERS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringer of the 5th, who hails from Eye, near Peterborough.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FREDERICK DIGBY ... .. Treble | CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 5     |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2       | HARRY KILBY ... .. 6          |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3        | WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 7     |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4        | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

## HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Faith,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. Treble | HARRY L. AITKEN ... .. 5     |
| FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... .. 2 | RICHARD J. STONE ... .. 6    |
| JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... .. 3     | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7 |
| TOWER R. TAYLOR ... .. 4      | ALBERT HARMAN ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Arranged specially for Messrs. Kilby and Harman, who hail from London and Leatherhead respectively.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDK. BORRETT ... .. Treble | EDWARD EVANS ... .. 5       |
| GEO. HOWLETT ... .. 2        | CHAS. CUTTING ... .. 6      |
| CHAS. E. BORRETT ... .. 3    | WM. C. RUMSEY ... .. 7      |
| FREDK. SMITH ... .. 4        | EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. COX.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 8th, at the Church of St. Leonard, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thursdays: J. Overton 1, G. H. Day 2, H. Baker 3, E. E. Peacock (first quarter) 4, B. Head 5, E. Foxall 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. W. Overton 8. Arranged for G. H. Day, Newport, Mon., and E. E. Peacock, Cardiff.

## BRISTOL.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(The SS. Philip and Jacob Guild.)

On Thursday, August 20, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MRS. E. J. BROWN ... .. Treble | ISAAC LONG ... .. 5         |
| MISS ANNIE BROWN ... .. 2      | FREDERICK E. TYLER ... .. 6 |
| FREDERICK W. WADE ... .. 3     | HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. 7    |
| RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. 4     | EDWIN J. BROWN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. J. BROWN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. C. Seager and Mr. F. E. Tyler; also as a wedding anniversary peal for the conductor.

## NORWICH.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 2   | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6 |
| CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3  | GEORGE T. CROFT ... .. 7   |
| JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 4  | GEORGE MAYERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 7th was elected a life member of the Guild before commencing the peal.

## LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST JONES ... .. Treble  | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5  |
| * THOMAS C. LARREY ... .. 2 | PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... .. 6  |
| THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 3     | JAMES MARTIN ... .. 7      |
| ARTHUR LINTOTT ... .. 4     | EDWARD CADNCE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

\* First Surprise peal away from treble.

## BUSHEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| * STEPHEN H. HOARE ... Treble | FRANCIS A. SMITH ... .. 5       |
| PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. 2      | WILLIAM SEELEY ... .. 6         |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 3     | WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 7      |
| WILLIAM HODGETTS ... .. 4     | MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... Tenor |

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. First in the method as conductor. Arranged for Miss Moss, of Uxbridge. This composition contains 23 course ends each of 648 and 678.

## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

On the Royal Memorial Bells of S. John-the-Divine,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble   | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5      |
| * WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 2 | HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 6     |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3     | HARRY BROUGHTON ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 4      | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the first peal on the bells. First Surprise peal rung in Leicester with a 'resident' Leicester band.

## PEERING, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE MOSS ... .. Treble | LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 5     |
| WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 2    | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6     |
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 3    | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4   | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| RICHARD JENNER ... .. Treble | GEORGE MALYAN ... .. 5         |
| JAMES HEASMAN ... .. 2       | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 6       |
| DAVID VINCENT ... .. 3       | THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM COLLINSON ... .. 4   | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

## EPSOM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in F.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES ... Treble | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5    |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2         | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 6   |
| *JOHN LEE ... .. 3              | GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. 7       |
| MISS FREDA E. ORR ... .. 4      | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters, Mr. F. G. Woodiss kindly standing out. \* First peal in the method.

## SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. Treble | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5       |
| *GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 2     | WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6       |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3    | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7      |
| HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 4    | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First in the method away from the treble. The band desire to thank Mr. and Mrs. L. Wiseman for their kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

## PRIVETT, HANTS.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. Treble | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2         | EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... .. 6 |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 3       | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7   |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 4         | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## AN UNFORTUNATE PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Thursday, Aug. 20th, at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after two hours and forty-eight minutes' ringing, through the fourth rope breaking: E. Austin 1, E. P. Duffield 2, G. Lovegrove 3, R. Philpott 4, F. Brown 5, J. Chesternan 6, C.Q.M.S. Gilbert, R.E., 7, J. Ballard 8. It would have been the first peal for ringers of 1st, 3rd and 5th, and first in the method by all except the tenor. All ringers were local men, except 2nd and 7th.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

## ABBAY DORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE ABBAY CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores 12 callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALFRED HUGHES ... .. Treble | ALBERT E. JONES ... .. 4      |
| PERCY H. YOUNG ... .. 2     | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5       |
| *KENNETH SOUTHALL ... .. 3  | ARTHUR W. KINSEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

\* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal. First peal on the bells. This is the only Cistercian Abbey in the country now used as a place of worship.

## HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 16, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES JONES ... .. Treble | BERT JONES ... .. 4        |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 2    | HERBERT LYES ... .. 5      |
| FREDERICK EDGINGTON ... 3 | WILLIAM JONES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

## WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5048 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST A. BULLOCK ... .. Treble | ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 4      |
| ALFRED BACON ... .. 2           | JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 5      |
| TOM GREENACRE ... .. 3          | WALTER N. ASBBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

First peal as conductor in three methods.

## ESSENDEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5048 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| FRANCIS KIRK ... .. Treble | CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 4       |
| ERNEST HUNT ... .. 2       | WILLIAM NASH ... .. 5        |
| JOHN MALYAN ... .. 3       | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

## SHILTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings.

Tenor 7 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| †PERCY ALDHAM ... .. Treble | ED. (TEDDY) PICKERING ... 4 |
| C. HARRY WEBB ... .. 2      | GEORGE NEWTON ... .. 5      |
| JAMES UPTON ... .. 3        | *FRED WATTS ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by J. UPTON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Doubles for first peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the new bells; a splendid ring of six, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

## COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. C. H. Kippin has missed the point at issue, when replying to my letter of August 14th, and deprecates the Central Council's 'Collection of Peals' of Double Norwich, the defence of which I must leave in other hands.

Let me explain another way. Sometimes a peal of Bob Major is rung and published as being composed by one of the band, whereas the composition may have been previously composed, perhaps, by B. Annable, J. Reeves, W. Shipway, or some other person.

I wish to see honour remain where honour is due, and not deprive the rightful heads (whether with us or gone to the great majority) of the laurels they deserve.—Yours truly,

Ipswich.

G. E. SYMONDS.

## NOMENCLATURE.

### THE COMMITTEE'S POSITION REVIEWED.

By the Rev. H. DRAKE.

As those who have criticised the Nomenclature Committee's report in your columns do not seem to have read it very carefully, or, at any rate, have not understood it, it may be well to give a short account of the whole subject.

Until the Council met at Lincoln, the practice of naming methods was that those who first rang a method (or, at any rate, who first rang a peal in a new method) gave it a name. As methods were not discovered every day, this did not work badly, as time was given to digest or revise one new name before another appeared. But when the Report on Minor Methods appeared, with a large number of new methods, the position was altered. It was at first suggested that these methods should be rung as soon as possible, and that the band who rang each should name it in the accustomed way. What might have been foreseen happened; some methods were named satisfactorily, others got several names; others, again, got none. In short, the old method broke down. This is the first fact to recognise. The system was choked by being given more than it could assimilate.

At the Lincoln meeting, the Methods Committee, dissatisfied with the poor progress made, suggested that the Analysis Committee be entrusted with the task of naming the methods which had not been named. At the time I was sorry this suggestion was made. It seemed to me that it would have been better to have kept the old way, but to have reorganised it. However, the Analysis Committee bravely faced their task, and produced a list of names to which much objection was taken, especially to their 'floral' class of names.

I have never joined in the objection to these names, but for some reason which I have never understood, I was approached by ringers whom I had not met, from several parts of England, begging me to get the Council to do something to solve the difficulties caused by one method having several names, or one name standing for several methods, and by the doubts which had been cast on the floral series of names.

Several of us then brought the matter before our associations, and we were encouraged to pursue the matter, with the result that the Nomenclature Committee was appointed by a small majority at the London meeting, in order to make an attempt to reduce the existing confusion to order.

So far the lines on which we have worked have been to provide every method with a name, and only one name, and where an objection was raised to a name, and that objection seemed worth considering, to provide an alternate name for that method.

Let it be noted that I have spoken of an objection worth considering. I do not mean that I personally, or the committee as a whole, agree that the objection should be, or will be, sustained; but in case it is sustained, an alternative name has been suggested.

So far from our claiming autocratic powers, it will be seen that in each case there are two things for the Council to decide; first, whether the objection to the existing name can be sustained; and then whether the proposed name shall be adopted.

But as time would make it impossible for the Council to go through each name separately, it will be best for those who object to any point, to do so beforehand in your columns. We shall not, however, do much good by accusing one another of 'change for the sake of change,' which, of course, we all want to avoid; or by one critic complaining that we have classified too much, and another that we have not classified enough. Our work was not to classify, but something of the sort must be done.

Now let us get down to actual examples. Take the name 'Oxford.' More than once I have been present when the call was made 'Go, Treble Bob,' and some proceeded to ring the Oxford variation, and the others the Kent. The last time this happened, I afterwards began a touch of Oxford Bob, and one of the ringers thought the call was for Oxford Treble Bob. This latter method, therefore, has three words in its name, and none of the three sufficiently distinctive. What we suggest is that Oxford, and that word alone, should be the title of that method, and that Oxford Bob should be known by another name. Of course, we lose an historical link by doing so, and my antiquarian sympathies rebel against such a change; but in this life, there are many occasions when the antiquarian and the practical spirit are in opposition: all we have done is to give the Exercise, through the Council next year, and through your columns in the meantime, the opportunity of saying which shall prevail.

Let us take another example from your columns last week. We are there told how to splice 'London Scholars' Pleasure' with other methods; but Mr. Fidler is wise enough not to say what call is made on the occasion. One can hardly believe that all three words—none of them easy—are called out. But if they are not, why print them as if they were?

It will be noted that this name offends in several ways. Not only are there more words than one in it, but one of them ('London'), is commonly used of another method; another ('Pleasure') seems more the name of a class than of a single method, while the remaining

word ('Scholar') is not definite enough for a name by itself. Moreover, the whole term is rather a description than a name, so that we may be said to have given a name to a method which has never yet had one.

In this case, as in many others, the old name can be easily kept as a sub-title; and we can thus satisfy the claims both of the Antiquarian and the Practical man.

Do not let anyone say that we cannot see that there is another side to the question. In presenting the Report, it was pointed out that there would be sure to be some who would think that we had not gone far enough, while others would say that we had gone too far; so we recognised at least two other points of view than our own. What I have asked for, is that we should get some constructive proposals from these other points of view, and that time should not be wasted by mere useless destruction. HERBERT DRAKE.

## COVENTRY BELLS.

We understand that the question of the Coventry (St. Michael's) Cathedral bells is not settled yet, and will not be taken up again till September. It is now in the hands of the Chancellor of the Diocese—presumably on the question of his granting a faculty. Therefore, it would be well for the C.C. to see if it could be represented before the Chancellor's Consistory Court.

## BELLS BROADCAST.

Bells have been prominently before the public through the agency of the broadcasting programmes during the last week or so. On Wednesday week there was an hour of bells from 2 LO and various relay stations. The musical items included vocal and orchestral numbers, in which bells play a part (either in the music or the title), and there was a short 'chat' upon 'The bell,' in which the speaker referred to the charm of church bells and their inspiration, and concluded by touching upon the other uses of bells, which were illustrated—the sheep bell, the fire bell, the dinner bell, and the like. It was an entertaining talk, which doubtless interested tens of thousands of listeners, but it showed a lack of technical knowledge by a reference to 'Grandsire Triplets and Bob Majors.'

On Sunday, as a preliminary to a service broadcast from Aberdeen, listeners heard the bells at Buckfast Abbey, Devon. Eight bells were rung in call changes and lowered in peal. There are fourteen bells at Buckfast, there being two semitones in addition to the ring of twelve. The tenor is 40½ cwt.

## CHURCHWARDEN CALLS QUARTER-PEAL.

At Dore, on Saturday, August 15th, in 52 minutes, a quarter-peal (1,264 changes) of Bob Major: A. Craven 1, H. Ringham 2, F. Ward 3, T. O'Hara 4, J. W. Sykes 5, W. Riggan 6, M. Wilson 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey (first quarter of Bob Major as conductor) 8. Rung to commemorate the 70th birthday of the Vicar of Dore, after the failure of a peal attempt in the same method. First quarter-peal by the ringer of 2nd. First quarter 'inside' by 7th. The first occasion at Dore on which a quarter-peal has been called by one of the churchwardens.

## PUDSEY SURPRISE ROYAL.

### THE METHOD.

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4th place bob.

The first peal in the method was rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry, August 15th, 1925. Conducted by H. J. Poole.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE FIRST NEWSPAPER CONTROVERSY ON RINGING.  
EDWARD CRANE AND HIS PEAL OF STEDMAN.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Sixty years ago, Dr. John Brown, one of the most humane of men, wrote that it was a natural and healthy thing to enjoy watching a dog fight. We have grown softer since, and our modern dogs hardly live up to the character good old Dr. Watts gave them; but something of the same spirit still lives in the delight we take when two well-equipped opponents set about each other in the correspondence column of the 'Ringing World.' The subject of dispute is no great matter. It may be a challenged peal, or concerning the authorship of some composition or method, anything in which personal interest or pique enters, then let the opponents metaphorically take off their jackets and set about each other with verbal cudgels in right goodwill, and we, the outsiders, are ready to enjoy the fun.

Yet methinks that even in this there is a great and lamentable falling away. It is a long time since we had a really exciting controversy in the ringing papers. We can only hope that they are not altogether things of the past. If all people thought alike the world would be a dull affair, and change ringing will be in a bad way when ringers cease to hold strong opinions, or to be ready to back them with strong words. Wherefore don't be afraid to speak out, and so long as you keep to the rules of the game don't be afraid of personalities. You will not hurt your opponent by suggesting that he is an ignorant ass (probably it will be quite true), and you will be doing your little bit to add to the gaiety of the nations.

It is just on two hundred years ago since the first newspaper controversy on a ringing matter. The opponents were two Norwich men, Thomas Melchior and Edward Crane, by name, and the subject in dispute was the first peal of Stedman Triples. To understand it we must first know something of the history of change ringing up to the date of their publication.

Change ringing started about the year 1600, the closing years of the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Bells had been rung, of course, for many centuries before that time, and, no doubt, had been 'rung up' for many years. But then it was that the sixes were invented; and the invention of the sixes made, as Fabian Stedman tells us, the whole of change ringing possible. If you will study the history of the art during the following three centuries you cannot help noticing, that though there has been development and progress all along, yet there have been definite times when things seem to move with great rapidity, and other times when, for years, little or no progress was made. Just at present we are in the midst of one of the times of progress; the eighties of the last century saw another; and probably the most notable of all was in the early years of the eighteenth century.

Change ringing had been practised for a hundred years. I do not doubt that the average ability and intelligence of ringers was quite equal to that of to-day or any other time. But no complete peal had yet been rung. In 1715, the Norwich men accomplished the first five thousand, a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples. We skip another twenty years, and we have the following remarkable record:—

1717.—The first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, by the London Scholars.

1718.—The first peal of Grandsire Triples, at Norwich.

A peal of 'Hick Triples,' by the Union Scholars.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, by the Union Scholars.

1719.—A peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Peter's, Norwich.

1721.—A peal of Bob Major Triples, at Mortlake.

1722.—A peal of Grandsire Triples, at Stroud, Gloucestershire.

1724.—The College Youths rang 5,058 Grandsire Caters, at St. Magnus. A peal of Triples, at All Saints', Hertford.

1725.—The first peal of Grandsire Cinques, by the College Youths, at St. Bride's.

The first peal of Bob Major, by the same society at the same tower.

A peal of Grandsire Triples, at Cambridge.

1726.—The first peal of Bob Maximus, by the College Youths, at St. Bride's.

1727.—10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major, at St. Miles', Norwich.

A peal of College Triples, by the College Youths, at St. Olave's, Southwark.

6,006 Grandsire Cinques, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, by the London Scholars.

6,314 in the same method, at the same church, by the College Youths.

The first peal of Union Triples, by the College Youths, at St. Lawrence Jewry.

1728.—10,080 Bob Major, at St. Mary's, Bermondsey, by the College Youths.

1729.—5,126 Grandsire Cinques, by the College Youths, at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

1731.—The first peal of Stedman Triples, at St. Peter's, Norwich.

Another peal of Stedman Triples, at St. Miles', in the same city.

1732.—The first peal of Double Grandsire Caters, by the College Youths.

The first peal of St. Simon's Triples, at St. Bride's, by the College Youths.

A peal of Middlesex Triples, at Twickenham.

1735.—The first peal of Court Bob Major, at St. Lawrence Jewry, by the College Youths.

This is anything but a complete list, but it is sufficient to show what great strides were made at that time in ringing. You will notice that while peals were being rung in widely scattered parts of the country, the most notable were in two cities, Norwich and London. That is almost what you might expect. You would, of course, look to London to be in the forefront of the advance. And Norwich was then relatively a much more important place than it is now. Bristol was the second city of the country, Norwich the third, and the rest nowhere. The West of England has never been a great place for change ringing (I am not referring to recent years), and so it was quite in the nature of things that the early lead was taken by the two great cities—London and Norwich.

And two men seem to have stood out as the leaders of the Exercise—Benjamin Annable, at London, and John Garthorn at Norwich. Annable left by far the better record of the two, whether as composer, conductor or practical ringer. But it is evident that it was due to the genius and abilities of John Garthorn that ringing received its first great impetus in Norwich. It was due to him that Norwich had the honour of ringing the first peal in any method, and he laid the foundations on which the fine performances of the Norwich Scholars were built.

Of his history we know very little. He was the composer of the 1715 peal of Bob Triples, which he called, and which seems to be the only five thousand in which he took part. He composed the peal of Grandsire Triples rung in 1718, but did not ring in it. Possibly he was becoming advanced in years; possibly his health was failing. Anyhow, before 1730 he was dead, and was buried in St. Gregory's Churchyard in the city. If one had the time, a search through the parish registers might reveal some details of his age and occupation. At that time there were three rings of eight in Norwich. Mancroft had had a complete octave since 1672. St. Andrew's were made eight in 1705, but for some reason or other do not seem to have been used for peal ringing. I said something a week or so ago about the kind of frame they are hung in, and probably from the first they have never been very easy bells to ring. St. Michael's, Coslany (St. Miles'), were made eight in 1726. The other historical ring in Norwich, St. Giles', were not made eight till 1726.

I imagine (for several reasons) that the peal ringing was done by a combined band from St. Peter's and St. Miles, and that after Garthorn's death, or retirement, the leadership fell at St. Peter's to Thomas Melchior, and at St. Miles to Robert Crane. Rather curiously, except in the case of the 1715 peal, and the two peals of Stedman Triples, the old Norwich peal boards do not mention any conductor. We can only guess at who called the peals by putting two and two together. Thomas Melchior rang the seventh at Mancroft to the 1718 peal of Grandsire Triples, the same bell to the 1719 peal, the treble to the Stedman Triples of 1731, and the treble to the 12,603 of Grandsire Caters in 1737. These were all at St. Peter's. It is pretty certain he called them all. But in the 10,080 of Treble Bob at St. Miles in 1727 he rang the second. Robert Crane rang the tenor, and either he or Edward Crane who rang the seventh evidently called the bobs.

There was a family of Cranes who were ringers. Robert was the oldest, and, I fancy, the father. Edward and Thomas were his sons. Edward was the cleverer and ambitious member of the family. Thomas did not, so far as I know, ever ring a peal, but we shall hear of him presently.

You will notice that here are all the usual causes for the usual very (very much too usual) ringers' quarrel. You have Thomas Melchior firmly entrenched at St. Peter's as Garthorn's successor, as leader, conductor, composer, and general authority on ringing matters, yet not in a position to be quite independent of the Coslany men. And you have Edward Crane, younger, ambitious, through his father in control of the other available peal ringing tower; clever, too, and quite of the opinion that he had as much right to be conductor and leader as anybody else—Thomas Melchior or another. A split was almost bound to come over something or other. It actually came over Stedman Triples.

I believe it was Crane who started the ball rolling. I think the young man thought to himself that it would be a fine thing to ring a peal of Stedman Triples, and that he was the man to compose the peal. I think that Melchior, when he heard of it, treated the matter with lofty contempt. HE was John Garthorn's successor. HE was the man to say what should be rung, and if any peal of Stedman was to be attempted HE would supply the composition. Young men should keep their proper places.

But Crane, you will remember, could control a tower, and at least part of a band. All that was needed was to compose the peal, com-



plete the band, and ring the first peal of Stedman Triples without Melchior's aid, and in spite of anything he could say or do.

The lists were thus set ready for the battle, and the formal challenge was thrown down by the publication of the following notice in the 'Norwich Gazette' of September 11th, 1731:—

Whereas that most Noted and harmonious Peal of 7 Bells called Stedman Triples, which has so long lain hid in Darkness from the knowledge of the World, and although so many ingenious Ringers have pricked so many Thousand Sheets of paper and could never bring it to truth, but have thought it impossible to be done. This is, therefore, to acquaint all Ringers and Lovers of that art that it is now brought to Light and truth with two Doubles, and is pricked at Length which contains 5,040 Changes by that ingenious and Compleat Ringer, EDWARD CRANE.

Note.—If any Ringers Doubt the Truth of the Peal let him come to the sign of the 6 Ringers in St. Michael's of Coslany, and they may have any wages from 2 guineas to 10.' The challenge was promptly taken up.

#### BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Luton District was held at Woburn on Saturday, August 22nd, members being present from Bedford, Luton, Dunstable, Houghton Regis, Husbome, Crawley, Stony Stratford, St. Albans and Linslade. The fine peal were kept going from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m., with an interval for tea, which was held at the Magnie Hotel. After tea, a short business meeting took place, presided over by Mr. A. King (president of the branch).

Luton was selected for the next meeting, early in October.

After the usual votes of thanks, the tower was again visited. Touches were rung in many methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, the striking in the different Surprise methods being very good.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE. — On Friday, August 7th, at St. Gwendoline's Church, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): C. Powell 1, D. J. Moore 2, L. S. Griffiths 3, W. D. Griffiths (conductor) 4, C. M. Davies 5, S. Powell 6. First quarter-peal for the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

WITNEY (OXON). — On Tuesday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 54 mins.: E. Brown 1, H. Brooks 2, N. Spindlow 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, C. Channon 8.

#### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

##### PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT AT FAREHAM.

A quarterly meeting was held at Fareham on Saturday last, when, despite the very unsettled weather, a large number of ringers attended. The meeting was originally fixed for Alverstoke, but owing to serious illness near the church it had to be abandoned, and by kind permission of the Vicar of Fareham (the Rev. J. C. Tarbat) the meeting was held there. Members were present from Curydrige, Fareham, Havant, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Titchfield, Wickham, and the Isle of Wight was represented by members from Ryde, Whitwell, and Mr. H. Barton. The visitors included Messrs. A. Harman (Leatherhead), O. J. Hunt (Coventry) and the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger).

Tea took place at Foster's Temperance Hotel, and the business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. R. J. Stone (district chairman).

It was with the utmost satisfaction that the district welcomed as new members, the ringers at Hambledon. A combined practice was held there the previous Saturday, and the company decided to join the Guild. Consequently the following names were submitted to the meeting: Rev. E. Kynaston (Vicar of Hambledon), as hon. member; Messrs. W. Boyes, T. Parker, J. Knight, E. Marsh, G. Spiller, H. Perkins, W. E. Hunt, J. Turner, as full members; and Messrs. F. Friend and H. H. Collins, probationers. These were unanimously elected. The meeting also confirmed the election previous to a peal attempt of Messrs. Ernest Morris (Leicester) and E. F. Pike (London).

It was decided, if possible, to hold the annual district meeting at Alverstoke on November 21st next; or, failing that, St. Thomas' Portsmouth. The secretary announced that it was proposed to hold a joint meeting of the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth districts at Ryde in the near future, and it was decided to leave it in his hands to arrange a suitable date.

A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. G. Pullinger, was accorded the Vicar of Fareham for the use of the bells; and, on behalf of the mainland, he welcomed the visitors from the Isle of Wight, who were present with them.—To this Mr. B. J. Snow (Ryde) suitably responded.—The members then returned to the tower for further ringing. During the afternoon and evening the ringing included all the standard methods, and also Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ringing of a peal of Stedman Triples on the back eight of Wells Cathedral, during the Somerset tour, constituted a 'weight' record, for no peal of Stedman Triples had been previously rung on so heavy a ring of bells. Exeter and St. Paul's are the only heavier peals.

Wells Cathedral contains a remarkable 12th century clock, which, although constructed from primitive materials by a monk, is still in faultless working order and an irreproachable timekeeper. Besides giving the hour, the clock records the quarters of the moon, and on the stroke of the hour a group of mediæval figures break into life, and whirl round and round until the last chime dies away. There is only one other clock of the kind in existence.

A quaint inscription has been discovered on the wall of All Saints' Church, Maidstone, opposite the tower and belfry. It is a tribute to the skill of a local stonemason, and runs as follows: 'Here lyeth the Body of John Wallis, who died February 20th, 1745, aged 28 years.

'Stop Ringers all and cast an eye,  
You in your glory so once was I,  
What I have been as you may see  
Which now is in the Belfree.'

The note in this column, re one of Leicester's 'first eleven' going on tour round the world to visit 'Uncle' Joe E. Sykes, brings this reply: 'E. M. left Leicester on June 5th, and travelled via New York, Seattle, Honolulu, Kobe, Noji, Fusan and Antsuy in Korea, arriving at Ansham, Manchuria, on July 8th; started back next day via Mukden; Harbin; Vladivostok, Omsk; Irkutsk; Moscow; Leningrad, and arrived home in Leicester on the eve of his birthday—July 27th.' Some journey this!

Bertram Prewett, whose memory is a cherished possession, was killed in action on August 31st, 1918.

The record handbell peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters was rung at Guildford on August 31st, 1912, in 9 hours 32 mins.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland—Grandsire Caters—was rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886.

Birmingham possesses some very active youths. Here is Ald. Pritchett nearly 71, climbing Cader Idris, from Arthlog, returning by the Fox's path to Dolgelly, and thence walking to Barmouth—20 miles in all. There is many a man twenty years his junior who couldn't stand up to that.

Then there is that other Birmingham 'lad,' James George, who has been performing on Southwark tenor again ringing her to a peal of Stedman Cinques. And he will be 72 in November. Birmingham is a frightful blot of the landscape, but it seems a pretty good place to live in if one wants to keep one's youth and virility.

In the belfry at Keighley, Yorks, is a peal board recording the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in the North of England. It reads as follows: Rung in this steeple on the 18th of August, 1811, by eight Ringers of this Town, 5,376 Changes of that most intricate Peal, Cambridge Surprise eight in, composed by Mr. Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, being the first true Peal in that Method ever rung in the North of England, it was performed with great correctness in 3 hrs. 18 mins., by Jeremiah Foulds treble, George Hattersley 2nd, James Baldwin 3rd, David Smith 4th, Joshua Cawood 5th, Thomas Iveson 6th, Thomas Midgley 7th, James Inman tenor. Conducted by Mr. David Smith.

Bert Chilvers, of Cotton, who rang his first peal, on the 9th, as recorded last week, has been handicapped from birth by a useless right arm. He has to do his ringing with his left arm and hand only, and his progress in the art has been a triumph over disability. He is conductor at Cotton, where shortly, the existing ring of five bells is to be made into a peal of six.

Bishop Ryle, Dean of Westminster, who died last week, was always interested in bells and ringers. He attended the College Youths' dinner in 1920, and made a most interesting speech. During the time he was Bishop of Winchester he entertained the Diocesan Guild at his residence, Farnham Castle.

## THE 'OTHER WAY OF BROADCASTING.'

On Saturday week, a band of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild tried their hand at broadcasting, but not through the B.B.C. stations. They rang a 'peal' of Minor in seven methods, but they did it in seven different towers, and the time is given as 'not exceeding seven hours.'

This is believed to be the first time such a feat has been accomplished. The following are the details of the performance:

- 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, at Great Addington.
- 720 Oxford Treble Bob, at St. John's, Cranford.
- 720 Kent Treble Bob, at Isham.
- 720 Oxford Bob, at Islip.
- 720 Double Oxford Bob, at Lowick.
- 720 Bob Minor, at Woodford.
- 720 Double Court Bob, at Ringstead.

A Baxter 1, A. Bellamy 2, W. Hayo 3, L. Wyman 4, J. Hudson 5, G. Blaxley 6. Conducted by G. Blaxley.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

## HINTS ON 'SPLICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.

## THIRD ARTICLE.

Those who are not yet conversant with the methods already detailed in my previous articles should not make any attempt to tackle the methods of the group to be dealt with below, but keep the copies of the 'Ringing World' by them for future reference. I am the last person to expect any band of ringers to keep pace with these notes—it cannot be done—but if kept, they will be found handy for reference. Further, if the thirty-five method peal is to be accomplished, all the notes must be obtained, and it would be advisable if each member of the band had a copy so that he could study them at his leisure. The more study at home, the better the practice in the tower.

As I briefly hinted in the last article, the ground work of the group now to be dealt with is 'Woodbine,' and we will, therefore, christen it with that name. No doubt I shall get drawn over the coals, but that does not matter, as the subject is not part of that hardy annual, 'Method Nomenclature.' Those who have been used to ringing this method ought to be able to tackle five new methods at once practice, and ring a five method extent at the first time of asking, but we must not forget our slower brethren, and to them I must explain.

The methods comprising this group are 4th's Place Delight Methods, viz., Grove, Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV., and Wragby. The reason why I am taking the 4th's Place Delight Methods in preference to others of Treble Bob, is on account of the various kinds of slow work, which are exactly the same as that in the Oxford group.

Braintree is the odd method, and is the only one requiring any amount of study.

First of all, I will give the combinations of the group, with the resultant method:—

| Work above Treble,<br>or that of bells<br>passing 'up.' | Work below Treble,<br>or that of bells passing<br>'down.' | Resultant Method. |
|---|---|-------------------|
| Woodbine.   | Kingston.   | Wragby.           |
| "   | London Scholars' Pleasure.                                | College Bob IV.   |
| "   | Sandal.   | Neasden.          |
| "   | Overton.  | Grove Delight.    |
| "   | Braintree.  | Braintree.        |

## WRAGBY.

Let us look at the lead of Wragby (No. 12, page 16), so that a note may be made of the work above treble, or our old friend of Snowdon's days, viz., Woodbine. Incidentally we may as well kill two birds with one stone, and learn also how to find out from the lead given the starting work of each bell. The notes on this particular point apply to any method, and will assist the ringer in taking over any bell without the necessity of having his position explained to him, thus saving valuable time. How often one comes across a ringer who learns his method by the course, is given an unaccustomed bell to start off with, has to run through the whole course before he can pick up the path of his bell, when, had he learned the method by the order of passing the treble, he need only have found out where the bell passed her previous to coming into rounds! I might add at this juncture, it is not necessary to write out the full course to find out the work of each bell previous to rounds coming up, as we soon shall see.

First of all, examine the path of the bell in second's place at the lead end. It is the 6th; trace back, and we find that she passed treble 2-3 up; then make a note of the work after passing in that position. The 4th, being in third's place is next on the list, being the bell coming out of 'slow'; there is not far to go, and our discovery is that it passed the treble 1-2 up. We have a little farther to trace back with the 4th's place bell, viz., the 5th, she having passed treble 5-6 up. This is a position requiring special attention, as also does that of the next bell, the 2nd, which passed treble 3-4 up, and in their work, there are either made before or after working with treble in 3-4. There is only one bell left and that is the 3rd, occupying 6th's place, which had passed the treble in the 4-5 position.

In our search for the work after passing treble down, we find ourselves on very familiar ground; it is identical to that in Kingston, consequently there is no further need to memorise it.

After this analysis we find the following recorded in our notebook:—

| Pass Treble. |  |
|--------------|--|
| 1-2 up.      | (Out of slow), 4th's, as in Oxford.                  |
| 2-3 up.      | (In slow), 4th's, as in Oxford.                      |
| 3-4 up.      | 4th's, 3rd's, and a triple dodge in 5-6 up.          |
| 4-5 up.      | A triple dodge in 5-6, before and after lying 6th's. |
| 5-6 up.      | Triple dodge in 5-6 down, 3rd's, 4th's.              |
|              | Work down, as Kingston.                              |

## ROB WORK.

This will be found somewhat different from that of Oxford, but the bells passing treble 1-2 and 2-3 remain unaltered, so the hobs are called when the observation is in one of these two positions. The instructions given on conducting Oxford apply to this method. The bell passing Treble 3-4 up, makes the hob, i.e.,

842135  
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416253  
142635  
412635  
146253  
164235  
612453  
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614253  
641235  
462153  
461235  
462153

## Grove Delight.

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## Bob 1 6 4 2 3 5

## BRAINTREE.

Pass Treble Up. Work as in Woodbine.

- 1-2 down. (After snapping Treble), lead, 2nd's, lead, dodge off (i.e., 1-2 up), 3rd's, 4th's, i.e., Kent Places (pass Treble 4-5 up).
- 2-3 down. lead, 3rd's, 4th's, and out (Kent Places).
- 3-4 down. dodge on, dodge off (i.e., dodge 1-2 down [lead] dodge 1-2 up), and out.
- 4-5 down. (Kent Places), 4th's, 3rd's, dodge on (i.e., 1-2 down), stay in slow.
- 5-6 down. (Kent Places), 4th's, 3rd's, lead and out.

The rule for 'splicing' this method with its four companions, is the same as that for Oxford. A full course of it must be rung. If the practice is followed of always introducing these odd methods in the position given for the first group, the conductor will have his troubles reduced. As the extent can easily be pricked out, there is no necessity for it to appear here.

Having mastered these five methods we are now in a position to attempt a ten method peal, and I would suggest it be arranged as follows:—

- 1st extent (spliced). Braintree and Grove Delight.  
2nd extent (spliced). Neasden and College Bob IV.  
3rd extent. Wragby.  
4th extent (spliced). Overton, Sandal.  
5th extent. London Scholars' Pleasure.  
6th extent. Kingston.  
7th extent. Oxford.

My next article will deal with Group No. 3, the College Exercise Group.

Previous articles have appeared in our issues of Aug. 14th and 21st.

## CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT WINCHESTER.

An attempt for a peal of Cambridge Maximus was made on Saturday last at Winchester Cathedral by twelve members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, mainly recruited from London and district, under the conductorship of Mr. Wm. Pye. Exactly 2½ courses, or a quarter of the peal, had been rung in 59 minutes, and good steady striking was being maintained, when a message came from the Dean asking that the ringing should cease owing to serious illness in the Cathedral Close.

## THE SOMERSET TOUR.

### A DELIGHTFUL WEEK IN THE WEST COUNTRY.

On Saturday, August 8th, a party of ringers, some with their wives, etc., met at Yeovil with some very large ideas about ringing. A peal of Stedman Caters at the Parish Church was the first course of a very attractive menu, but a great disappointment was in store, for, after some first-class ringing, the 9th took so much 'humping' that it was found impossible to continue. On inspecting the bell afterwards it was found that one of its bearings was bone dry, and, in the opinion of those who know, Hercules himself could not have stuck it through a peal.

The headquarters for the first part of the trip were at Queen Camel, to which place the party now proceeded. Those with their own means of locomotion found no difficulty in getting there, but those who had to rely on the railway soon discovered that 'slow and easy' applies to another section of English railways other than the South Eastern. However, on arrival at Sparkford Station, the fortunate ones were there to convey luggage, and the weary ones to their destination, Mr. Pulling's brother having made all the arrangements for accommodation and catering for the inner man.

On Sunday the landlord's car was commandeered (no, dear reader, it was not a 'Tin Lizzie,' but a good solid old bus), and a move towards Beckington was made. A peal of London was successfully brought round here, and on its conclusion the local band, who said some very nice things about the ringing, were in such a hurry to ring for the evening service (there were only five of them) that the peal band had to retire to the churchyard to finish dressing, and, as one of the party aptly remarked, 'it was a good job he hadn't taken his shirt off.'

Sherborne was the seat of operations for Monday. The party, who arrived early in the town, were shown round the school (which is probably the oldest in England, and dates from A.D. 704) by Major Hesse, who was educated there. The Abbey, which dates from the same period, was found to be equally interesting. The peal of bells, the heaviest ring of eight in the kingdom, were then set going to Stedman Triples. No one would have been surprised if the peal did not materialise, but much to the joy of everyone concerned, the bells were kept going until the conductor shouted, 'This is all.' It may be added that no one was sorry, especially the ringer of the tenor, who, before the peal, was so optimistic that he had visions of turning it in to Major! Arrangements had been made for a peal at Milborne Port in the evening, but this was not possible, owing to the late start at Sherborne. The tower was visited, however, and a course or two of different methods were indulged in, just to keep the ringers from getting rusty.

On Tuesday, Wells was the hunting ground, and it may be said a very happy one. It is true that an attempt for Stedman Triples was abandoned at St. Cuthbert's, as it was thought that, if P.C. 137, who had the 7th in custody, lost too much weight, the ratepayers of Surrey would be put to more expense to provide him with a new uniform on returning to duty. In the afternoon, Mrs. Robinson, wife of the Very Rev. the Dean of Wells, very kindly entertained the whole company to tea, and showed them round the Deanery—a most interesting house, which has been occupied by the successive Deans of Wells Cathedral since it was built over 800 years ago. A certain amount of disappointment was felt when it was discovered that the band were one man short for Stedman Caters at the Cathedral, but nothing daunted, the best was made of a bad job by ringing a peal of Stedman Triples. Those of the party had had been fortunate enough to hear these magnificent bells before, said this was the best music, as Triples sounded infinitely better than Caters. On thanking the Dean for his hospitality and the use of his bells, he told us how glad he was that we had scored the peal, and how much he had appreciated the ringing.

All the really heavy rings had now been disposed of, and the lighter peals at Drayton and Curry Rivel came as something of a relief on Wednesday. It was unfortunate the weather decided to be unkind, especially for Mr. and Mrs. Williams, who had to cycle from Queen Camel, something like 20 miles, and also for Mr. Pullinger who cycled from Wells. The latter, who was drenched to the skin, purchased a new set of underclothes at Langport. On retreating Drayton he obtained permission to put them on at the local inn, and was told by the proprietor he might 'change his clothes in the front room at the back.' Another set-back came when it was found that the conductor, with his spouse, had not arrived: he eventually turned up with his 1925 model, being towed in by old Dobbie's 1918 bike. During the peal of Superlative, which the band rang here, Mr. Dobbie stood out and put the faulty machine in order. The peal itself was without incident, except that the treble ringer was the only man on a box. This caused a little confusion on starting, but was soon overcome when two of the band changed ropes. Tea was then partaken of at the Bell Inn at Curry Rivel. The inhabitants of this village are, according to a local resident, very small meat-eaters, it being only necessary to kill half a sheep a week, to meet their requirements of

this commodity. A peal of Cambridge was then attempted, but as this was lost after about an hour and three-quarters' ringing, the less said about the performance the better. No one seemed very unhappy, however, for, had the peal been completed, it would have meant waiting another hour for a train to Taunton, which was to be the headquarters for the remainder of the week, to say nothing of having to carry the baggage over a mile to another station, from whence the later train departed.

At Taunton the passengers were met by Mr. James Hunt, who had organised the times for the various peals with his customary precision, and obtained permission to use all the bells, with the exception of Wells Cathedral. He had also arranged for the accommodation of the party in this town, taking four of them under his own roof.

Two peals were fixed for Taunton on Thursday. Cambridge was rung at St. James', but at St. Mary's, where the band were welcomed by the curate-in-charge, Stedman Caters was lost, after 45 minutes' ringing. The company, which now included Mr. J. T. Dyke, the new general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, made their way to the house of Mr. J. Maddock, a well-known figure of the ringing community, especially in the West Country. Here a convivial evening and real Somerset cider was enjoyed, and Mr. Hunt's splendid peal of handbells brought into use. The opportunity was now taken, as the whole party were together, to make a small presentation to Mr. and Mrs. Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Pulling for the work and trouble they had taken to make the week such an enjoyable one.

First-hand knowledge of the proceedings on Friday is unknown to the writer, who, with one other (not a ringer), spent the day elsewhere. Anyway, it proved to be the only day of the tour on which two peals were scored, London at Burnham-on-Sea, and Superlative at Bridgwater. Lunch was partaken of at Burnham, and was much enjoyed until the bill was presented, which left a nasty flavour behind it.

Saturday came, and with it, the beginning of the end. Owing to a burial taking place at Milverton, time would not permit the company retrieving a bad start for London by commencing a second time, so, after three courses, it was decided to make for the hotel, where lunch had been prepared. Some of the ringers who had not received sufficient exercise during the week betook themselves to the skittle alley, where they showed considerable prowess at this old-fashioned game. Before going on to the next village, 'good-bye' was said to three of the party who could not stay until the finish of the tour.

Stedman Triples was rung at Wiveliscombe to wind up the week. This method was adopted as the visitors were informed that the inhabitants, who apparently have an ear for music, would not appreciate the tenor turned in, otherwise a peal of Surprise would have been attempted.

Returning to Taunton, the remainder of the company adjourned to the Parade Hotel, where for half an hour they enjoyed discussing what had been done, what remained to be done, and when.

Farewells were then bidden amongst expressions of regret that such an enjoyable week had come to its conclusion, but with the hope that in the future all might meet again to renew acquaintance with the fair county of Somerset.

In conclusion, grateful thanks are due to the incumbents of the various churches for granting permission to use their bells, and to the local bands for the great help they afforded the party, and the very warm welcome with which they were greeted at all the towers they visited.

The ladies of the party are also deserving of a word of appreciation for the way in which they discovered establishments where the appetites of the hungry peal ringers might be appeased on descending from the belfries.

G. W. S.

**BRABOURNE, KENT.**—For evensong, on August 9th, 720 Plain Robt: E. Cheesman 1, L. Finn 2, P. Pierce 3, W. Cheeseman 4, S. Finn 5, A. Castle (Elham), conductor, 6.

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This bell was cast by John Warner and Sons, Crescent foundry, London. On the waist the Royal Arms and 'patent.'

This tenor was originally given by Cardinal Wolsey. The present bell is 84 inches diameter, and weighs 46 cwt. 0 nr. 23 lb.

Sanctus-bell.—STA MARIA ORA PRO NOBIS' (in small Lombardic capitals).

Fire-bell.—'Lord, quench the furious flame.—Arise, run, hold out the same, I.W. I.C. \* 1653, R.A.' This bell, called the 'Panne bell,' is of peculiar shape, nearly as wide at the crown as at the mouth, and has a most dismal sound. Diameter 32½ inches.

The ringing chamber is close under the bells, and the noise is deafening, with the result that the conductor has an unenviable task. Ringing has to be carried on, even in broad daylight, by means of three gas jets of the old flame burner type, so dark is the belfry, and although the tower is a 'barn' for room, the general conditions are the reverse of conducive to comfort in ringing. Only four peals are known to have been rung on the bells.



# SHERBORNE ABBEY BELLS.

## INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE HEAVIEST PEAL OF EIGHT.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Sherborne Abbey may now fairly claim to possess the heaviest peal of eight bells in England, with a tenor of a little over 46 cwt. Previous to 1891 that distinction belonged to Wells Cathedral; but in that year the peal was augmented to ten.

As regards the early history of Sherborne bells, the following notes are taken from the late Canon Raven's 'Church Bells of Dorset':—

'The first mention of the bells of All Hallows (i.e., the old parish church which was built on to the west end of the Abbey, and continued to be used as the parish church until the town bought the Abbey church at the dissolution of the Monastery in 1539), is in the year 1514-15, when some repairs were done, but the account is much torn: in 1515-16, the sum of 2s. 4d. was paid for the keeping of the bells, and 13s. 4d. was spent on the clapper of the great bell, and 7d. on the bawdericks, and 4d. on grease, and 3s. on two bell ropes, and 2s. 2d. on trussing the great bell. The bell here mentioned is probably Wolsey's bell, which was given to the town, not to the Monastery. Similar entries occur regularly. All Hallows had five bells, at least as early as 1527-8. When the parish bought the Abbey Church, 1539-40, the bells were transferred to it, and there were certainly six bells

roof of the same along the east, south and west sides, and then to ascend a few more steps and a ladder at the south-west angle of the tower. The chamber is so dark that it is necessary to light the gas in the daytime.

'In 1858, two trebles were added, and the sixth was recast by G. Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London; and from that date the peal became one of eight bells.

'Unfortunately, at the end of that year, on the first Sunday in Advent, as the bells were being rung for evening service, the noble tenor suddenly cracked. Such a disaster, after having just spent so much on adding two new bells and recasting the sixth, seems to have exhausted the church funds for a time, and it was not until 1865 that she was recast by Warner. Since then, and since I visited Sherborne and copied the inscriptions, the third and also the seventh have been recast.

'The clock is in the ringing chamber and strikes the Cambridge quarters on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th, and the hour on the tenor.'

Treble.—'G. Mears, founder, London.—Lord let the folk below—Resound in living song—Thy praise as I do now—With iron tongue.—August 10th, 1858.'

Second.—'G. Mears, founder, London.—We hang here to record—That the choir was restored—In the year of our Lord—1858.'



in 1542-3, for Roger Smyth was then paid 2d. for a buckle for the bawderick of the sixth bell, and Appulby and his two men were paid 1s. 2d. for "trussing of vith bell and for nayles to that work."

'In 1556-7, the two largest bells were recast, and a great collection was made for the bells amounting to £61 19s. 9d., besides gifts of cows, parchment, skins, bell wheels, etc. Then follow numerous items of expenses incurred about the work.

'In 1553-4, we find an item "in full payment for a Belle solde XI. li." Why this bell was sold is doubtful. It may have been one of the Abbey bells (perhaps the only one in the Abbey tower before the others were removed from All Hallows Church), which had been sold cheap. There are many other items connected with the bells up to the year 1578.

'In 1655, Robert Austen and his sons were paid £55 9s. 6d. for casting bells, and for metal for the "Panne bell," i.e., the Fire-bell.

'In 1670, the tenor was recast by Thos. Purdue at Clossworth. The recasting alone cost £21. At this time the bells were only rung at stack-level, from the ground floor, and there is a tradition that it required twenty-one men to ring the six bells. How they were stationed it is impossible to imagine. At what date they were hung with stays and slides, to be rung in the ordinary way, I have not been able to ascertain. But in 1762-3, Mr. Belby (i.e., Bilby) and Mr. Evans were paid £50 for new hanging the six bells, and very likely it was at that time that the change was carried out.

'The present ringing chamber is on a level with the vaulting of the church roof. To reach it it is necessary to ascend a spiral staircase at the angle of the south transept, and to traverse the leads on the

Third.—The original bell was cast by Robert Austen. The inscription was on the crown, and partly hidden by the stock. When she was recast in 1803 an attempt was made to reproduce it, but with rather unsatisfactory results. It now reads: 'Recast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., 1903.—W—M x CAST x E.R.S x THO x GARD x (above EA . GAVE) ME. R.A. 1652.' The date on the old bell was 1655, not 1652, the last '5' being inverted was evidently mistaken for a '2.'

Fourth.—'Peace & Plenty is the wish of Thomas Thorne & Samuel Jeffery, Churchwardens, 1803. Thomas and James Bilbie, Chewstocke, Somerset, fecit.'

Fifth.—'Bartholomew Watts. : and : Sweet Hart : Church Wardens, 1787. Be meek & lowly to hear the word of God. William Bilbie, Chewstocke, Somerset, fecit.'

Sixth.—'G. Mears, founder, London, 1858.'

Seventh.—'Recast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd., 1903. R. A. CAMPANA DOMINE . JOHN WHETCOMB JOHN COOTH WARDENS, 1653. William Hector Lyon, M.A., Vicar. Mark Parsons, Frederick Bennet, Churchwardens.'

The former bell was by Robert Austen, and weighed 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb., the present is 29 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.

Tenor.—'By Wolsey's gift I measure time for all. To mirth; to grief; to church; I serve to call. G.H.—This bell was now cast by me Thomas Purdey, Oct. the 20th, 1670. Again recast 1865. Edward Harston, Vicar. James Hoddinott, Francis Stokes, Churchwardens.

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### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Payne 1, H. Dawson 2, R. Thrift 3, H. Allen 4, F. Salter 5, A. Richell 6, Geo. Green (conductor) 7, Dr. Spencer Phillips 8. This quarter-peal was arranged for F. Salter, who hails from Nottingham, and was on a visit to the parish.

**DORCHESTER, DORSET.**—On Sunday evening, August 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. T. Godwin 1, A. Drew 2, C. Bengier 3, J. Bengier 4, W. J. Simons 5, J. Squire 6, G. White (conductor) 7, R. Priddle 8.

**BARLINGTON, DURHAM.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, at Holy Trinity Church, for Matins, 720 Wells Surprise Minor: R. B. Wilson 1, W. Oliver (first 720 in the method) 2, R. Park 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 576 Wells Surprise: E. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, G. W. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, W. N. Park (conductor) 6.

**DUNSTABLE, BEDS.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evensong, in 48 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Markwell 1, A. G. Matthews 2, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 3, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. Markwell 7, C. T. King 8. Arranged for the ringers of the treble and 7th, who hail from Staveley and Woburn Sands, respectively.

**CHICHESTER.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, August 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: W. R. Falconer 1, A. D. Rowe 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, G. Marshall 5, J. H. Blake 6, M. Heffer 7, A. Tigwell 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. E. Ticehurst and H. J. Tucker.

**TACKLEY, OXON.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles (nine calls): W. Evetts, junr., 1 E. F. Honour (conductor) 2, Jack Cleaver (first 720) 3, G. Bullock 4, W. Judge 5, A. Whitlock 6.

**SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Ray Curtis 1, E. Tall 2, H. Payne 3, Reg. Curtis 4, F. Mursell 5, H. Reeves (conductor) 6, F. White 7, J. W. Faithfull 8. First attempt for a quarter-peal for ringer of treble.

**STONE, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, at St. Michael's Church, for morning service, two 360's Grandsire Triples (conducted by T. Hodson and W. Buckley). After service, 504 Grandsire (conducted by A. Rowley). For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Hodson 1, H. Buckley 2, J. Head 3, W. Buckley 4, C. Templeton 5, T. Hodson 6, A. Rowley (conductor) 7, E. Baker 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st and 2nd. Mr. J. Moulson and Mr. P. Preston took part in the morning touches. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Pyatt.

**OLD CLEEVE.**—On Sunday, August 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Burnett 1, H. Rowe 2, R. Eaton 3, A. Bryant 4, A. Stevens 5, N. Churley 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, T. Bennett 8. Arranged for C. Greedy, of Newport, Mon.

**ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 16th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, for evening service, 720 changes London Surprise, in 26 mins.: G. H. Southgate 1, J. Pilgrim (first 720 of London) 2, R. Woodward 3, L. W. Bale 4, R. Pilgrim 5, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 6.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Sunday, August 16th, at St. Chad's Church, 480 Cambridge Surprise: F. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, J. Evans 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. Short (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, C. R. Lilley 7, W. Watts 8.—On Aug. 17th, at the Church of St. Julian, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Evans 1, C. Lee 2, W. Short (conductor) 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, C. R. Lilley 6. First 720 of Surprise ever rung in the county of Salop, and first by all except Messrs. Short and Lilley. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob.—On August 23rd, at St. Chad's, 224 Double Norwich Major and 207 and 108 Stedman Caters.

### DEATH OF MR. THOMAS HORTON.

#### A WELL-KNOWN MIDLAND RINGER.

Death has removed an old Midland ringer, in the person of Mr. Thomas Horton, of West Bromwich, who passed away on July 26th, in his 77th year. For 60 years he had been a member of the band at Christ Church, and, until a few years ago, he was most regular in his attendance in the belfry. He used to be a very keen peal ringer, and his total ran into hundreds. His first peal was at Christ Church, West Bromwich, in 1872. He was a member of many societies, including the Ancient Society of College Youths, Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and the Midland Counties Association. He was a capable ringer in many methods, and had rung in belfries all over the country. In his early days he was a great tune ringer on handbells.

A half-muffled touch of 850 Grandsire Triples was rung on the occasion of the funeral by the local band at Christ Church, West Bromwich: C. Williams 1, E. Reeves 2, A. Pickering 3, J. Jaggard 4, J. Walker 5, J. Screen 6, A. Greenfield 7, R. Hall 8.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

#### VALUABLE SERVICES TO RINGING RECOGNISED.

The annual salmon supper was held at the Queen's Hotel, Lydney, on Saturday, August 15th, when thirty ringers and friends sat down to an excellent repast, provided by Host and Hostess Woolley. After the tables were cleared, Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) was elected chairman. The toast of 'The King' having been honoured, Mr. Jack Davies said it gave him the greatest pleasure to see so many friends around him that evening, and especially to see present one to whom they were all indebted, one who had done more for the Exercise than anyone he knew, who was always ready and willing to assist and teach beginners the art of change ringing, and whose efforts had been crowned with success. He asked the chairman to present Mr. J. Austin with a small testimonial, subscribed for by ringers and friends as a token of the respect in which he was held.

The chairman handed to Mr. Austin the testimonial, which consisted of a gold watch, suitably inscribed, and albert, and said it gave him the greatest pleasure indeed to be there that evening, and to be asked to make the presentation. He could endorse all that had been said by Mr. Davies. He had been a sort of troublesome chap himself to Old Jack, as they called him, worrying him for a peal here and a bit of ringing there, but it was always arranged. He hoped Mr. Austin would live to a good old age, and continue to enjoy the art he loved so well.

Mr. E. T. Allaway (Birmingham), Mr. H. W. Bishop (Swindon), Mr. W. H. Harris (Gloucester), also paid tribute to the great services which Mr. Austin had rendered to the art, and to the great respect in which he was held throughout the Exercise.

### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Kirby-le-Soken on Saturday, August 22nd, and was attended by nearly 30 members. Service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Gledhill), who, in the course of his address, welcomed the association, and also expressed a wish that more of his own congregation were present to hear the beautiful words and music of the Essex ringers' service, and to hear the splendid singing of the men. The hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stannard) read the lesson.

Tea was provided at the Parish Hall, when the Master, Mr. W. J. Nevard, suitably thanked the Vicar for his welcome, and the ladies for their help.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member, and eight ringing members were elected. The meeting was a great success.

### BARNSELY SOCIETY.

A successful meeting was held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on August 8th, but in the absence of the president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary, etc., who were all away, no detailed report can be given. Good practice on the bells was indulged in. Tea was prepared early and much enjoyed. The next meeting was arranged to be held on September 5th, at Wortley, on a date not to clash with the Yorkshire branch meeting, to be held at Penistone on Saturday, Sept. 12th.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

#### ST. MARY'S, ACTON, SOCIETY.

On Saturday, July 25th, a glorious half-day was spent by the St. Mary's, Acton, ringers and friends. Leaving Acton at 1.48, Twyford was reached by the Great Western Railway at 3 p.m., where Mr. Dentry met them, and a few touches were indulged in on this very handy peal of eight in the standard methods. Miss Cross took part, and became a much appreciated guide.

Ringing ceased here at 5 p.m., when a good, old-fashioned tea was tackled by all and sundry. Sonning, the next and final call, was a treat in store, for here the annual regatta chanced to be on. The bells—a glorious eight—were soon going to Stedman, Bob Major, etc., much to the delight of the regatta folks. Ceasing at 8.30, all adjourned to the river, where some indulged in boating, and others had a dance in a meadow adjoining. Altogether a jolly time was spent. Both Mr. Dentry and Mr. Wright gave the ringers a hearty welcome—a real honest one, too—which was much appreciated, and very best thanks are due to them, their respective Vicars, and to Miss Cross, for their kindness.

#### FLEET RINGERS' OUTING.

Seven ringers from Fleet, Lines, including the Rector, had a very enjoyable little tour on August 5th. Starting at 8.30, in two cars, they were joined at Grantham by the Rev. C. J. Sturton, formerly curate at Fleet, now Vicar of Orston, who had kindly arranged for ringing at Elston, Whetton, and Orston. The bells were raised and lowered in peal at each church, and touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Grandsire were rung in good style. The bells at all three towers were in perfect order, and it was a real pleasure and privilege to ring them. Returning to Grantham for tea, home was reached at about 9.30 p.m.

## NOTICES.

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**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, August 29th. Ringing from 2.30. Meeting at 6 p.m. The committee ask all members to attend to discuss important business concerning the Association. Will all members whose subscriptions are in arrears please oblige at this meeting to enable me to make a correct report for 1925?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Derby District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Derby, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available from 3 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Alteration of rules will be discussed.—Charles Draper, Local Sec., 25, Western Road, Derby.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Cheriton, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock; members 6d., visitors 1s.—W. J. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cradley, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. Church service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea.—Richard Thomas, District Hon. Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.** — Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be at Combe Florey (Crech not available), on Saturday, August 29th. Service at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 and business after.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Mangotsfield, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arveley, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. All ringers welcome. A good company is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM,** Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting at Solihull, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Tea will be arranged for those intending to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, August 29th, at Calverley. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hindley, St. Peter's, on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. — James W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District. — The next district meeting will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, August 29th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccleston, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. R. Rigby, Bridge Foot, Eccleston, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 1st.—Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** — Exeter Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Crediton, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Church Institute, 1/- each. The following bells will be available from 2.30 p.m.: Crediton, Newton St. Cyres, Shobrooke, Sandford, and Upton Pyne. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Ringing from 3.15. The Vicar will entertain members to tea. St. Mary's tower will be opened in the evening. A hearty welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Sunderland, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius (all 8 bells). Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, at 5. Members intending to be present please notify Secretary by Sept. 2nd.—G. S. Taylor, Dist. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Tickhill, on Sept. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea (at 5.15 p.m.) please notify Mrs. Whittaker, Cross Gate, Tickhill, not later than Sept. 3rd? —Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. 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 August 29th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—A cycle run to Codsall on Saturday, Sept. 5th, bells from 3 o'clock; from there to Brewood, bells at 6 o'clock. Buses leave Green Square, Wolverhampton, for Codsall every half-hour, and for Brewood at 5.30, for those who cannot go otherwise.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Oakford, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1/- each. Numbers for tea to reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 8th.—M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hoddlesden on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Lymm on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 4.30.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Leicester District will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5th, at South Wigston (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., and business meeting after tea. Proposed new rules to be discussed. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Thursday, Sept. 3rd latest?—H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanstephan on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available 11.30 a.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmor, Neath.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Sept. 3rd and 17th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20 (6 p.m.) and \*22nd; \*St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells ready early. Tea can be provided if sufficient number apply to Mr. W. Wooller, New Lodge, Wortley, near Sheffield, before Sept. 3rd.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Stoke Albany (6) on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 1st? Bampton Ash (6) will be available after tea.—R. G. Black, Stamford Road, Geddington.

**NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.**—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Barmouth on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Service 2.30 p.m. Meeting 3 p.m. All members who can possibly do so, please attend. Friends cordially invited.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, Sept. 5th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Ringers' service in the church at 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. As these bells have recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, they are well worth a visit, and it is hoped a goodly number of ringers will make an effort to attend. Bus leaves Braintree for Wethersfield at 2.30 p.m., and returns at 9 p.m.—W. H. Dyson, Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedwelty on Saturday, Sept. 5th (bells 8). Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting of the members will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on Sept. 5th, at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available all day. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, Sept. 5th (bells 8). Important business, meeting 5 o'clock. Will all members try to attend?—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for September: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 14th and the 28th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Followed by tea and business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A special district meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Tea will be provided, part expense, 1s. each, to all who notify to the secretary before Sept. 8th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all who require tea (1s. per head) please advise me by Sept. 9th?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Sept. 12th. The fine peal of 8 will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. As this meeting is the jubilee of the foundation of the association, a special commemoration service will be held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, the president of the Lancashire Association. All members are urged to make a special effort to attend this thanksgiving service. All applications for tea tickets, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, must reach Mr. H. Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall, not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay.—Percy J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Royal Oak at 5 o'clock. Members attending please advise me not later than Sept. 9th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts), on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are due.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.



**SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.** — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, when the chair will be taken by the President at 5.45 p.m. prompt. By the kind permission of the respective clergy, the following rings of bells will be at the disposal of visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8), Christ Church, Upper Armley (8). All applications for tickets for the dinner (for which a charge of 5s. 6d. per head will be made) should be made not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to Percy J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — The second quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at Melton Mowbray. Further particulars later. Will local secretaries and members please note date and endeavour to attend?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

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#### DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

In spite of the unfavourable weather, a successful meeting of the Western District was held at Consett, on Saturday, August 22nd. The bells of the Parish Church, and those of Blackhill were at the disposal of the ringers, and touches of Bob Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire and Treble Bob were rung. Those present, including the local members, came from Newcastle Cathedral, Chester-le-Street, Tanfield, Pulham (Norfolk), and a member from the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Association.

A feature of the meeting was the improvement shown in the ringing of the local hands—several new members having recently joined the association. In the case of Blackhill, where a peal of eight bells was only put in two years ago, a touch of Bob Minor, with the help of one or two of the experts, was safely negotiated.

After tea, presided over by the Vicar of Consett, Mr. Tyson proposed that the thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicars of Consett and Blackhill for the use of the bells.—In replying, the Vicar of Consett expressed his pleasure at meeting the ringers once more, and assured them of his hearty co-operation whenever they cared to come again.

Mr. H. Tyson and Mr. J. Hargreaves were responsible for the arrangements of the meeting.

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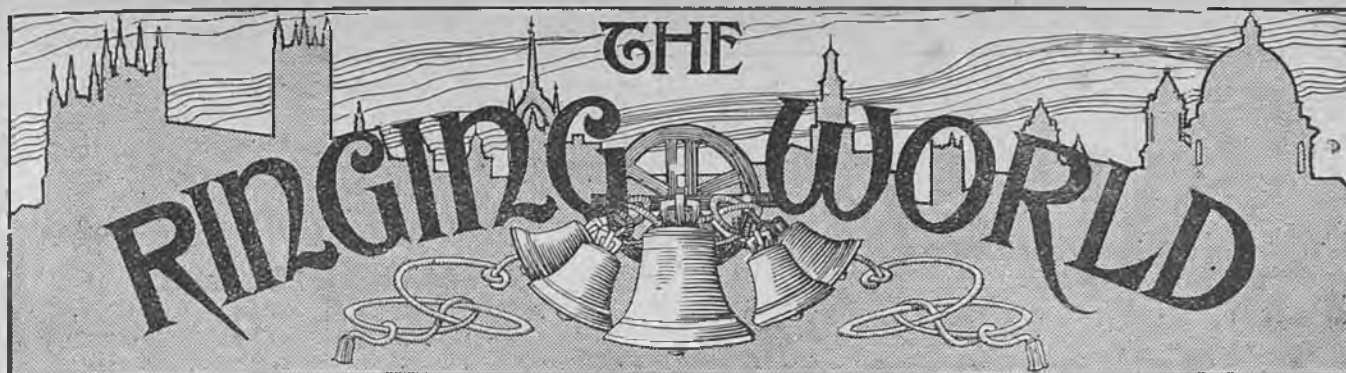
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The letter which we publish in this issue from the Rev. E. S. Powell, upon the subject of providing a register of compositions—with which matter we dealt on this page last week—raises a question of considerable importance, and one to which we think the Central Council would do well to devote their attention. In advocating this register of compositions we had not overlooked the difficulty which the Rev. E. S. Powell points out; indeed, there are several difficulties surrounding the problem which will have to be surmounted if the register is to be of practical value. But the particular point which the Vicar of Holbeton raises need not, we think, interfere with putting the project in hand. Whether a particular set of course ends is or is not a variation of some previously obtained peal is a question which can be settled after the collection has been made, if it cannot be settled before.

The most important step seems to us to be getting together the peals which have already been composed, and before their identity with their original author has been lost. Whether any two of them are the same peal or variations of each other can be decided, and the claim to originality awarded to the first author afterwards. On the other hand, of course, the work of collecting the peals and deciding rival claims could go on concurrently, if a definition of what constitutes originality or variations can be decided upon, but to wait until a ruling on this latter point is satisfactorily settled might postpone indefinitely the big task of forming the register. What we have been anxious to emphasise is that the longer the task is delayed the more difficult it will become.

There is, however, in Mr. Powell's letter a suggestion upon which the Council might well act. They ought to set up an expert committee to define what is an original composition, and what constitutes a variation. Such a committee *could* be formed, and the recommendation of that committee, or a majority thereof, should be accepted by the Council, and they should recognise no other. There are other technical questions which have been and still are matters of great divergence of opinion. These, also, ought to be the subject of consideration by an expert committee of the Council, and if the committee was one to command the confidence of the Exercise, we believe their report would be loyally accepted by ringers at large, the majority of whom admit their ignorance on these subjects, but would be prepared to accept the considered views of a competent committee. We should, doubtless, always have a 'minority movement' among us, but a good deal might be done to influence the opinion of the 'rank and file' if the

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Council would set up a kind of judicial body to whom these subjects could be referred. The Committee must, of course, be men of knowledge, and it could be strengthened by going outside the Council for some of its members; one important point would be to have a committee in which the Exercise as well as the Council had confidence.

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LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *ALBERT FLEET ... .. Treble | †CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 6   |
| *AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 2  | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. 7    |
| EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 3    | HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 8    |
| †MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4 | †WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 9   |
| WILLIAM A. JAMES ... .. 5   | †HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN

\* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Treble Ten. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Nicholls, daughter of the genial foreman of this tower.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GABRIEL LINDOFF ... .. Treble | GEORGE WILSON ... .. 5         |
| ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 2     | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 6       |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 3     | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4        | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Mr. A. E. Austin, of Cambridge, who was elected a life member of the above Guild previous to starting; also for Mr. G. Lindoff, who was spending a holiday in his native town. By ringing the treble to the above peal he completed the octave in the tower where he learned to ring.



## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 21, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;  
Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. Treble | FREDERICK CULLOM, JUN. ... 5  |
| EDWIN BARNETT ... .. 2           | HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 6       |
| ISAAC C. SHADE ... .. 3          | C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7   |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4        | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

## WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;  
Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble | JOHN J. LAMB ... .. 5     |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 6  |
| CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3     | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7 |
| MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH ... 4     | HARRY KILBY ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Treble | C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2          | GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6      |
| EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 3          | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7    |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4        | EDWARD HADLOW ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

A birthday peal for Messrs. Beer and Hadlow.

## HASLEMERE, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FRED BOWDEN ... .. Treble | CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... 5       |
| HARRY MULLARD ... .. 2    | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 6      |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 3 | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7      |
| JOHN P. McDERMOTT ... 4   | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

\* First peal and first attempt.

## BATH, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WALTER WATTS ... .. Treble | THEODORE GRANT ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2     | THOMAS F. HING ... .. 6       |
| HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 3    | RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 7      |
| FREDERICK C. RICH ... .. 4 | WILLIAM H. HOBBS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

† First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Saturday, August 8th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Jordan 1, H. W. Watts 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, T. J. Watts 5, R. D. Buttress 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, J. Prior 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CROSTHWAITE, KESWICK.—On Sunday, August 9th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Hartley 1, H. Hogarth 2, F. Barnes 3, D. Usher 4, T. Wilson 5, W. Hogg 6, T. Hogarth (conductor) 7, F. Grisdale 8.—On August 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: D. Usher 1, F. Hogarth 2, F. Barnes 3, H. Hogarth 4, F. Grisdale 5, W. Hogg 6, T. Hogarth (conductor) 7, H. Just 8.

## ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *EDWARD F. GOBEY ... .. Treble | JOHN FLOWER ... .. 5         |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 2        | JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. 6     |
| J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 3      | HENRY HARRISON ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM THORNLEY ... .. 4      | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal and second attempt, aged 13. He is believed to be the youngest ringer to ring a peal on tower bells for this association.

## SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| SIDNEY F. PALMER ... .. Treble | RALPH S. LONG ... .. 5    |
| J. HENRY BOWER ... .. 2        | HENRY NAYLOR ... .. 6     |
| COLIN HARRISON ... .. 3        | JOHN THORPE ... .. 7      |
| FRANCIS WARD ... .. 4          | *HENRY HURST ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

\* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman Triples as conductor. Quickest peal of Triples on the bells.

## BANGOR, CARNARVONSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| J. F. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | T. JONES ... .. 5              |
| A. J. HUGHES ... .. 2        | A. E. PEGLER ... .. 6          |
| W. SEAR ... .. 3             | W. T. PEGLER ... .. 7          |
| J. H. MIDWINTER ... .. 4     | J. LANGFORD JONES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. T. PEGLER.

Arranged for Mr. W. Sear, who is a Bletchley ringer.

## ANSTHEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble | *HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5     |
| MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 2       | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 6   |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 3        | GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7  |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 4      | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal in the method. Ringers of the 2nd, 5th and 6th are from the Kettering branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild; 4th from Peterborough.

## HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. Treble | JAMES FLEETY ... .. 5        |
| WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 2          | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 3         | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7     |
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4          | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Elliott. Owing to a traffic breakdown the composer was unable to arrive in time to stand in, to the regret of all the band. He, however, heard the last 2½ hours of the peal.

## EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *EDWARD J. JENNER ... .. Treble | GEORGE EDWARDS ... .. 5     |
| LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 2      | JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 6     |
| JAMES HEASEMAN ... .. 3         | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7         |
| †EDWARD COLLISON ... .. 4       | WILLIAM J. DAY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Grandsire.

## LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH, BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST BRETT ... .. Treble | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 5 |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 2     | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3     | WILLIAM PYE ... .. 7       |
| JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 4    | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

## BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-THE-MARTYR,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HARRY TURNER ... .. Treble | GRAHAM LINDRIDGE ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM DODLEY ... .. 2    | ERNEST FURBANK ... .. 6      |
| ALBERT RAINBIRD ... .. 3   | HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 7     |
| STANLEY W. BAYBUT ... .. 4 | WILLIAM LEGGETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Mr. Lindridge's first peal for about 15 years. First peal of Triples as conductor and the quickest peal on the bells.

## WYRANDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM WELLING ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 5    |
| FREDERICK GOODFELLOW ... .. 2 | JOSEPH HERBERT ... .. 6        |
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3     | JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 7       |
| *ARTHUR H. FULWELL ... .. 4   | CHARLES H. KIPPEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK ROBINSON.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPEN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. T. R. Butler hails from Ellesmere, Salop.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## DENVER, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A Flat.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST A. BULLOCK ... .. Treble | ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 4      |
| *FRANK N. GOLDEN ... .. 2       | JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 5      |
| ALFRED BACON ... .. 3           | WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

\* First peal. Arranged for Mr. Golden, of Northampton, Norfolk.

## ADDINGTON MAGNA, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES WARD ... .. Treble | JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 4          |
| ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. 2  | JAMES HUDSON ... .. 5          |
| FRANCIS BALL ... .. 3    | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

## BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *MISS M. RINGROSE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. RINGROSE ... .. 4 |
| THOMAS G. DEAL ... .. 2         | ARTHUR F. PUTLAND ... .. 5   |
| HARRY BLEE ... .. 3             | *ERIC B. ROUSE ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by A. F. PUTLAND.

\* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by the whole band. The ringers of the second and tenor were elected members of the association prior to the peal.

## WESTON-BEGGARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 16 six-scores each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, and 10 of Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| *W. WARREN ... .. Treble | T. TAYSON ... .. 3     |
| A. J. TAYLOR ... .. 2    | W. TAYLOR ... .. 4     |
| G. TAYSON ... .. 3       | G. TAYSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. TAYSON.

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

## HANDBELL PEAL.

## IPSWICH.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, August 25, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5010 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 18 in G.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *HOBART E. SMITH ... .. 1-2     | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 5-6  |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 3-4   | WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 7-8 |
| FREDERICK J. TILLET ... .. 9-10 |                               |

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Umpire: CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE.

\* First peal in the method on handbells. First peal of Stedman Caterers on handbells in Ipswich by a local band. The composition is on Page 90 of Snowden's 'Stedman.'

## SURFLEET, Lincs.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE LADD ... .. Treble        | WALTER AYRE ... .. 6          |
| MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 2     | FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 3       | WILLIAM WOOD ... .. 8         |
| *MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 4 | FRED WILFORD ... .. 9         |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON ... .. 5       | REV. H. L. JAMES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT

\* First peal in the method.

## SURFLEET, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Minutes.

ON THE LAWN AT GLYN GARTH,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

|                           |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2  | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6 |
| ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | WALTER AYRE ... 7-8    |

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by W. AYRE.

Umpire: MRS. R. RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Royal 'in hand' as conductor.

## SURFLEET, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT GLYN GARTH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 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 F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

Umpire: WM. H. HEWETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## SURFLEET, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 22, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

ON THE LAWN AT GLYN GARTH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 18 in G.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1-2    | WALTER AYRE ... 5-6       |
| ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7-8 |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Umpires: MRS. R. RICHARDSON and MRS. F. I. HAIRS.

\* 150th peal.

## SURFLEET, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

ON THE LAWN AT GLYN GARTH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 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    |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9-10  |                        |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Umpire: MRS. R. RICHARDSON.

\* First peal of Treble Ten 'in hand,' and first peal of Treble Ten as conductor. First peal of Kent Royal 'in hand' by the Guild.

## SURFLEET, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT GLYN GARTH,

## A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 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    |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 9-10  |                        |

Composed and Conducted by W. AYRE.

Umpire: MRS. R. RICHARDSON.

## SURFLEET, LINGS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

ON THE LAWN AT GLYN GARTH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13 in E.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2  | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 5-6         |
| RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 3-4 | MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 7-8 |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

\* First peal on handbells, also first peal of Major by two married couples.

## THE SURFLEET 'ANNUAL.'

## A HOLIDAY AND SOME RECORDS.

Glorious weather on Saturday, August 15th, hailed the arrival, at Surfleet, first of the 'luggage fiend' and later of the 'cockneys,' accompanied by 'Old Bill' and his 'penny-in-the-slot' trunk.

After ringing on Sunday morning, which included a course of Cambridge Royal, the rest of the day was given over to leisure, during which 'mine host' gave 'Old Bill' his list of duties for the week.

Monday morning was spent by the visitors in 'digging themselves in,' whilst Rupert attended to business. In the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was attempted in the meadow, with Rupert in command, but 'too many cooks spoil the broth.' At 6 p.m. 'go' was called for Cambridge Royal on that 'second-to-none' peal of ten at the Church of St. Lawrence, with 'Old Bill' at the helm. Three hours and a half of good ringing, and the bells ran home, much to the delight of the Rev. and the rest of the band, more especially Rupert, as it was Mrs. Rupert's first peal of Cambridge Royal, also the first peal of Cambridge Royal in which two married couples had taken part.

Tuesday, being market day at Spalding, ringing was left alone until evening, when Cambridge Major was attempted at Fulney; but, for some unaccountable reason, came to a sudden stop after 2 hours and 40 minutes' ringing, the band being sadly disappointed, although two of the ringers were afterwards closely inspecting their hands for some reason or other. The air of Surfleet, having taken a strong hold of one particular member of the party, weird noises were heard issuing from his bedroom about midnight, but the ill-effects had worked off by next morning.

After breakfast on Wednesday, a start was made for Bob Royal, and a good peal was brought round just in time for dinner, during which one ungrateful member passed rude remarks about not being used to retiring to the mat. A cricket match was played in the afternoon at the Reservoir, which resulted in the Ladies beating the Gentlemen and one of the gentlemen having to resort to aquatic feats to recover the ball.

The weather still treating us with great kindness, a visit was paid to Skegness on Thursday, where a most enjoyable day was spent, the male portion having their 'annual.' Some amusement was caused at dinner time by 'Old Bill' trying to digest a specially prepared Surfleet sandwich! The exertions of the day again proved too much for 'this particular member,' and night time arrived with more noise and vigorous 'flag' waving in the corridor.

Friday was commenced with 'many happy returns of the day' to Rupert, and to celebrate his birthday a peal of Bob Major was rung, conducted by the particular one in question. An impromptu birthday party followed, during which Rupert received the good wishes of everyone present.

The 'luggage fiend,' being one peal short of 150, it was decided to ring a peal of Bob Major on Saturday. Mrs. 1-2, having a desire to see other people work, very kindly umpired, and carried out her duties equally as well as 'Old Bill' on the previous day.

Sunday, August 23rd, must be put down as a red letter day in the history of the 'Surfleet Annals,' for on that day a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung, this being the first peal of Treble Bob Royal rung on one of these very enjoyable occasions.

All good things come to an end, and Monday morning arrived all too soon, and with it the hour of departure. The weather, having taken a turn for the worse, mine host had a busy hour before breakfast, but as the rain continued to patter down, time was found to squeeze in another peal of Bob Royal. After dinner the fatal hour was close at hand, and tracks were made to Spalding Station, the 'luggage fiend' taxing Rupert's car to its utmost, which necessitated 'Old Bill' being left until last (a position he usually chooses for himself). The 5.40 train from Spalding, being rather late, however, he was able to join it, together with his 'penny-in-the-slot' trunk (which certainly looked better for its stay at Glyn-Garth). The departure of the train brought to an end one of the most enjoyable 'annuals' the writer can remember. Although the ringing week officially ended on Monday, the tit-bit of 1925 arrived on Friday, when the remnants of the party had the pleasure of taking part in the hostess's first peal 'in hand,' a good peal of Bob Major being rung in 2 hr. 18 mins.

This little account cannot be brought to a close without mentioning the cause of the success of these functions—the unlimited kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Richardson, for which the party all join in one big, hearty 'thank you.'

## WEDDING BELLS.

On August 29th, at All Saints' Church, Leighton Buzzard, 168 each of Grand sire and Stedman Triples and 240 Bob Major, J. Arnold, W. Bodsworth, A. Butcher, A. Seabrook, F. Dodman, F. Buttrum, W. Gates, W. Jeffs and F. Vickers taking part. These touches were rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Connie Nicholls, daughter of Mr. J. Nicholls, foreman of All Saints'. It was also the anniversary of the wedding of Mrs. Brownworth, one of All Saints' ringers. Later in the day the Beds Association rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE OLD NORWICH CONTROVERSY.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Thomas Melchior was in no wise backward in accepting the challenge thrown down by Edward Crane. No doubt this was but the formal declaration of war. Hostilities had already begun. Melchior was not the man to sit still and see another usurp his position as the leading ringer of Norwich. He, too, had a tower at his command and a number of good ringers who supported him. All he had to do was to compose a peal of Stedman Triples and ring it before the Coslany men got theirs. The old peal ringing band had, roughly, split into two equal halves, due very likely to the fact that it had been made up out of the best men of the two towers. Thomas Barrett, who had taken part in both the 1718 and 1719 peals of Triples, and also the 10080 of Treble Bob, followed Melchior. So did John Webster, who rang in the 1719 peal and the Treble Bob. So did William Palmer, who rang in the 1718 peal. Another was John Gardiner, the son most likely of the Thomas Gardiner who had taken part in the 1715 peal of Bob Triples and also the long peal of Treble Bob—unless my copy has a misprint and they are the same person. On the other hand, Crane had his father and a couple of the Treble Bob band, Richard Barnham and John Harvey. So as far as experience went the opponents were pretty equal. But the sixth at Mancroft was going bad, and it was doubtful if anyone could ring her to a peal; while Coslany bells were in excellent condition, as the ringing of the 10,080 proves.

To-day we can see one pretty obvious reason why neither could ring the first peal of Stedman Triples, and that is the difficulty amounting to almost an impossibility of getting a true composition. But both composers, who knew a great deal that John Garthorn had taught them about Grandsire Triples, were blissfully ignorant of the pitfalls of Stedman composition. We need not wonder at that. It was not till 1768, after several false peals had been rung, that Christopher Wells, of the London Youths, discovered that Treble Bob can run false internally without showing at the lead ends; and not till 1780 was the full extent of this falseness found out. Nay, the band who rang the first peal of Waterloo Reverse Bob in 1912 had reason enough to know that a composer in quite modern times can get tripped up in much a similar fashion.

Whether either Melchior or Crane had any experience of composition in any other method than Grandsire Triples and the old Plain Changes as given by Stedman and J. D. and C. M. is very doubtful. No name is given in the record of the long peal of Treble Bob as to the composer, so presumably it was not a local man, though, as the conductor's name also is not given, we are not quite sure. Well, Melchior managed to get over the difficulties of composition as he saw them, and the next thing was to ring it. Here luck was with him. A little more than a month after Crane's challenge, on Saturday, October 31st, 1731, the 'Norwich Gazette' had the following:—

'NOTWITHSTANDING the Pretensions of several Ingenious Ringers in this City and elsewhere who would bear the World in Hand that they have composed that most intricate peal of STEDMAN'S TRIPLES; this is therefore to satisfy all Lovers of that ingenious Art that Thomas Melchior has composed it to Truth with Two Doubles, being the first that ever was composed all perfect Stedman consisting of 5040 changes; And was rung by him and 7 more on Monday, the 25th of October, 1731, at St. Peter's of Mancroft in Norwich in 3 hours and 40 minutes; and never a Bell out of Course, nor changes alike; by us whose names are here subscribed, viz:—

'Thomas Melchior treble; Thomas Blofield 2nd; Wm. Palmer 3rd; Thomas Ather 4th; John Gardiner 5th; John Forster 6th; Christopher Booty 7th; William Porter tenor.

'NOTE.—If any of the Curious be desirous they may see the Peal at John Forster's at the sign of the Eight Bells in St. Peter's of Mancroft aforesaid and satisfy themselves without laying any wager.'

The first round of the fight was clearly Melchior's. In due course a board was put up in Mancroft tower to record this peal. It reads as follows:—

'On the 25th of October, 1731, here was rung that Mysterious Peal called Stedman's Tripples; the discovery thereof has been the Study of several Ingenious Ringers though to no effect, until this intricate Peal, which differs from all other Methods of tripples, as being every bell a like course was perfectly discovered by Tho. Melchior, who first compleatid the Peal of Perfect Stedman Triples with only two Doubles and no alteration. The extent being 5040 changes, was compleatly rung by us in 3 hours and 40 minutes, on which occasion Willm. Scott in his remarks upon the ringing this Peal did elegantly sing, viz:—

As for the sweet and pleasant Treble she

By Melchior well was rung that bell, and called the bobs so free;

Blofield the 2nd; Palmer the 3rd did ring;

Ather rung 4th, and was not loath, but made her for to sing;

Gardener the 5th did sway; Foster the 6th did play  
The 7th round Chris. Booty bound and made her to obey;  
The tenor fine and neat, brave Porter so compleat  
Did ring her out and turned about that Cymbal loud and great.'

This was the third peal board put up in St. Peter's tower, and all three are similar in size and style of lettering. They have been restored in recent years, and are quite legible. As they record the first peal rung in any method, the first ever rung of Grandsire Triples, and the first of Stedman Triples, it will be hard to find another three in any tower approaching them in historical interest.

Not every peal was recorded by a board. Indeed, for a hundred and fifty years, every board put up in Norwich with, I think, only two exceptions, recorded a peal which was believed to be either the first or the longest rung anywhere in the particular method. The two exceptions are the first peal at Mancroft on the present twelve and the peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, to which Thomas Hurry rang the tenor, and which I referred to some time ago in these notes.

We can never be quite sure how many peals were rung in these old days. Some probably are lost for ever, but there is just a chance that notice of others may be found in the files of the old newspapers. It would be a good thing if some enthusiast would search through the 'Norwich Gazette,' and see if there are any references to the 1715 and 1718 peals; if our present incomplete account of the 1719 peal can be supplemented; if any record of a peal supposed to have been rung at Aylsham about the same time can be found; and if there are any further references to this Stedman controversy beyond what I shall reproduce. I commend this task to our Norwich friends, and especially to Mr. George Burton.

The poetically inclined will enjoy the way in which Mr. William Scott 'did elegantly sing.' This effusion is the first of quite a number of similar efforts, which from time to time have been inflicted on the Exercise. The best we can say of it is that it is no worse than the others, but that is not saying much. I should think that a peal of Stedman Triples or for that matter anything connected with change ringing, is about as unsuitable a subject for poetical treatment as you can find. One or two of the really great poets could make fine poetry by stringing together a list of sonorous names, but not John Milton himself could make anything of Ather and Foster and Chris. Booty. One other example of Mr. Scott's elegant muse has come down to us, but of that later.

The time the peal took to ring was remarkable. Three hours and forty minutes for a peal of Triples, with a 23 cwt. tenor (for that was the weight of the old bell at Mancroft), seems almost too slow to be possible. We should have thought there was a mistake in the printing, but that we have a double corroboration, the peal board and a further letter. The Coslany men, indeed, did say that the time was only three hours and a half, but they also said that the peal was 180 changes short, both of which things Melchior indignantly denied. So, allowing for any small error of calculation, we can take the time as pretty well correct. It shows that the bells were going none too well, and that the sixth especially was going very badly indeed.

It would be rather interesting to discuss why some bells go so much quicker than others. Ringers are used to saying that old-fashioned, long-waisted bells, well hung out with big wheels, always go slowly, and though one would have thought that these things would have had just the opposite effect, there does seem some reason for this opinion. Certainly a big belfry and wide circle of ropes nearly always mean slow ringing, and so does a long draught of rope. The early peals at Mancroft were rung on the present floor, which is a long way from the bells. At some time or other, either when the twelve were put in or (which is more likely) when the old eight were made ten, an additional floor was put in just below the spring of the tower arch. This was taken away when, with other improvements, the lower arch and belfry were opened to the church in the eighties of the last century. The times that the other peals on the old bells took to ring are as follows:—1715, 3 hrs. 18 minutes; 1718, 3 hrs. 30 minutes; 1719, 3 hrs. 6 minutes; the peal of Court Bob Royal in 1769 took 3 hrs. 29 minutes; and the 12,603 Grandsire Caters in 1737 8 hrs. 15 minutes, which is 3 hrs. and 18 minutes for a 5040. These times vary very considerably, but the Stedman is much the slowest of the lot.

## SPARE NUMBERS.

Mr. Wm. Lawrence, of 24, Wimborne Gardens, West Ealing, W., has the following spare numbers of 'The Ringing World' and 'The Bell News,' which he is willing to present to those who may desire to have them for completing volumes, if they are applied for within a month:—

'The Ringing World': 1912, 74 and 85; 1913, 111, 129 and 137; 1914, 146, 157, 165, 166, 168, 175, 176 and 180.

'The Bell News': 1899, 880 and 887. 1908, 1,370, 1,373, 1,387, 1,399, 1,392. 1909, 1,403, 1,405, 1,410, 1,412, 1,428, 1,434, 1,444, 1,448, 1,910, 1,452, 1,454, 1,460, 1,470, 1,477, 1,479, 1,480, 1,495, 1,496, 1,911, 1,505, 1,509, 1,511. 1913, 1,065, 1,647, 1,648, 1,655, 1,667. 1914, 1,661, 1,665, 1,679.



## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Mangotsfield on Saturday last, members from 15 towers attending, including Mr. A. Tout, of Milverton, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Deal, of London. The Vicar (Rev. F. R. H. Crews), being away on holiday, the Rev. Francis Wright, of Reading, took the service, which was fully choral, and gave a very interesting address, in the course of which he gave the association (on behalf of the Vicar) a very hearty welcome.—Tea was served at the Crown Hotel, 37 members being present.—The business meeting followed, with Mr. J. Gould in the chair.—Mrs. G. Trow and Mrs. R. Seager were elected associate members, and the elections at the monthly meeting were ratified, viz., Rev. S. R. Worters, of Brislington, honorary member, and three performing members; also Mr. J. W. Pemberton, of Birmingham, as life member.

Britton was the place fixed for the September meeting, and Stoke Bishop and Westbury for October.

Mr. C. H. Jennings proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Francis Wright for his interesting address, and to the organist and choir for their assistance, which had provided one of the brightest services which the branch has had.

A vote of welcome was also extended to Mr. A. Tout and Mr. and Mrs. Deal.—The Rev. F. Wright, in replying, said it was a very great pleasure to him to be with the association that afternoon, and he hoped they would give him a call if in Reading.

The tower was again visited, and a good practice obtained in Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise.

## STAFFS VILLAGES VISITED.

The Bucknall and Norton ringers, on August Bank Holiday, paid a combined visit to Keele, Staffs, where there is a splendid little ring of six bells, and were successful in ringing 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, and Duke of York Minor: C. S. Ryles 1, F. Triner 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, D. Preston 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6. Conducted by J. E. Wheeldon, F. Triner and W. P. Deane, respectively.

On Saturday, August 8th, the Kingsley and Norton ringers visited the beautiful moorland village of Horion, Staffs, where they rang 720 each of Cambridge Surprise and Duke of York; also touches of Violet, Kent and Oxford, the following taking part: C. S. Ryles, A. W. Hall, H. Berrisford, J. E. Wheeldon, J. Walley, H. Carnwell, E. Edwards, and A. Edwards.

## OXFORD GUILD ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I suggest through the medium of the 'Ringing World' that the best way to settle the controversy re the venue of the festival is to change the date to August Bank Holiday, when, I am sure, a much more representative attendance would be the result. A large majority of the members are not men of leisure. The holding of the meeting on a Saturday morning debars a large number from attending, consequent on their having to remain at business or lose time, which, added to their day's expenses, makes the cost of attendance prohibitive.—Yours truly,

R. R. LEWIS.

## SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

A combined ringing practice for the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Arborfield, on Saturday, August 8th. There were 16 members present, from Twyford, Wokingham, Binfield, Hurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, and Arborfield. The Guild secretary (Mr. T. Hibbert) and his son, Mr. W. Hibbert, looked in during the evening, their help being very welcome. The following methods were practised: Grand-sire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor.—The foreman ringer, Mr. Emblen, said that one of the Arborfield ringers had only missed Sunday Service ringing twice during a period of seven years, a record to be proud of.

## RINGERS' SOCIAL AT BOLTON.

On Saturday week about sixty members, wives and friends of the Bolton and neighbouring branches of the Lancashire Association, availed themselves of the invitation of the Bolton Borough Police, who had placed the whole of their athletic ground at their guests' disposal.

During the afternoon and evening the men indulged in games of bowls, and the women folk in tennis until darkness approached, when an adjournment was made to the pavilion. Here, a 'free and easy concert' was held, handbells, songs and dancing bringing the time for departure all too soon.

This invitation has now developed into an annual affair, and is looked forward to by many members, it having created a friendly rivalry between towers as to which possesses the best bowlers, and, for some weeks previous, one can hear challenges thrown out, and they are settled in a right royal fashion.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Bolton Borough Police for their kind invitation.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is always a certain amount of interest to the ringer concerned in completing the 'circle of the tower.' Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has now rung every bell at Leiston, in Suffolk, his native town, to a peal. When one remembers that Mr. Lindoff has been domiciled in Dublin for more than a quarter of a century, this achievement is somewhat remarkable.

'Following in father's footsteps' may be said of Edward F. Gobey, of Ilkeston, who last week rang his first peal. He is only 13 years of age.

The actual works of the ancient Wells Cathedral clock, to which we referred last week, are, we learn, in South Kensington Museum.

On Sunday, September 6th, 1807, a peal of 6140 Bobb Major Royal was rung at Coventry in 4 hrs. 23 mins. At St. George's Church, Southwark, on September 9th, 1750, John Holt rang in a peal of Bob Triples. This he conducted and probably composed.

'Ye Crowfield Society of Ringers' rang a 'compleat peal of Five thousand and forty of Gathrine's Triples, being the first true peal that ever was pricked with two Doubles only,' on September 10th, 1741.

Theodore Ecclestone, the squire of Crowfield, gave the peal of eight bells to Coddensham, as well as the ten to Stonham Aspal. He rang the treble in the peal above referred to.

## RAILWAY TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

### 'GREAT PUSH' NOW WANTED.

The application made to the Great Western Divisional Superintendent at Bristol by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association for railway travelling facilities for ringers at reduced fares has elicited a request for further information, and secretaries of associations throughout the country are urged at once to write to the honorary secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. A. Young, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.), giving the approximate number of their members.

Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) writes:—

'I have received a letter from the Divisional Superintendent of the Railway, in which he states that consideration has been given to my application, but he now desires to receive a similar application from the Central Council. I have communicated with Mr. Young, the hon. secretary, and I think it would be a good plan for all general secretaries of associations to forward him (Mr. Young) at once the approximate membership number. This is asked for.

To ensure success now it is up to every ringer to interest himself in the matter. It now wants the "Great Push."

## WASHBROOK MEMORIAL FUND.

Further subscriptions: North Wales Association, £1; Ancient Society of College Youths, £5; Peterborough Diocesan Guild, £3 1s.; Oxford Society of Changeringers, £5 5s.; Bicester Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild, £3; North Berks Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild, £4; Swansea and Brecon Guild, £1 15s. 9d.; Archdeaconry of Stafford Association, £2 12s.; Chester Diocesan Guild, £5 5s.; Winchester Diocesan Guild, £5 5s.; Arklow, Co. Wicklow, Changeringers, £2; Ashton-under-Lyne Society, 10s.

Towers: Freeland, 4s. 6d.; St. Giles, Reading, 10s.; Shiplake, £1; Stevenston, 6s.; West Wycombe, 7s. 6d.; Penny Stratford, 8s.; Brightwaltham, 10s.; All Saints, Boyne Hill, 5s.; East Hagbourne, 10s. 6d.; St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 12s.; Bicester, 8s.; Drayton, St. Leonards, 2s. 6d.; Chalgrove, 7s. 6d.; Benson, 8s.; Chipping Norton, 5s.; Wantage, 18s.; Christ Church, Tunstall, £1 1s.

Private Subscriptions: E. Humphrey, 4s.; E. Turnbull, 3s. 6d.; W. Mead, 5s.; G. Martin, 2s. 6d.; H. Tucker, 10s.; H. Lawton, £1 1s.; W. Cobb, 2s.; J. Jaggard, 2s. 6d.; Miss K. Willers, 2s.; Rev. Maitland Kelly, £1.

Collection at Christ Church Cathedral at Oxford Guild Festival, £3 12s. 2d.

Proceeds from sale of a peal of handbells (per Miss V. Robinson), £5.

Total amount received, £193 8s. 4d.

Mr. J. Nicoll has promised to supply the new ropes free of charge.

The work has been commenced, and it is hoped that all those who have promised subscriptions will send them as soon as possible. In the previous list the name of 'A. F. Martin Stevens' should have been 'A. F. Martin Stewart.'

Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. J. Wright, 40, Hamilton Road, Reading.

## CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The secretaries of the various affiliated Guilds will please receive per post this week the 'Card of Instructions,' with the honorary secretary's compliments.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

## A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Temple Church, Bristol, recorded in our issue of July 31st, has been withdrawn by the conductor.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

### HINTS ON 'SPLICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER. FOURTH ARTICLE.

College Exercise is the basis of the next group to be dealt with. It is an old favourite, and appears in many peals of Minor. We, therefore, call this group of methods, 'The College Exercise Group.' Put briefly, the combinations are as follows:—

Work above Treble, Work above Treble,  
Or that of Bells passing Or that of Bells passing Resultant Method.  
'up.' 'down.'

|                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| College Exercise. | Kingston.         | Norbury.          |
| College Exercise. | London Scholars'. | College Exercise. |
| College Exercise. | Sandall.          | Duke of Norfolk.  |
| College Exercise. | Overton.          | Trowel.           |
| College Exercise. | Morning Star.     | Morning Star.     |

These will be found amongst the Treble Bob methods, and I will deal first with the method from which the group takes its name, No. 8, page 8, of the 'Collection.' London Scholars' Pleasure supplies the necessary work, and I think it will now be seen why a strong point is made of mastering thoroughly the four methods of the Oxford group before attempting the other groups. If the figures of the lead are examined, we find a new feature introduced, viz., second's place above the treble, this being the chief difference, and a little thought must be spent upon it. London Scholars' work in the middle is done both when treble is in front as well as behind, and the bells passing her 3-4 and 4-5 up, triple dodge in 5-6, i.e., as at a bob lead of Oxford.

Those unacquainted with the method are advised to analyse the work of passing treble up, which is as follows:—

Pass Treble 1-2 up. Make 2nd's place and snap again.  
Pass Treble 2-3 up. 4th's, dodge 3-4, 3rd's and up.  
Pass Treble 3-4 up. Triple dodge 5-6 up.  
Pass Treble 4-5 up. Triple dodge 5-6 down.  
Pass Treble 5-6 up. 3rd's, dodge 3-4; 4th's and in.

The work of the bells at a bob is exactly the same as that in a bob lead of Oxford. The bell passing Treble 5-6 up, after dodging 5-6 down, makes 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, and up again. Those passing 2-3 and 1-2 up, respectively make 4th's and return to lead, and, as already stated, the 3-4 and 4-5 bells, triple dodge in 5-6. These two latter positions remaining as at a plain lead, it is when the observation bell is in one of them that a call is made. To call the extent with tenor as observation, the terms, Wrong, Home, Wrong (twice repeated) may be used, but tenor behind without the 5th is much more easy to remember.

Once the ground work has been mastered, little or no difficulty should be experienced in ringing the other three methods. Norbury (No. 19, page 12), as stated in the combination table, has Kingston work down, Duke of Norfolk (No. 3, page 8) has Sandal work down, and Trowel, No. 25 (figures herewith), has Overton work down.

#### TROWEL.

1 2 3 4 5 6

2 1 4 3 6 5

1 2 4 3 5 6

2 1 3 4 6 5

2 3 1 6 4 5

3 2 6 1 5 4

3 2 1 6 4 5

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2 6 3 5 1 4

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5 6 2 1 3 4

6 5 1 2 4 3

6 1 5 4 2 3

1 6 4 5 2 3

6 1 4 5 2 3

1 6 5 4 2 3

1 6 4 5 2 3

Bob 1 5 6 4 2 3

These four methods will splice lead for lead, and the odd method which splices only course for course is Morning Star (No. 6, page 9), and notes should be made of the work down.

#### MORNING STAR.

Work of Bells passing Treble down.

1-2. Lead, 2nd's, lead, dodge off (1-2 up), 4th's, lead and out.

2-3. Lead, 4th's, dodge on (1-2 down), stay in slow.

3-4. Dodge on, dodge off.

4-5 and 5-6, 3rd's and up.

The same rule for splicing the methods applies as that previously given.

Morning Star may be found a stumblingblock, particularly when introduced into a peal, and, as in Baintree, the 3-4 down bell helps to keep things straight in front, but for all that, let it be a case of 'every tub on its own bottom.' Do not rely on someone else keeping you straight, the other man has enough to do in carrying his own rope.

Practice nights will now be found to be fully occupied, the all-important hour passes very quickly, and it will be found necessary to turn service ringing into practices. No opportunity must be lost of getting a pull, and every man in the band must put his shoulder to the wheel if a multi-method peal is to be accomplished. The

question of how to accommodate probationers may present itself. If too much of the practice night is taken up with the new methods, the learner is at a disadvantage, and may, if he has to sit in the ringing room most of his time, lose interest. It will, therefore, be advisable to arrange extra practices for his welfare, and get him as soon as possible on to the Oxford group. When he has reached that stage it will be possible for him to join in with the rest when the earlier methods are being 'brushed up.'

#### A PEAL IN SIXTEEN METHODS.

From experience it has been found, that, after concentrating on a new group, no small amount of confusion exists on ringing methods learned a month or so beforehand. One man may be ringing Woodbine, and another wants to ring Oxford. Of course it simply cannot be done. How, then, can we overcome this difficulty? Presuming the fifteen methods already described are thoroughly mastered, and the details of the next group are to hand, on the practice night devote the whole of the time to the new methods, and, on the following Sunday, ring plain courses, changing method frequently. This will bring out the weak points, which should be noted and ultimately strengthened. Moreover, the practice of Plain Courses, enables the band to get smart in breaking off into another 720. A very strong point must be made of always finishing an extent clean, and picking up smartly the next one. Your own experience will by this time have taught you that unless the ringing is good, success cannot be hoped for.

Efforts may now be directed to ringing a spliced peal. Formerly, to ring a peal of Minor in more than seven methods, necessitated ringing over seven 720's, or introducing 360's, and to ring fourteen of the latter was no mean performance, only possible by hard and constant practice. At that time, the sphere of Minor methods had not been fully explored; fortunately we are much better placed, and are now in a position to ring fifteen methods in seven true extents; in fact, we can go one better and have sixteen by introducing Kent Treble Bob.

For the first 'spliced' peal, I suggest the following arrangement:—

1. Trowel and Morning Star.
2. Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury.
3. Grove Delight and Baintree.
4. Neasden and Wragby.
5. Wragby and College Bob IV.
6. Overton and Sandall.
7. London Scholars' Pleasure, Oxford and Kingston.

There may be some who object to Wragby being included in two extents, if it were not, seven spliced extents could not, as far as we have gone, be obtained. Already mention has been made of the introduction of Kent, thus giving sixteen methods, with subsequent alterations to the suggested peal. Numbers 1 to 3 remain as given, add to No. 4, College Bob IV., No. 6 becomes No. 5, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston comprise the 6th, whilst 720 of Oxford and Kent complete it.

#### 'SPICED' 720 OXFORD AND KENT.

2 3 4 6 5 Oxford

|    |           |        |
|----|-----------|--------|
| 1  | 3 2 6 4 5 | Kent   |
| 2  | 2 3 5 6 4 | Oxford |
| 3  | 5 2 4 3 6 | Oxford |
| 4  | 2 5 6 4 3 | Kent   |
| 5  | 6 2 3 5 4 | Kent   |
| 6  | 3 6 4 2 5 | Kent   |
| 7  | 6 3 5 4 2 | Oxford |
| 8  | 5 6 2 3 4 | Oxford |
| 9  | 2 5 4 6 3 | Oxford |
| 10 | 4 2 3 5 6 | Oxford |

Twice repeated.

The splicing of Oxford and Kent is only possible by paying attention to the leads. Bobs are not required to produce the extent, but a little explanation is necessary. With the figures given, the name of method opposite each lead end denotes the method which produces that lead end.

Commence by ringing Oxford, the first lead end being produced by Kent. When treble is dodging 3-4 down, change over to Kent, thus allowing Kent places to be made in lieu of Oxford. There being only the one lead of Kent, change back when treble again dodges 3-4 down. Oxford is rung for two leads, change again for three, then again for four (or until the part end comes up), and repeat the whole twice. A little study and practice will soon make this clear. The leads of each can easily be memorised—1 of Kent, 2 of Oxford, 3 of Kent, 4 of Oxford.

Previous articles have appeared in our issues of August 14th, 21st, and 28th.

#### DOUBLE NORWICH.

WHICH WAS FIRST RUNG—MAJOR OR ROYAL?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Which was rung first—Norwich Court Major or Royal? I was much surprised last evening when I was informed that a peal of Norwich Court Bob Major was rung in Norwich in 1741. Maybe my informant will supply details some time in the near future.

—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE H. CROSE.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

On Monday, August 3rd, the St. Sidwell's Society, Exeter, which was established in 1875, held their jubilee outing to North Devon. A party of 13 travelled by coach via South Molton, the lovely Bray Valley, Brayford and Blackmoor Gate to Combe Martin, which was reached at noon. Here, at dinner at the Castle Hotel, they were joined by Mr. A. H. Hayward, the secretary of the local branch of the Guild, who had kindly arranged for ringing at the Parish Church. Ascending the lofty tower and raising the bells in peal, which are a nice ring of eight with a tenor of 10 cwt. in F, several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung; also some ringing with members of the local band. A delightful ride of five miles along the coast brought the party to Ilfracombe, where SS. Philip and James' tower was visited, with its recently augmented ring of eight, tenor 12½ cwt. Here more touches of Grandsire and Stedman, and some Kent Treble Bob were rung, an hour being pleasantly spent. As soon as the bells had been lowered, the bulky frame of the popular Rector and President of the society (Rev. H. Lanyon Owen) filled the doorway, he having come down by train. Then, after an hour's stroll round the Capstone and promenade among swarms of holiday visitors, the party gathered at Holloway's Restaurant for tea, at which the Rector presided. He expressed the pleasure he felt in being with them, and thanked the ringers for their services.—Mr. Richardson, in replying, referred to the good spirit of unity that existed among the members.—The journey home was made via Barnstaple, where a short stop was made, and the 'last lap' (Messrs. Carter and Bartlett) at the Fox and Hounds, Eggesford. Here the handbells were brought out, and a course of Grandsire rung in hand by Messrs. Howe, Richardson, Belts and Shepherd, and some 'tapping' by Mr. Belts; then the Rector obliged with some well rendered songs. Thus enlivened, all reached home in a pleasant mood. The members desire to thank the respective Vicars, Messrs. Hayward and Dadds for facilities at Combe Martin and Ilfracombe, and Mr. E. Shepherd for the general arrangements, all of which combined to make the day a memorable one in the annals of the 'Grecian' ringers.

## ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

On Monday, August 3rd, St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol, held their annual outing. Starting at 7 a.m., Swindon was reached at 9.30, where Mr. Gardner welcomed the party on their arrival at the Parish Church. A well-struck course of Cambridge Royal and touches of Stedman Caters were rung, after which the visitors proceeded to Oxford, arriving at 12.30, to find dinner awaiting them at Messrs. Weeks' Cafe. After luncheon a move was made to Christ Church Cathedral, where Stedman Cinques and Caters were rung. The ringing, however, was of the holiday order, owing, doubtless, to the long journey. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in visiting the different colleges, river and other interesting places.

At 5.30 the homeward journey was begun, a call being made at the most interesting and quaint old tower of Appleton. Here touches of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major were rung. The journey was then resumed, and, with just a short stop at Swindon, the destination was reached at midnight, after a most enjoyable day.

Through these columns the Guild wish to thank Mr. Hibbert and those other gentlemen who contributed to the enjoyment of the party.

## ESSEX RINGERS IN WEST SUFFOLK.

On Sunday, August 16th, three members of the Essex County Association paid a visit to West Suffolk for a short ringing tour. Starting from Great Bentley, by car, a call was made at Ipswich to pick up two members of the St. Clement's, Ipswich, company. Leaving Ipswich at 8.15, a run was made via Stowmarket to Pakenham, where permission for ringing had been readily granted. Here some well-struck 120's of Grandsire Doubles were brought round for morning service, a member of the Ingham company taking part. The next stop was Ixworth, where, after service, a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor was rung: Percy Almond (Great Bentley) 1, Fredk. J. Long (Ipswich) 2, Fredk. Rowell (Ipswich) 3, Ernest Eady (Thorpe-le-Soken) 4, Wm. Durrant (Ixworth) 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, conductor) 6. After dinner a move was made to Great Barton, near Bury St. Edmunds, where, for afternoon service, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was rung: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, P. J. Long 3, E. Eady 4, F. Rowell (conductor) 5, H. W. Foulger (Great Barton) 6. A short run soon brought the party to Ingham, where some Grandsire Doubles were rung. On the way back to Ipswich a call was made at Bramford, where, with the help of a visitor, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round for evening service: P. Almond 1, F. Rowell 2, W. J. Nevard 3, E. Eady 4, Fredk. Kinsey (Kesgrave, Suffolk) 5, F. J. Long (conductor) 6. Ipswich was reached at 6.30, where the party broke up, and the Essex members were left to continue their journey home.

## A KENTISH EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells, held their annual outing on August Bank Holiday, in accordance with their usual custom. Leaving Tunbridge Wells at 8 a.m., accompanied by their wives and sisters and Mr. T. Groombridge, in a comfortable motor charabanc, the first stop was at Lamberhurst, where they were joined, after a little delay, by Messrs. R. B., R. T. and F. J. Lambert, jun., from Horsmonden. The first tower for ringing was Hawkhurst, where two excellent courses of Superlative, followed by three courses of Double Norwich, were rung, followed by a short touch of Grandsire for the weaker brethren.—The next stop was at Benenden, where Mr. W. H. Lambert was waiting to welcome the party. Here two courses of Cambridge were tried, but a shift course brought up 432 in place of rounds. A similar fate befel four courses of Stedman, but two courses were brought round successfully, and the bells lowered in peal. The road was then taken for Tenterden, where the grand peal were soon raised and set going to two good courses of Superlative. A touch of Norwich came to grief, and so did a touch of Stedman, through the omission of a bob. The ringing here closed with a good course of Cambridge. After an excellent lunch the party proceeded to Biddenden, where Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung, but the visitors were agreed that the peal would be improved if the two trebles were in tune with the other bells. Headcorn next engaged the party's attention, and here they were met by Mr. Hodgkin. The first touch (Superlative) came to an untimely end, but amends were made by two courses of Cambridge, 168 Grandsire Triples and a course of Double Norwich, after which the bells were rung down and a move made for Leeds, where tea waited. After this the party adjourned to the tower, and tried conclusions with this celebrated peal of ten. Here it was obvious that ten was not one, but two too many for the ringers; but, after several attempts, a course of Stedman Caters was induced to come round. The last part of call was Linton, where Mr. T. Sone had everything in readiness. A course of Superlative came round in good style, and 'go' was called for Cambridge, but this came 'unstuck' about the fifth lead. Two courses of Stedman brought the day's ringing to a close, and, after a pretty run through Marden, Horsmonden and Breckley, the party reached Tunbridge Wells again at 9.45, after a very pleasant and enjoyable day. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of St. Peter's and the Church Council, by whose generosity the outing was made possible, and Mr. Groombridge, in a neat speech, voiced the appreciation of the visitors. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mr. W. Latter, the Ringing Captain, and the thanks of all are due to him for his excellent 'staff-work,' and also to the various incumbents and steeple-keepers for their courteous and friendly welcome.

## STOURBRIDGE RINGERS' TRIP.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Thomas's Church was held on Saturday, July 26th, when Ledbury was visited, the outward journey being via Worcester, Malvern and Colwall. At Colwall a short stay was made, and a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of the village church. Ledbury was reached in time for tea, and a visit was paid to the tower of Ledbury Church, and various touches were rung on the bells. At 8 o'clock the homeward journey was commenced, the route being through British Camp, Malvern and Worcester. Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens, for making the outing possible, and to Mr. A. J. Skelding for the excellent arrangements he had made for the comfort of the party. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Colwall and the Rector of Ledbury, for allowing the use of the bells, and an old friend (Mr. W. Harford, of Colwall, late of Stourbridge).

## PONTYPRIDD RINGERS CROSS THE CHANNEL.

The ringers of St. Catherine's Church, Pontypridd, had their annual outing on August 4th, when they visited Weston-super-Mare. Travelling by train to Cardiff Docks, they crossed by steamer to Weston, which was reached at 11 o'clock, after having a calm trip. Visiting St. John the Baptist's Church, they had an hour and a half's ringing of Grandsire Triples. They were met by Mr. Blackmore, the captain of the ringers, who gave them a hearty welcome. After dinner the party boarded a bus, and made for the famous old church of St. Nicholas at Uphill. There they found Mr. Masters, one of the local ringers, awaiting them, and soon had the ring of six bells going in Grandsire Doubles. Though the bells are very old, the 'go' is excellent. After staying about an hour and a half the party returned to Weston for tea. Still anxious for more ringing, they took for a point as near as possible to another old church, St. Paul's, Kewstoke, with its nice ring of six. Grandsire Doubles were rung, and the only regret the ringers had was that they were not able to stay very long, and a sharp walk back was necessary to meet the homeward bound boat. The visitors spent a happy and enjoyable day, arriving back in Pontypridd at 10.30 p.m., after an outing which will be long remembered. Best thanks were accorded the Vicars and ringers of all towers for giving permission to use the bells. The ringers also desire to thank their own Vicar and churchwardens for giving them such an excellent outing.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****ROCHESTER DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Rochester district was held at Rainham on Saturday, August 8th, and was well attended. The bells were going in various methods from 3 till 5 o'clock, when the association service was held, conducted by the Rev. W. A. R. Ball, a full choir being in attendance, with Lieut. W. A. Cooke, a local ringer, presiding at the organ. The Vicar gave a straight and inspiring address, likening ringers unto guides, and urged them to be 'good guides,' not only by their ringing, guiding people to church, but to go with them in their worship of God.—A collection at the close for the benevolent fund realised 13s. 9d.

Tea followed in the Church Hall, to which 49 sat down.

The business meeting was held after tea, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Rev. L. G. Barnett, of Milton Regis; Messrs. J. Coomber and J. A. Springate (churchwardens), Messrs. Haigh and Spice (district representatives), Mr. F. M. Mitchell (district secretary), and Mr. and Mrs. Hazleden, of Guildford.

The Chairman welcomed the association to Rainham, and said he was sorry he had not time to prepare a proper address for them, as he had only the day previous returned from his holiday, mountaineering in Switzerland. (Some of the ringers wondered what a 'prepared address' would be like.)

Mr. W. J. Beer, of Gravesend, was elected as an honorary life member, three non-resident life members, and 15 practising members were also elected. Milton Regis (Sittingbourne) tower was brought into union with the association.

Gravesend was unanimously chosen as the place for the annual district meeting, to be held on Saturday, October 31st.

The District Secretary reported on the action he had taken regarding the clashing of dates with other district meetings, and read the resolution passed at their meeting on February 25th, 1922, and the correspondence he had received on the subject.

Mr. W. Haigh (district representative) moved that the resolution, as passed on the date mentioned, be adhered to, as the number of visitors at these meetings from other districts did not merit any alteration.—This was seconded by Mr. W. A. Cooke, and carried unanimously.

Mr. W. Spice proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, for the use of the bells, and for presiding over the meeting, also to the organist and choir, to the churchwardens for their attendance, and to the ladies who had assisted at tea.—The District Secretary, in seconding, also extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. L. G. Barnett and the Vicar and ringers of Milton Regis, and to the association.—The Rev. W. A. R. Ball, Mr. J. Coomber and the Rev. Barnett responded.

The tower was again visited, and ringing in various methods indulged in until 9 o'clock, when the bells were rung down in peal, on a very successful meeting. Sixteen towers were represented, and methods up to Superlative were rung. It is hoped members will look up London Surprise for the meeting at Gravesend in October.

**LEWISHAM DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at SS. Peter and Paul's, Shoreham, on Saturday, July 25th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going during the afternoon to various methods. Service was held at 5 p.m., and an interesting address, on the history of the church, was given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Madge). Tea was supplied to the members in the Church Room.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries taking the chair. Two new members were elected, and the elections of two others, previous to peals, were ratified.

St. John's, Deptford, was chosen as the place of the next (annual) meeting.

Mr. H. E. Audsley discussed the association rule, No. 15, with the object of eliminating the clause restricting the number of elections previous to peals to two. After some discussion, it was agreed to put this matter on the agenda for the annual district meeting.

A collection on behalf of one of the local ringers realised 7s. 7d., and this was paid over by the secretary.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the organist for his services, and to the ladies who helped with the tea.

This concluded the meeting, and owing to an open-air theatrical performance a short distance from the church making further ringing impossible, the members dispersed.

**HORNSEY BELLS' 150TH ANNIVERSARY.**

The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the hanging of the bells at St. Mary's, Hornsey, was celebrated on Monday, when 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung by H. Blee 1, T. G. Deal 2, H. A. Barnett 3, J. G. Nash 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch was held on Saturday, August 22nd, at Dinder. Members were present from Glastonbury, Croscombe, Pilton, West Pennard, Wells, Ilminster, Doulting and Shepton Mallet, together with the local ringers, while visitors in Mr. J. W. Pemberton (Birmingham) and Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) were also present. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and service was conducted by the Rev. M. Y. McClean (Rector of Dinden), the association's special form being used. The Rector also gave a suitable address. The company afterwards adjourned to the Village Hut, where they were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Somerville, and upwards of 40 members sat down to a substantial meal.—The Rev. L. S. Lewis moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Somerville for their kindness, and also for their kind invitation to look over the beautiful gardens.—Mr. Somerville responded.

The business meeting was then held, the Rev. L. S. Lewis (President of the branch) presiding.—Three new members were elected, and Street was chosen as the place of next meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for use of the bells, and the Rev. McClean, in responding, invited the members to visit the Rectory garden.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the visitors, the ladies who had so kindly waited at tea, and the local ringers.

The President congratulated the Rev. E. S. C. Lock (West Pennard) on his appointment to the office of Master of the Association, and the Rev. E. S. C. Lock suitably responded.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. D. Rickards) announced that the beautiful peal of six bells at Croscombe were open to the members, and in the evening several took advantage of the opportunity to have a pull. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the local band, especially Mr. J. Drew, who had done so much to make a success of the meeting.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Cheriton on Saturday, August 29th. The peal of six bells was kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Kent, Oxford and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and tea was held on the lawn at a village inn. A short meeting followed, at which Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild) was in the chair. Those present included Mr. G. Pullinger (General Secretary), Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth District Secretary), and members from North Stonham and Winchester, Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon) and Mr. and Mrs. Carter (Goring, Oxfordshire).—On the motion of the District Secretary (Mr. W. T. Tucker), seconded by the Master, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (Rev. H. Brownlow) for the use of the bells at Cheriton and Titchborne, after which both peals of six were kept going during the morning.

The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on November 7th, notice of which will be given in the 'Ringing World.'

**DEVON GUILD.****VETERAN EX-PRESIDENT'S LONG JOURNEY.**

The Rev. Maitland Kelly (ex-President of the Devon Guild), despite his more than eighty years, travelled over a hundred miles to attend a meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch at Dartmouth on August 15th. The Rev. T. G. Watt (Vicar of Dittisham) was also present, and ringers attended from Buckfastleigh, Cockington, Collaton, Sowton, Stoke Gabriel, Torquay and Paignton. A short service was held in St. Saviour's Church, conducted by the Vicar, Rev. F. H. A. Simpson, who gave a very interesting address on 'Our Bells.'

At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. F. J. Laxton presided, and Teignmouth was chosen as the next place of meeting. Three new hon. members and one associate member were elected.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly said he had watched the Mid-Devon branch with interest, and he was glad to see new members elected and other towers coming in. It was a very difficult task to learn change ringing, but they should bear in mind the motto of the Guild—'Perseverantia omnia vincit' ('Perseverance conquers all things'). He urged them all to stick to that motto, and congratulated them on the number of quarter-peals they had rung. It was very interesting, because in nearly every quarter one noticed it was the first quarter for one of the members, and first conducted by one of the band. It showed that the spade work of the branch was on a sound principle.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. M. Kelly. He was sure all the members were delighted to have their ex-president with them that day. Although over 80 years of age, he took a very great interest in the work of the Guild.

The branch wishes to thank the Vicar for the service and use of the bells, also Mr. Middleton, the local captain, for his assistance.

**NORTH BRADLEY, WILTS.**—On August 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Arnold 1, T. Masters 2, T. Holloway (conductor) 3, C. Blake 4, F. Brown 5, W. Hart 6. All are Westbury ringers, and this was the first quarter-peal by all.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.**—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening-song, 1008 Stedman Triples, in 37 mins.: C. Drake 1, F. Hutton 2, C. Ellison 3, H. Pearce 4, A. Pickles 5, E. Whiteley 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, W. Hamer 8. Longest length in the method by all the band.

**IPSWICH.**—On Sunday evening, August 30th, at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, 528 Cambridge Surprise Maximus: W. F. Tillet 1, \* John D. Matthews 2, C. J. Sedgley 3, H. E. Smith 4, \* John Sparrow 5, Arthur J. Neale 6, H. C. Gillingham 7, H. R. Roper 8, C. A. Catchpole 9, W. P. Garrett 10, G. E. Symonds 11, F. J. Tillet 12. \* First course of Cambridge twelve.

**HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1260 changes (10 six scores, each called differently): Mrs. J. Gould 1, E. Collier 2, J. Gould (conductor) 3, H. Baguley 4, J. Martin 5, F. Fisher tenor. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. V. Sear 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, A. Crasc 4, F. Whitehead 5, F. Stonton 6, W. Sear 7, A. W. Sear 8.

**COLCHESTER, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service, a touch each of Grandsire Stedman and Double Norwich, those taking part being: G. G. Lindoff, G. Lindoff, W. Schofield, W. Button, W. Chalk, W. Keeble, H. Evers, F. Bumpstead, R. Stannard and G. Rashbrooke.

**STAMFORD HILL.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: T. C. Ringrose 1, Miss M. R. Ringrose 2, E. Hibble 3, J. G. Nash 4, F. E. Ringrose 5, A. Putland (conductor) 6.

**SHIPLEY, YORKS.**—On Sunday, August 16th for morning service there was rung 840 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. F. Seagar 1, T. B. Kendal 2, H. Haigh 3, F. Seagar 4, H. Stott 5, F. Kilshaw 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, H. Foster 8. Also three courses, with A. Trotter taking part. For evening service, touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples.

**FRITTFENDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday morning, August 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): C. H. Sone 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Baker 3, S. Driver 4, J. Downing 5, B. Baker 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, C. Baker 8.

**WHITBY, YORKS.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Miss Nora Grassby 1, A. E. Oxley (conductor) 2, G. White (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, A. V. Coates 4, J. Bray 5, W. A. Breckon 6, G. H. Corner 7, R. Hansell (first quarter-peal) 8. Ringers of treble and 5th hail from Burton-on-Stather, Lincs.

**SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.**—On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, at All Hallows' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles: C. Carter 1, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 2, A. H. Painter 3, Rev. A. M. Coode 4, H. Gassor 5, J. Gealer 6.

## A DEVON PEAL RESTORED.

## HAWKCHURCH BELLS RUNG AGAIN AFTER 25 YEARS' NEGLECT.

The rural parish of Hawkchurch was en fete on Monday, August 24th, the occasion being the dedication of a new treble bell and the formal opening of the augmented and recently rebung bells. It is some 25 years since the old five were last rung, and 17 years since they were chimed. Tower and bells alike had fallen into decay, and for years were in a dangerous condition.

Recently, through the generosity of a resident, the tower was restored, and a further generous donor came forward and offered not only to restore the old peal of five, but to add an additional bell.

The restoration of the bells has been of a thorough character. The old bells were sent to the Whitechapel Foundry, where they were tuned, quarter turned, and fitted in a new iron frame. The new treble is a bell of the same character, and all make a melodious peal.

The bells, having been erected, the Bishop of Sherborne (Suffragan Bishop of Salisbury) dedicated the new work on the date mentioned.

Although the parish is in Devon, it is in the Diocese of Salisbury, so it was only fitting that the Diocesan Guild should be invited to officially open them.

Notices to the neighbouring affiliated towers brought together a large number of members, while other associations represented were Devon, Bath and Wells, Essex, Sussex and College Youths and Cumberlands. The following rang rounds immediately after the dedication prayer, followed by 240 Grandsire Doubles at the conclusion of the service: T. Hervey Beams, Rev. C. C. Cox, F. Brooks, F. Bugler, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and W. Woodward.

From then, until late in the evening, the bells were kept merrily going by the many ringers present, in call changes, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor. So many were present that only one 720 was attempted, the following band ringing a well-struck extent Kent Treble Bob: W. D. Smith 1, T. Hervey Beams 2, the Rev. C. C. Cox 3, A. G. Belts 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, A. A. Hughes 6.

## 'THAT NEEDED REGISTER.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Every member of the Exercise will sympathise with the purpose of your leading article on this subject. But it needs to be remembered that the question is not as simple as it looks. Where the figures of two compositions are identical an untrue claim to originality is easily adjusted, but more often than not this is not what actually occurs. The real difficulty comes when a difference of opinion arises as to whether the alteration is a mere variation or amounts to an independent production. Most of your readers will remember controversies in the past, when opposite conclusions were upheld with considerable warmth.

On one notable occasion Mr. G. Lindoff engaged in a vigorous campaign with four other leading composers, which was carried on for several months. When brought down to its essential elements the problem boiled down to the apparently simple question, whether the introduction of one bob entitled a new composition to be regarded as original. No conceivable collection of peals would assist in the solution of a difference of this kind. And, as I have said, these are the points, and others like them, in which a solution is most urgently needed.

How are we to reach it? Perhaps the first and most important step is to recognise that the standard of originality is not a fixed quantity, but is always inevitably rising. In making this statement I have not in view the obvious fact that every new discovery makes it more difficult for others to obtain an original peal, but there is the equally cogent point that our knowledge of the principles of composition is constantly advancing, and we know far more about the nature of variations than our predecessors of only a short time ago. An example of this is the simple 'reversal,' of which, I believe, Jasper Snowden was the first to explain the essential characteristics.

Would it be possible for some of our leading composers to agree upon a few leading principles governing originality at the present stage of knowledge? No production falling short of this standard to be recognised. I confess, however, that I am by no means confident either of the agreement of the expert composers, or of the general acceptance of their conclusions, assuming they are fortunate enough to reach any. But I am firmly convinced that something of this kind is a necessary preliminary to the production of such a register as you propose, if that register is to be of practical value in avoiding disputes.

Lest I be accused of merely destructive criticism, I will venture on one positive suggestion. Let it be known to every young composer that to claim to have obtained an original 5040 in any plain even method in courses of normal length is to-day practically equivalent to saying he could sweep the Atlantic dry with Mrs. Partington's broom. If that be taken to heart an appreciable reduction will take place in the number of unjustified claims.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

P.S.—What ought a conductor to do in the following circumstances? For a particular purpose he wants to call a composition with certain characteristics. He has not in his possession a peal with these qualities, and strings together from old material a peal and calls it. As a guarantee of truth he is expected to state the composer's name when the peal is published. He knows perfectly well it is not strictly his, and under no circumstances does he intend to publish the figures. Probably many of the instances you have in mind in your leading article come within this category. Would it not be well to have a convention to cover them, such as 'Arranged by A. B. C.' instead of the usual 'composed'?

## NOTICE.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Hernhill, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea, at 1/3 per head, will be arranged for all those who notify me not later than Sept. 8th.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Place, Canterbury.

**CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Thursday, August 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1250 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Scott 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, Miss H. Fisher 3, Miss H. Mills 4, W. Johnson 5, S. Moody 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. A birthday compliment to W. Chambers. Miss Fisher and Miss Mills were on their annual visit to the Island.

**NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On Monday, August 10th, 240 each of Milton, Durham and London Surprise: C. S. Ryles 1, F. Triner 2, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On Monday, August 10th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): H. Morgan 1, T. Ford 2, F. Atwell 3, J. W. Jones 4, C. Greedy 5, J. Bullen 6, H. Howell (Bristol, conductor) 7, W. Ridout 8.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Eccleston, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. — Fred Rigby, Hon. Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.** — Exeter Branch. — A meeting of the above will be held at Crediton, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. in the Church Institute, 1/- each. The following bells will be available from 2.30 p.m.: Crediton, Newton St. Cyres, Shobrooke, Sandford, and Upton Pyne. All ringers welcome. — J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District. — A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Ringing from 3.15. The Vicar will entertain members to tea. St. Mary's tower will be opened in the evening. A hearty welcome to all. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Sunderland, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius (all 8 bells). Tea at St. Ignatius' Institute, Burlington Road, at 5. — G. S. Taylor, Dist. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.** — The next meeting will be held at Tickhill, on Sept. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30 p.m. — Colia Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. 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.**—Blackburn Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hoddlesden on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Grappenhall Branch. — A meeting of the branch will be held at Lymm on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting at 4.30. — F. Bibby, Hon. Sec.

**LLANFAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bedwellty on Saturday, Sept. 5th (bells 8). Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. — John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch. — A combined ringing practice will be held at Sonning, Saturday, Sept. 5th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. — R. J. Darvill, Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Leicester District will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5th, at South Wigston (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., and business meeting after tea. Proposed new rules to be discussed. — H. J. Poole, 61, New Park Street, Leicester.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Southern Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanstephan on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (8) available 11.30 a.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. — J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmor, Neath.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. — The next meeting of this district will be held at Wethersfield on Saturday, Sept. 5th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. Ringers' service in the church at 4.15. Tea and meeting in the Parish Hall. As these bells have recently been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, they are well worth a visit, and it is hoped a goodly number of ringers will make an effort to attend. Bus leaves Braintree for Wethersfield at 2.30 p.m., and returns at 9 p.m. — W. H. Dyson, Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Wimborne Branch. — A quarterly meeting is to be held at Cranborne, on Saturday, Sept. 5th, from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30; address by the Vicar, Rev. L. Addison. Tea (at 5 o'clock) at the Fleur-de-Lys. — C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec., Walton House, Bournemouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The annual meeting of the members will be held at Kirkby-in-Furness on Sept. 5th, at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available all day. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Godshill, on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Bells (6) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., business meeting afterward. — W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.** — Loughborough District. — The next meeting of the district will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday, Sept. 5th (bells 8). Important business, meeting 5 o'clock. Will all members try to attend? — J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for September: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 14th and the 28th, at 7.30. — A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch. — Quarterly meeting at Oakford, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1/- each. — M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. — A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. — William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, D.S.O., M.C., M.A. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Members requiring tea please let me know by the 8th. — H. Parkes, Hon. District Sec., Mer-sham, Ashford.



**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4 p.m. Those intending to be present please notify me not later than Sept. 8th, so that tea can be provided.—Walter Sear, Branch Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly practice will be held at Colston Bassett, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Will members please make their own arrangements for tea with Mrs. Green, Martin Arms, Colston Bassett, Notts? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells from 4.30 to 6.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bratton, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting directly after tea. Edington bells (6) also available during the afternoon.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cobham, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Followed by tea and business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Sept. 12th. The fine peal of 8 will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. As this meeting is the jubilee of the foundation of the association, a special commemoration service will be held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, the president of the Lancashire Association. All members are urged to make a special effort to attend this thanksgiving service. All applications for tea tickets, for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made, must reach Mr. H. Peel, 2, Cross Street, Birstall, not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay.—Percy J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A special district meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Tea will be provided, part expense, 1s. each, to all who notify to the secretary before Sept. 8th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Middleham, on Saturday, Sept. 12. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at the Commercial Hotel at 4.30, members 1/6, non-members 2/-. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting. Those intending to be at tea must notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, Sept. 8th, or they will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will all who require tea (1s. per head) please advise me by Sept. 9th?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E. 17.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Royal Oak at 5 o'clock. Members attending please advise me not later than Sept. 9th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weston Favell, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15, tea at 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 8th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Sept. 17th; \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 8th; Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20 (6 p.m.) and \*22nd; \*St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hagley, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Sept. 15th. A small charge will be made.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Committee meeting in Cole's Hall (opposite church) 4 p.m. Meat tea (1/6 each) at Fox Hotel 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. All those intending to take tea must advise Mr. W. H. Bartram, 33, Rosebery Avenue, Melton Mowbray, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. It is hoped all members will endeavour to be present, as important business is to be discussed. A social evening (in tea room) can be arranged.—Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts), on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are due.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.



**SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.** — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, when the chair will be taken by the President at 5.45 p.m. prompt. By the kind permission of the respective clergy, the following rings of bells will be at the disposal of visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8), Christ Church, Upper Armley (8). All applications for tickets for the dinner (for which a charge of 5s. 6d. per head will be made) should be made not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to Percy J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

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##### NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

A Grimsby District meeting was held at Burton-on-Stather on Saturday, August 15th, when members attended from Grimsby (St. Andrew's and St. James'), Bigby, Uisceby, Burrow-on-Humber and the lower tower, also from the Gainsborough District, including the Hon. Secretary (Mr. P. S. W. Butler) and friends from Hull. Bells were going early, and the Vicar (the Rev. C. Mylne) kindly conducted a service and gave an interesting address. Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, and enjoyed by 35 members and friends. The business meeting followed, the President (the Rev. H. T. Barry) presiding.—The re-election of one member took place, and a collection for the Grimsby and District Bell Fund amounted to 11s. 8d.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for the excellent address; to the organist for presiding at the organ, and to Mr. Godfrey and Mr. Bray for making the arrangements. — In reply, Mr. Bray said it was a pleasure to them all to have the Guild at Burton Stather. He was looking forward to the time when they would have eight bells instead of six.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the president for presiding.

Members then adjourned to the tower for more ringing, and some to the Burton Hills, which is a beauty spot of Lincolnshire, to view the surrounding country.

The methods rung were Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles.

The next meeting is a combined one with Gainsborough District, and is to be held at Brigg on Saturday, September 12th.

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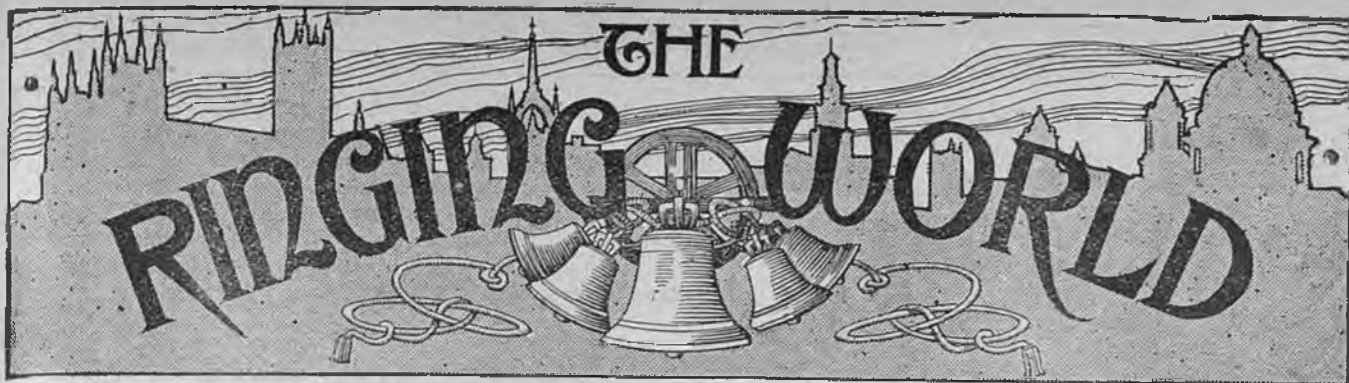
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### A CALL FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION.

The immediate co-operation of Association Secretaries is sought in the endeavour to secure for ringers cheap travelling facilities on the railways. The initiative in the matter, as our readers are aware, has been taken by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, who have got the ear of the railway officials, but it is necessary to make the application country-wide if it is to meet with success. In a matter of this kind the railway companies usually take a common line, through the Clearing House, and, as we pointed out in this column a few weeks ago, what is most urgently needed is that all Associations should join in a united effort to bring about the desired end. Each Association should put its own facts before the company serving its own district, and the information which will be of value is similar to that set out in Mr. Edgar Guise's letter to the Divisional Superintendent at Bristol, and which we published in our issue of August 21st.

Ringers, in the aggregate, do a considerable amount of railway travelling; if they had the advantage of reduced fares for a ringing expedition, whether for peal or meeting, they would do a great deal more than is possible at present. Anglers and golfers, who do not travel in bodies of at least a dozen together, have these cheap facilities, and on any ground that can be advanced for the privilege extended to these two sections of the community, equal claim can be made for bellringers. An important point in the argument is that ringers, although numerous as a whole, are not to be found in big numbers at any one centre, and it is seldom that twelve (which is the present minimum number for which cheap tickets can be obtained) travel together. They constantly assemble in considerable strength, and even monthly district meetings may bring together anything from twenty to a hundred members, and these numbers would be considerably increased if there were a reduction in the fares. The railway companies would certainly not be the losers.

We hope that in this matter the Standing Committee of the Central Council will throw all its weight into the scale, and every Association, through its officials, should at once approach the company or companies which touch its area. There may not be time or material available to take our statistics as to the amount of travelling done by members in connection with peal ringing, but details as to numbers attending meetings would be a powerful argument in support of the application. Another point which should not be overlooked is that each application should bear a reminder that it is part of a national movement, otherwise some local railway official may take it into his

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own hands to turn down the request before it gets to the proper quarter. The essential factor now is time. It is of no use for Association officials to wait for meetings of their own societies, they must act upon their own initiative, and act quickly. Their own members, and ringers in general, will not thank them if procrastination results in the endeavour of others being defeated because of the absence of sufficient support.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES.

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HENRY PRING ... .. Treble  | *JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6   |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2  | JAMES R. JONES... .. 7       |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 3   | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 8      |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 4 | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 9     |
| RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 5   | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

\* First peal of Cambridge Royal, and belongs to Sutton Coldfield.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES BILBY... .. Treble | FREDERICK LAMBETH ... .. 6    |
| RONALD G. BECK... .. 2   | WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... .. 7    |
| JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 3  | CHARLES F. ANDRZWS ... .. 8   |
| WILLIAM LOUD ... .. 4    | SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 9     |
| JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 5   | REGINALD F. BECK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

Quickest peal of Caters on the bells. It is interesting to note that Sam Hector rang the same bell to the quickest peal on the old eight.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KNIGHTON, RADNORSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 8048 CHANGES.

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *GEOFFREY ABLEY ... .. Treble | JOHN HARDWARD ... .. 5         |
| CHAS. EDWARDS... .. 2         | *FRANCIS EVANS ... .. 6        |
| *HENRY SMALLWOOD ... .. 3     | WM. R. NASH ... .. 7           |
| WM. J. BENIAMS ... .. 4       | *RICHARD WELLINGS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHAS. EDWARDS.

\* First peal of Triples. Ringers of treble, 3rd, 7th and tenor are members of the local band; 2nd from Hereford; 4th and 7th from Ludlow; 5th from Bromfield.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES.

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb. in C.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MISS HELEN W. BILL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. LEE ... .. 5        |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2     | *EDWARD C. KETTY ... .. 6      |
| HARRY WRIGHT ... .. 3            | BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... .. 7     |
| DENISON HAYWARD ... .. 4         | *HERBERT T. JERMY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal. All the above are local except the treble ringer, who is from Norwich, and 2nd from London. It is the first peal of Stedman Triples on these bells.



ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ROBERT HACKETT ... .. Treble | FREDERICK EVANS ... .. 5    |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2    | WILLIAM GOODMAN ... .. 6    |
| GILBERT GUEST ... .. 3       | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... .. 4  | *JOHN BROWN ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

\* First peal.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FREDERICK BORRETT ... .. Treble | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 5   |
| GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2         | FREDERICK SMITH ... .. 6  |
| EGBERT BORRETT ... .. 3         | RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7   |
| WALTER MORRIS ... .. 4          | WILLIAM DENT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 cwt.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *ERNEST E. GOSLING ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5 |
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. 2     | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 6    |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 3    | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7   |
| CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 4          | ARTHUR CROSS ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal in the method. The ringers of the treble and second were elected members before starting the peal.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Illtyd,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *WINSTONE JAMES ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5  |
| LESLIE BARRY ... .. 2         | ALLEN C. JONES ... .. 6    |
| RICHARD EVANS ... .. 3        | DAVID R. JAMES ... .. 7    |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 4        | ERNEST STITCH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

\* First peal and first attempt. This peal was especially arranged for Mr. Leslie Barry, of Stroud, Glos, who was proposed a member of the association before starting the peal.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1925, 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 14 cwt.

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. Treble | ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 2       | WILLIAM E. JUDD ... .. 6        |
| *MARK STACEY ... .. 3             | THOMAS R. BUTLER, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 4         | J. WILLIAM FRUIN ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

\* First peal of Stedman. Arranged for Messrs. Butler, of Ellesmere, Salop.

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OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At New College,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SAMUEL HOUNSLOW ... .. Treble  | FREDERICK T. CLINKARD ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM STONE ... .. 6         |
| WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 3        | WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7       |
| VICTOR BENNETT ... .. 4        | REGINALD PLAISTOW ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung after meeting short for Caters.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM STEED ... .. 5       |
| LEONARD E. LAST ... .. 2       | HARRY HARRINGTON ... .. 6    |
| BERNARD COLLISON ... .. 3      | KEITH HART ... .. 7          |
| WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 4      | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Steed.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Three Hours,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *MISS PATTIE CLARKE ... .. Treble | JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. 5     |
| †JOHN THOMPSON ... .. 2           | ERNEST STONE ... .. 6         |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 3        | WALTER MALINS ... .. 7        |
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 4        | JOHN W. CHANDLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

\* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Surprise with a bob bell.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HERBERT J. ELDRID ... .. Treble | WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5          |
| JOHN THOMAS ... .. 2            | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 6       |
| JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 3            | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4          | WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

J. Holman hails from Sheffield. It had been arranged to ring London Surprise, but, meeting short, Cambridge had to be substituted.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. Treble | JOE GREENWOOD ... .. 5      |
| *WILLIE HAMER ... .. 2         | EDGAR WHITLEY ... .. 6      |
| CLIFFORD ELLISON ... .. 3      | *VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 7   |
| HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 4         | WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by HAROLD PEARCE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor by Harold Pearce, who is 17 years of age.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO.—On Sept. 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. H. Knight 1, F. Whyatt 2, E. Goldstone 3, F. Derrick 4, L. Moore 5, H. Knight (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except L. Moore.

## MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *SYDNEY J. WYATT ... .. Treble | HENRY NORMAN ... .. 5      |
| ALFRED WYATT ... .. 2          | ARCHIBALD ANDREWS ... .. 6 |
| PERCY MERSON ... .. 3          | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 7 |
| JAMES HUNT ... .. 4            | JOHN CARTER ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

\* First peal in the method.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM WHITE ... .. Treble | PERCY MERSON ... .. 5        |
| ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. 2  | JAMES HUNT ... .. 6          |
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 3    | EDGAR E. BURGESS ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 4   | WILLIAM J. TARR ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

## BRENCHELY, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM LATTER ... .. Treble | STEFFORD S. GREEN ... .. 5 |
| HENRY HODGETTS ... .. 2      | LEONARD E. LAST ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 3    | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 7   |
| FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 4     | KEITH HART ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

## IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. Treble | *ANTHER BIGLEY ... .. 5     |
| JAMES T. WARD ... .. 2      | AMOS SMART ... .. 6         |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 3       | A. PERSON Y. TYLER ... .. 7 |
| WALTER PERKINS ... .. 4     | MAN THOMAS ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by ANDREW Y. TYLER.

\* First peal in the method.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

E flat.

|                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Treble | LIAM SHORT ... .. 5     |
| THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 2   | J. SMITH ... .. 6       |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3          | S. MEL GROVE ... .. 7   |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 4    | ED HACKETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

## LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| GEORGE LEE ... .. Treble     | CIS NADNTON ... .. 5       |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2 | JOHN HAYWARD ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE CLAYTON ... .. 3      | LIAM J. LEE ... .. 7       |
| HARRY WRIGHT ... .. 4        | BERT T. JERMY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by DENNIS HAYWARD.

## KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Thomas,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CRCIL V. EBBERSON ... .. Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 2      | *GEORGE T. CROFT ... .. 6   |
| *ERNEST W. DAY ... .. 3         | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 7    |
| *HERBERT E. DAY ... .. 4        | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th Surprise peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS

## SUDBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

## A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *WILLIAM CHESTER ... .. Treble | JAMES W. HAYNES ... .. 3 |
| †GEORGE MANSFIELD ... .. 2     | JOHN M. GRAY ... .. 4    |
| J. WILFRED SHARP ... .. Tenor  |                          |

Conducted by J. WILFRED SHARP.

\* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal. † First peal of Doubles and first attempt. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells, and was specially arranged on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Muriel Adams (a niece of Mr. J. M. Gray) to Mr. Walter Purser, both of Sudborough.

## CASTLEMORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *CHARLES YOUNG ... .. Treble | ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4 |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2     | ERNEST GIBBS ... .. 5      |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3      | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by C. CAMM.

\* First peal in seven methods, and the first peal of Minor on the bells.

## HORSMONDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ALAN BROMLEY ... .. Treble          | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... .. 4      |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 2 | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE BURT ... .. 3                | HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Benjamin Buss, who was interred in the churchyard the same day.

## STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1925, in Two Hours &amp; Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Treble | LEONARD BOSTOCK ... .. 4    |
| *HARRY HOWARD ... .. 2       | HARRY PARKER ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE VERNON ... .. 3       | ERNEST BOSTOCK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal away from treble. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last token of respect to Mr. A. Holland, for many years a ringers at this church.

# FINCHAM, NORFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST BULLOCK ... .. Treble | FREDERICK WIGMORE... .. 4    |
| ALFRED BACON ... .. 2        | JAMES H. RAPER... .. 5       |
| ARTHUR WIGMORE ... .. 3      | WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES H. RAPER.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by all the band.

# RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS. THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD (THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * WILLIAM CHENEY ... .. Treble | † GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. ... .. 4 |
| * FRED ARNOLD ... .. 2         | FRANK KIRK ... .. 5           |
| † GEORGE H. ROBERTS ... .. 3   | LESLIE GROOM ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on an inside bell.  
†† First peal of Minor. G. H. Roberts rang his first and only other peal in 1886.

# WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Wilfred,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JAMES F. GEORGE ... .. Treble | * FREDERICK BROWN ... .. 4  |
| * ERNEST RILEY ... .. 2       | * SAMUEL HUNT ... .. 5      |
| EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 3      | HENRY HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

\* First peal and first attempt.

# GOOSTREY, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 6 cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble | JOHN MATTHEWS... .. 4      |
| GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 2 | JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 5  |
| GEORGE ADDISON... .. 3    | ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

First peal on the bells.

# WYCLIFFE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the letter published on Aug. 7th in the 'Ringing World,' I am sorry to say that Mr. Craven has misunderstood my intention so far as to put me down as a wamrel, and accuses me of trying to back out of this mess by the use of channels other than letting you and the Exercise know the true facts. My last letter was published merely to hold up the matter until I had ascertained for myself that things were as bad as stated to me by Mr. Craven. Thanks to him I am now in a position to place before the Exercise the true facts. The reason it came to be published as containing only one false course end, viz., 24365, was because two methods were accidentally mixed. Wycliffe was proved up to treble in 1—2, which shows the false course end stated. It was then laid aside (owing to business). When I took up what I thought was the same, it had been moved away during my absence, so accidentally that I took up the other and proved from 1—2 upwards, so that it showed only one false course end, whereas the method itself shows 9 F. C. E., and would never have been published if I had found it out before. The other method which has been sent to you shows 4 false course ends with treble in 1—2. 'The Exercise will readily see how the mess had come about, so I must apologise to you for wasting your valuable space in the 'Ringing World,' and forgive Mr. Craven for his baseness in jumping to conclusions.—Hoping I have satisfied all concerned, Yours faithfully,

ERNEST W. TIPLER.

# A TOUR IN NORTH KENT.

## A NINE-PEAL WEEK.

The nine peals recorded below were rung for the Kent County Association, as a result of a week's ringing in North Kent.

The ringers desire to sincerely thank the incumbents of the various churches for granting permission for the use of the bells, and the visitors are also very grateful to the several local men who completed the band in each case. Special acknowledgment is due to C.S.M. James Bennett, R.M., who arranged the programme, and owing to whose forethought and untiring efforts a most enjoyable time was spent.

# ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## 4 PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. ... Treble | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 2        | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3        | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7    |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4         | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

50th peal by the ringer of the treble, 300th peal by the ringer of the 6th. Messrs. Bason and Duncan were elected life members of the association on the 29th inst., at St. Mary's, Lewisham, and Mr. W. L. Gofton was elected on the 26th inst. at Gravesend.

# GILLINGHAM, KENT.

On Monday, August 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble  | WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 5      |
| C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 2 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6        |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 5         | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 4      | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

150th peal by the ringer of the tenor. Also 50th peal by the ringer of the second during 1925.

# CHATHAM, KENT.

On Monday, August 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

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

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| WILLIAM T. GOFTON... .. Treble | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5         |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 2    | CHAS. E. J. NORRIS ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3     | FRANK BELSEY ... .. 7            |
| WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 4      | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

# RAINHAM, KENT.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 20 lb.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM A. COOKE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM L. GOFTON... .. 5    |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 3      | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7  |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 4     | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

# SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 5      |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 2       | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6         |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.... 3    | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 7       |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4       | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

## DARTFORD, KENT.

On Thursday, September 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES:

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Treble | C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 5 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | JOHN WHEADON ... .. 6           |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 3     | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 4     | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor    |

Composed and Conducted by Wm. E. BASON.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

On Thursday, September 3, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

## A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12¾ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 2     | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6  |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3      | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 7  |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 4     | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal of New Cambridge.

## ERITH, KENT.

On Friday, September 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES:

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 2       | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 6            |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3      | JOHN WHEADON ... .. 7               |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4         | C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

## LEEDS, KENT.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble | WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 2    | JOHN WHEADON ... .. 7           |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3       | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 8     |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 4     | C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 9 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5     | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. † First peal of Royal in the Kent variation.

## RINGERS' OUTING.

ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, HARWICH.

On Saturday, August 15th, the above, with a few friends, had their annual outing to Leiston and Aldeburgh. The first stop was at Ufford, where touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were brought round on this nice peal of eight. Afterwards the journey was resumed to Saxmundham, where the party were joined by Mr. T. Watling, and tracks were made to Kelsale. Here touches of Kent, Bob Major and Stedman were duly brought round with some of the local company. Afterwards the party returned to Saxmundham for luncheon, and then resumed the journey to Leiston and Aldeburgh, where various touches were brought round on these nice rings. At Aldeburgh they were met by Mr. T. Bailey and the local ringers, and touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent, also Grandsire Triples on handbells, were brought round. Going on next to Hasketon, tea was waiting, at the home of the captain, Mr. G. Thompson, which was reached at 6.30. Afterwards selections on handbells were given by Messrs. G. Thompson, A. Alderton, J. Alderton, C. Ellis, J. Scarfe and E. Scarfe, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung. Harwich was eventually reached at 11.30 p.m. The ringers wish to thank, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' the respective incumbents for use of the bells, Mr. T. Watling, of Saxmundham, Messrs. Norman and Charles Bailey for having the bells in readiness, Miss S. Thompson for the splendid tea which she prepared, and everyone who helped to make the day so enjoyable.

## SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A MEETING AT TICKHILL.

Saturday, Sept. 5th, found the Sheffield District Society meeting at that quaint old village of Tickhill, known to all in the surrounding district as 'Tickhill, God help 'em.' The suffix to its name is reputed to have as its author, Cromwell, who, when approaching the village during his travels, asked one of his men the name of the place, and on being told Tickhill, remarked 'God help 'em.'

However disparaging its name may appear, Tickhill gave the ringing visitors a real good welcome, the interior of the church proving an attraction for the ladies, whilst the recently rehung peal of eight bells were set going to various methods, the opening touch consisting of four admirably struck courses of Stedman Triples, which gave especial delight to the local company.

Tea, which a party of thirty enjoyed, was served in the old Parish Hall, which dates back to the days of the Reformation, and the local company are to be congratulated on the excellent repast put before the visitors at the moderate charge of 1s. per head.

The business meeting which followed, was presided over by the president, Mr. George Lewis, who took the opportunity of introducing and welcoming the new hon. secretary, who had taken over those duties that day.

It was proposed, seconded, and carried with acclamation, that a vote of thanks be sent to Mr. Thos. W. Chown, the late hon. secretary, who has now left the district, for the services he has rendered to the society.

Other business matters being disposed of, the usual vote of thanks was extended to the Vicar and local company for the use of the bells. A well struck course of Stedman Calers on the handbells and further ringing on the tower bells brought the meeting to a close, and, with darkness creeping on, members made tracks for home, feeling all the happier for a small but very enjoyable meeting.

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

LEICESTER DISTRICT AT SOUTH WIGSTON.

A meeting of the Leicester district was held at South Wigston on Saturday last, members being present from St. John's, St. Martin's, St. Saviour's, and St. Martin's, Leicester, Sipton, Wigston Magna, Humberstone, and the local band. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. Tea commenced at 5 o'clock, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the merchant of 'all sorts,' who called no 'Singles' in his 'Double Method.'

The business meeting was held after tea, in the Schoolroom, the Vicar presiding, and gave a hearty welcome to all present.

The proposed new rules for the association were then freely discussed.

The place for the annual district meeting was considered, and St. Margaret's and St. John's, Leicester, were both put to the vote, and St. Margaret's chosen.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding brought the business meeting to a close.

A short service was then held in St. Thomas's Church, conducted by the Rev. C. W. Weston. After this, another visit was paid to the belfry, and touches of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich and courses of Superlative and Bob Major were rung, this concluding the ringing on the tower. Afterwards, at the Clarence Hotel, the handbells were soon unboxed. A course of Grandsire Calers was first rung, and followed by various tunes and a 'rise and fall.' The next thing was a bus for home. After waiting for half an hour, listening intently to tales of Jews and Scotsmen, a bus was spotted coming the right way, but the driver refused to stop. (Perhaps he knew the would-be passengers!) On inquiring at the station, the belated ones were told the next train home was the next day, so all decided to 'foot it.' However, before going far someone heard a bus, and with a lot of shouting etc., successfully stopped it, and Leicester was safely reached, after a very troublesome 'last course' to a good half-day.

## WEDDING BELLS.

At the Church of SS. Simon and Jude, Earl Shilton, Leicestershire, on Monday, August 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: G. M. Coe 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, H. Wright 3, C. R. Belton (conductor) 4, C. H. Webb 5, S. Coe 6, W. Reynolds 7, H. Fullylove 8. The ringer of the 2nd bells from Leicester, and the conductor from Barwell, this being his first quarter-peal as conductor, and first attempt; the rest belong to the local company. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Doris A. Cufflin to Mr. E. Hurrell, which took place at the above church previous to the quarter-peal.

On Wednesday, July 29th, as a compliment to Miss M. G. Taylor (daughter of the conductor) on the occasion of her marriage, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church, Stafford, in 44 mins.: R. Siberry 1, A. H. Taylor 2, A. E. Garbett 3, R. Warriow 4, W. G. Curtis 5, W. H. Jones 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, J. Warriow 8.



### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Eserick on Saturday, August 22nd, by the courtesy of the Rector (the Rev. C. H. B. Trollope, M.A., Rural Dean). The Church of St. Helen, erected upon the old site, as a memorial to the first Baron Wenlock, who died May 9th, 1852, was consecrated and opened July 1st, 1857. It is a building of stone in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, baptistry, south porch and a lofty embattled tower, with crocketed pinnacles at the north-east angle, and containing a clock and 3 bells, which are quite new, the whole church having been entirely restored after the disastrous fire of two years ago.

The fine peal, by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, was erected in November, 1924, the tenor being 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs. in F, and the total weight 55 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs. Full advantage was taken of the bells by the visitors, who rang all the modern standard methods, the 'go' being all that could be desired.

The beautiful grounds of the Rectory were thrown open for the visitors' inspection, and much admired. Others journeyed through the model village into Eserick Park, the property of the trustees of the late (4th) Lord Wenlock, and thoroughly enjoyed watching a game of cricket, to the sound of the bells in the distance.

There was a short service at 4.15, the Rector, in his address, extending a very hearty welcome to the association in this, their first visit to Eserick.

An excellent repast was afterwards served on the lawn at the Rectory, and although the thunder ominously rumbled, the rain fortunately held off. Some 50 visitors sat down, representing towers at Doncaster, Guiseley, Halifax (St. John's), Hemmingborough, Howden, Hull (Holy Trinity and All Saints), Market Weighton, Pontefract (St. Giles and All Saints), Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Wragby, York and the local ringers.

The business meeting immediately followed. Apologies for absence were received from the vice-president, Mr. A. E. West (Sutton-on-Hull) and the Ringing Master, Mr. H. Fairlam (Selby), who, we regret to say, has been seriously ill, but is now, happily, convalescent. The next meeting was fixed to be held at Pontefract in December.—A very hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), and seconded by Mr. H. Howell (Hull) to the Rector, organist, the ladies who served tea, and last, but not least, to Mr. J. Steel, who carried out the local arrangements in a very efficient manner.—The Rector, in acknowledgment, thanked the association for visiting them, and hoped it would serve to stimulate the interest of his ringers in change ringing.—This terminated the meeting.

### LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION.

#### USK BELLS TO BE INCREASED TO EIGHT.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Bedwellty, Mon, on Saturday, Sept. 5th, when a good number of ringers attended from both dioceses. The bells, a fine ring of eight, by Taylor and Co., were raised soon after three o'clock, and kept going until 4.30, when a service took place in the Parish Church. Tea was then served in the Schoolroom, and had been very generously provided by the Rector and churchwardens. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector, who, at the outset, welcomed the association to Bedwellty, remarking that there was no more useful body of church workers than the ringers, to whom he was always grateful. He added that they would always be welcomed at Bedwellty.

Instructors' reports were heard, and then the item of 'Restorations and Augmentations' was touched upon, mention being made that the bells of Abergavenny would be finished in a few weeks, and at Usk the contract was let to rehang the six in a new frame and complete the octave.

The question of monthly combined practices was discussed, and it was decided to give them a trial with a view to practising the higher methods.

The hon. secretary (Mr. J. W. Jones) was instructed to send forward the number of the members of this association to help in the endeavour to obtain cheap tickets for railway travelling.

New members were elected, and a successful meeting was brought to a close. Among the welcomed visitors was Mr. Chas. Edwards, the Master of the Hereford Guild.

The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening.

The next meeting will be held at Pendoylan.

### SURPRISE RINGING IN SHROPSHIRE.

Mr. J. Martin, of Liverpool, writes: 'In your issue of August 28th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung at the Church of St. Julian, Shrewsbury, was stated to be the first 720 of Surprise in the county. While not wishing to detract anything from the merits of this performance, the following extract from the Walton Parish Church ringers' records will show that the claim cannot stand: "On Monday, October 24th, 1910, at the Church of St. Julian Shrewsbury, 720 of Beverley Surprise Minor, in 25 mins.: Jno. Wilkinson 1, Jas. W. Bell 2, Thos. W. Gilmeur 3, Hy. Harrison 4, Herbt. H. Barker 5, Jas. Martin 6. Conducted by H. H. Barker."

# John Taylor & Co.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Imperial Place Major was rung at St. Mary's, Islington, by the Society of Cumberland Youths, on Sept. 13th, 1802. The method and the peal were composed by William Shipway, who was also the conductor.

The method, although afterwards included in Shipway's 'Art of Ringing' was little practised, and soon fell into disuse—as well it might. In the method a place was always made immediately above the treble, but the greatest defect was the three blows behind by two of the bells before and after the treble's whole pull. The method contained no dodging.

It can only have been Shipway's vanity, as the author of the method, that can have induced him to include it, with the reverse and double variations, in his book. He claimed it as superior to Plain Bob in one respect, in that 'it is as regular on an odd as on an even number of bells.'

The first peal of Double Norwich in Cheshire was rung at Christleton on September 11th, 1844, and the first peal of Superlative in Wales, at Llangollen, on Sept. 13th, 1907.

The Society of St. Martin's Youths, out of which has developed the present thriving St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, rang its first peal on Monday, Sept. 16th, 1755. This was a peal of Bob Major at St. Philip's Church.

Charles Henry Hattersley, who died on October 21st, 1915, was born on Sept. 12th, 1844; and Charles Middleton, of Norwich, whose peal of Cambridge Surprise Major is the only one obtainable, with the tenors together, died on Sept. 14th, 1886.

Next Thursday is the anniversary of the 11,328 London Surprise Major rung by the Oxford Guild at Drayton. This was on Sept. 17th, 1896.

The peal at Milverton, recorded elsewhere, was completed with one strand of the tenor rope gone below the sally during the last three-quarters of an hour. It unravelled both up and down, but luckily the other two strands held.

Mr. C. N. Sharples, one of the young ringers at St. John's, Blackpool, has succeeded in winning a University scholarship of the value of £100 a year for three years, offered by the Blackpool Corporation. In March last he gained an exhibition at Selwyn College valued £10 per year. He will go to Selwyn College, Cambridge, in October.

Recently while some workmen were engaged in repairing the lead on the dome over the tower of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, smoke was noticed coming from the woodwork below. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

It must surely be almost a record for a period of nearly forty years to elapse between a man's first and second peals. Mr. G. H. Roberts rang his first peal in 1886, and his second at Ringstead, Northants, last week.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Bath on August 27th was Thomas F. King, not Hing, as printed. The ringer of the 7th at Wyrardisbury on August 29th was Daniel Cooper, and the weight of the tenor is 9 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in G, not 10½ cwt., as mentioned in the original report.

The meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, advertised in last week's issue, to take place at Waldron on the 12th, will be held on September 26th.

## RAILWAY FACILITIES FOR RINGERS.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have been advised to ask all secretaries of associations to write at once to their railway authorities (locally) in a form of application.

Hon. secretaries can be guided by my letter, kindly published in your issue of the 'Ringing World,' No. 753, of August 21st last.

Finally, I do appeal to all secretaries to apply, and I should be grateful to them if they would drop me a postcard so that I may know who has carried out the suggestions.

EDGAR GUISE.

39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

## 'THERE'S MANY A SLIP.'

The Norton (Staffs) ringers experienced a great disappointment on Saturday, August 22nd, when an attempt for a peal of Surprise Minor in seven methods was made. The ringing had reached the end of the second part in the last method, when the pin holding the clapper of the tenor bell broke in two in the centre of the head stock. The clapper came out with a crash on to the floor above the ringers and gave them all a fine fright for the moment. Had the pin held another ten minutes the peal would, doubtless, have been completed. The methods were London, York, Wells, Ipswich, Durham, Milton and Cambridge: G. E. Lawrence 1, F. Turner 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

### HINTS ON 'SPICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER. FIFTH ARTICLE

The methods for the fourth or 'Willesden' Group are in the 4th's Place Delight section, and the group takes its name from the method we shall first practise. I will give the combinations first, and explanations afterwards.

|   |   |                      |
|---|---|----------------------|
| Work Above Treble,<br>or that of Bells Passing<br>'Up.' | Work Below Treble,<br>or That of Bells Passing<br>'Down.' | Resultant<br>Method. |
|---|---|----------------------|

|           |                  |            |
|-----------|------------------|------------|
| Willesden | Kingston         | Willesden  |
| "         | London Scholars' | Bocking    |
| "         | Sandal           | Old Oxford |
| "         | Overton          | Poynton    |
| "         | Braintree        | Marple     |

No member of this group appears to be extensively practised, which is a pity, as they contain some interesting work, and all are worthy of attention. Method experts, however, may not agree, chiefly owing to the 7-pull dodge in 5-6.

It being necessary to learn the work 'up' before tackling any of these, the notebook is necessary to record the result of our analysis.

#### WILLESSEN.

Willesden is our first method, and is No. 13, Page 17, of the C.C. Collection. Commencing at the lead end, examine the 4th, 'the slow' bell. After snapping treble this bell makes 2nd's place, and snaps again, as in College Exercise—that presents no difficulty. If any difficulty is experienced it will be in the next two positions, i.e., 2-3 and 3-4. Pay attention to these, and the rest will look after itself. The 6th passes treble 2-3 up in this case, makes 4th's place, dodges 3-4 down, and makes 3rd's and 4th's. It will be seen that treble comes to dodge 3-4, as in the Woodbine Group. The 2nd is the object of our next note. Passing treble 3-4, it makes 4th's and 3rd's (as in the Woodbine Group), dodges 3-4 up, makes 4th's and goes to lead. If the 2-3 bell makes a strong point of the 4th's place first, it will help to keep the middle work straight, should anything untoward happen. The bells passing 4-5 and 5-6 up, work as at a bob lead in the Woodbine Group, i.e., is a 7-pull dodge in 5-6. Our notebook, then, records the following:—

Pass treble 1-2 up: Make 2nd's and snap again.  
Pass treble 2-3 up: Make 4th's, dodge 3-4, 3rd's and 4th's.  
Pass treble 3-4 up: Make 4th's and 3rd's, dodge 3-4, 4th's and in.  
Pass treble 4-5 up: 7-pull dodge 5-6 up.  
Pass treble 5-6 up: 7-pull dodge 5-6 down.

Work down, as in Kingston.

Bocking, No. 21, Page 19, our next method, requires little or no detail. From study of the lead, it will be seen that London Scholars' work takes the place of Kingston.

Old Oxford Modernised, No. 17, Page 18, has Sandal work below treble, whilst Poynton (a lead of which appears here, as it is not found in the Collection) has Overton work. As in previous groups,

Poynton these four methods produce the same changes lead for lead, and will splice at any lead end. Marple, No. 11, Page 16, is the odd method, and the work in is the same as for Braintree.

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| Poynton | Bob Work |
| 123456  | 461253   |
| 214365  | 416235   |
| 124356  | — 142653 |
| 213465  | 412635   |
| 321456  | 146253   |
| 321456  | 164235   |
| 234165  | 612453   |
| 243651  | 162435   |
| 243651  | 614253   |
| 426351  | 641235   |
| 423651  |          |
| 246351  |          |
| 426315  |          |
| 462135  |          |
| 641253  |          |
| 642135  |          |
| 461253  |          |
| 416235  |          |
| 142653  |          |
| 412635  |          |
| 146253  |          |
| 142635  |          |

Bob 164235

From the figures given, it will be readily seen, that the work at a bob is the same as that in the Woodbine Group, the 3-4 up bell continuing the place making in 3-4, until treble comes again, the 2-3 bell makes 4th's and snaps with treble, whilst the bell which snapped first with treble, instead of lying in 2nd's, goes up to 4th's. The 4-5 and 5-6 bells continue dodging behind. The two latter positions, being unaffected by the bob, calls are made when the observation bell is in one of these places. The rule given for College Exercise applies in this case, i.e., 'Tenor behind without the 5th,' or any other pair which suits, say, 2nd without the 3rd.

## CORRECTING TRIPS.

The peal in fifteen or sixteen methods having been successfully brought round, we can now add five more methods, giving us a twenty method peal in the space of seven extents, which will necessitate a rearrangement of the 720's.

By this time the four dominating methods of Oxford Group will have become thoroughly engraved on the mind, and the chief difficulty experienced will be in remembering which method you are ringing. Should you forget, don't be afraid to call out and ask—it will save a deal of confusion, and such a request will not upset the others.

A few remarks on the correction of trips caused through forgetfulness will not be out of place at this point. As new methods are added to the peals, the conductor's responsibilities are increased, and it is up to each member of the band to try his best to ease his burden, which can be done in many ways, first by paying strict attention to the work in hand. If a trip occurs and your partner is the culprit, it is no difficult matter to correct him, but should it be some other bell, keep yourself straight and take no notice, let the one he is working with keep him right.

Always remember that it takes two bells to break an attempt down; if only one goes wrong, with the bells working in pairs, someone is bound to be in a position to correct him. Say, for example, 'A' wants to do London Scholars' work in the middle and 'B' tries to do Sandal. If 'A' is quick, he can put 'B' right without a misblow, or, on the other hand, 'B' might come along without any idea of what he has to do. He only needs to ask, and 'A' can oblige and tell him every blow, the work, of course, being, in this case, the opposite to that which he is doing himself. The same can also be done in front or behind.

A treble ringer who is conversant with the methods is a decided advantage. In many towers the treble is considered the learner's bell. I admit it is, but only up to a certain phase of his training. As soon as he has had a few practices of the treble hunt in Treble Bob he should be put on inside work until able to ring a number of methods, remembering always a good treble man cannot always ring inside, but an inside man can always ring the treble, and when he is conversant with the method rung can keep an eye on the working bells.

## A TWENTY METHOD PEAL.

This could be arranged to suit the band intending to ring it, and the best will only be found by experience. For guidance, the following may be found suitable:—

1. Poynton and Marple.
2. Old Oxford, Bocking and Willesden.
3. Trowel and Morning Star.
4. Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury.
5. Grove Delight and Braintree.
6. Neasden, College Bob IV, and Wragby.
7. Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston.

making twenty in all, and, when this has been accomplished, you will be in good trim to tackle the next group, and one that will require a good deal of attention.

Previous articles have appeared in our issues of August 14th, 21st, 28th, and September 4th.

## MAKING A START.

At East Crompton, Lancs, a practice in spliced method ringing on September 1st, resulted in a 720 of Spliced London Scholars' Pleasure and Oxford Treble Bob being rung at the first attempt: G. Wild 1, S. Wareham 2, W. Oates 3, H. Oates 4, C. Howarth 5, J. Butlerworth (conductor) 6.

## WINCHESTER GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Isle of Wight district of the Winchester Guild was held on Saturday at Godshill, where there is a peal of six. The bells were in use from about 3 p.m., and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Court Minor were rung. Visitors to the tower included Miss E. K. Parker, and Mr. G. Fletcher, of Edmonton, and Mr. F. W. Rogers, of Portsea. Tea was served at the Griffin Hotel, a party of 16 sitting down.

Two probationers were elected full members, one new member was also elected, and one probationer.

A joint meeting at Ryde, organised by the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight districts, was proposed by Mr. B. J. Snow, and seconded by Mr. W. Chambers, and particulars will be announced in the 'Ringing World.'

Further ringing took place after tea.

## A WEDDING GIFT.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, of Chapel House, Shirehampton, Bristol, write to say how extremely delighted they are with the beautiful oak hall stand which came to them this week as a wedding gift from members of the Bristol United Guilds, and ask them kindly to accept the warmest thanks for their kind thought.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## CHRIST CHURCH, CREWE, RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 22nd, the ringers of Christ Church, Crewe, had their annual outing. A very enjoyable programme had been arranged by one of the ringers. Starting from Crewe at 7.30 a.m., the party proceeded by train to Shrewsbury, where a good breakfast was awaiting them. After this had been disposed of the party got aboard a very comfortable little bus, which, after running round about the town for some time, found its way out, and decided to make for Much Wenlock. The ride through Harley Hill, Weulock Edge and the 'Five Chimneys' was much enjoyed, notwithstanding the misty weather, which somewhat marred the beauty of the fine views for which the district is famous. From Much Wenlock the route lay by Church Stretton, and thence to Ludlow, a stop being made at Winstanton Church. At the latter place, owing to the illness of the Rector's wife, there was no ringing on the church bells, but a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the hand-bells, the ringers standing at the lych gate. Some members found their way to the church tower roof, after a perilous ascent. Others inspected the church, noting the fine old door and lock, on which is the date 1696.

Away again! and to Ludlow, where a very substantial dinner awaited them. Ample justice was done to the good fare. When all the diners had been brought to a stand a pleasant interlude was afforded by the presentation to the ringer who organised the trip of a pendant, in the form of a silver bell, bearing his initials and the date, as a mark of appreciation for the excellent way the outing had been arranged.

After dinner, to the fine old church of St. Lawrence, where the beautifully mellow peal of eight were set going to Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. The only 'fly in the ointment' was the 'steep ascent to heaven'—to wit, the stairs to the ringing chamber. Oh! those steps! hundreds of 'em, and, after two 'plain courses' of lamb (Canterbury?), mint sauce, etc. On our way rejoicing, this time over some terrible hills!

The rumour went round that even the tyres had got the wind up, but this was not true of all of them, as one 'flatly' refused to go any further; this, together with the engine emitting clouds of steam, made a halt imperative. One of the party took advantage of the stop to risk his camera by snapping the happy group stranded miles from anywhere. The wish was expressed that the picture would turn out as well as the outing. Matters having been put right, away again to St. Mary's, Cleobury Mortimer, where a fine peal of six were soon sending forth Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles and Kent Minor. The bells here, both as regards the 'go' and the tone, leave nothing to be desired. It was with regret that the party at last tore themselves away, but not without inspecting the peculiar architecture of the church, whose leaning walls, arches and pillars, also the crooked spire, were the object of much interest.

After a further delightful run, Bridgnorth was reached, and the party were soon doing justice to an excellent tea. Ringing took place at St. Mary's Church, where the six bells were soon sounding over the Severn. The fine old belfry at St. Leonard's was silent, as the church authorities are concerned as to the safety of the tower. The members of the party unanimously agreed that the sooner this deplorable state of things was put right the better it would be for the Exercise in particular and bell-lovers in general. After a look round the very interesting town, the party again got aboard for Shrewsbury, which was reached about 9.30 p.m., after a nice run, during which the admiration of the party was called forth by the magnificent performance of a 'push-cyclist,' the latter keeping pace with the bus most of the way to Wenlock, and finishing first by several lengths.

At Shrewsbury a light supper of bread and cheese filled in the interval before getting aboard the train for Crewe. On the way to the station a member of the party was observed to slake his thirst at a public—(no, not house) fountain! Crewe was reached at 11.30, and all agreed that it was the best day's outing they had experienced. The ringers wish to thank all concerned for the use of the bells at all the places visited, and feel very glad to have been made so welcome.

## THE ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

The annual outing took place on Saturday, July 11th. Glorious weather favoured the party, and a start was made at 8.45 a.m. by charabanc, the route selected being a visit to various parts of Surrey.

The first halt was made at Old Windsor Church, where an hour was spent with the bells. From there a very enjoyable journey was made to Guildford, where lunch was served, after which the company visited the towers of Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas. Ringing over, the party made a survey of the town until tea-time.

Guildford was left about 6 o'clock for Epsom, this being the final stay for ringing.

The homeward journey was commenced about 9 p.m., and after a pleasant ride St. Albans was reached about 11 p.m., all expressing satisfaction with the day's outing.

## BEECLES RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 18th, the Beccles company of ringers, accompanied by friends from Loddon and Halesworth, held their annual outing. The party left Beccles by charabanc, and the first call was Worlingworth, where they were met by Mr. David Collins. After a few short touches, the party journeyed to Debenham, where Mr. W. Rumsey met them. Short touches were rung before and after dinner at the Red Lion Hotel, when the company proceeded to Stonham Aspal, where, in spite of nervousness caused by the 'bird-cage floor,' and the warning and advice of the Debenham ringers, Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were brought round. The next call was a Stowmarket, where tea was served, after which some short touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, where everything was left in readiness for them by the local ringers, who were visiting Beccles on their outing on the same day. Stowmarket was left at 8 p.m., and a pleasant journey brought the party to Beccles about 11.30. Thanks of all are due to the clergy for the use of the bells at the towers visited, and to Mr. B. Grimes, of Debenham, and Mr. E. Diaper at Stowmarket for their kindness for making the arrangements for them.

## IDLE RINGERS AT KILDWICK.

The ringers of Idle parish church, accompanied by other ringing friends, had a most enjoyable outing to Kildwick on Saturday, Aug. 8th. By the courtesy of the Vicar, the bells of the Parish Church were placed at their disposal, and various lengths were rung in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise. The following ringers took part: F. Davison, H. Davison, T. Hill, R. Umpleby, F. Kilsaw, W. Feather, H. Foster, all of Idle; T. B. Kendall, E. H. Simpson of Shipley and F. McKell, of Gargrave.

Ringers of Stow-on-the-Wold, with Bourton-on-the-Water, and W. Large, of Stretton-on-Fosse, held their outing on July 12th, visiting Churchell, where 720 of Bob Minor was rung. The party motored to Shipton-under-Wychwood, where 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung. At Burford, 504 Grandsire Triples were brought round, and at Northleach 532 and 504 of Triples were rung, all touches being conducted by W. Large.

## DUDLEY &amp; DISTRICT GUILD.

## SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SEDGLEY.

A very successful meeting of the above Guild was held at All Saints' Church, Sedgley, on Saturday, August 22nd, in beautiful summer weather. The fine peal of eight bells were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock. The service was conducted by the curate of Sedgley, and the address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Swindell, D.D.). A bountiful tea was served in the Schoolroom, the tables being presided over by Mrs. B. Fullwood, and other ladies. About thirty members were present, the following towers being among those represented: Bradley, Coseley, Dudley, Netherton, Old Hill, Sedgley; Oldswinford, Kingswinford, Rowley, etc.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Dr. Swindell presided. Apologies were received from Miss Pigott and Mr. Harry Mason, the latter having met with a very bad accident. The secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy to Mr. Harry Mason, and convey the members' best wishes for a speedy recovery.

It was proposed (though late in the day) that a letter of sympathy and condolence be sent to the family of the late Mr. William Rock Small in their bereavement, Mr. Small having been one of the founders of the Guild.

Several new members were added to the roll, and it was proposed to attempt the quarterly peal for the Guild at Sedgley, the Ringing Master being asked to make the necessary arrangements. It was decided to let the selection of a place for the next quarterly meeting stand over until the meeting at Dudley, about October 3rd, when the bells of the Dudley Parish Church will be rededicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. It was hoped that the members would book that date.

Mr. James George received the hearty congratulations of those present and the Guild as a whole on completing his 850th peal the week previous.—Mr. George briefly replied to the compliment paid him.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. George, and seconded by Mr. Ben Gough, to the venerable and respected Vicar of Sedgley, Dr. Swindell, for kindly granting permission to hold the meeting at Sedgley, also for his eloquent address, the use of the tower and bells and schoolroom. Thanks were also accorded to his assistant priest for his part in the service; to the organist; to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea; and last, but not least, to the genial towerkeeper, Mr. Ben Fullwood, for having everything in readiness; and the trouble that he had taken in making the necessary arrangements for the successful meeting.

The Vicar briefly replied, on behalf of all concerned, and this brought another happy meeting to a close.



## THE HISTORY OF RINGING. PREPARE FOR THE COMING HISTORIAN!

To the Editor.

Sir,—With sincere interest, I have read that column headed 'The History of Ringing,' and with the Editor I heartily agree that the historian should have 'ALL available information.' On the same subject I agree with our friend, Mr. J. A. Trollope, but, only so far! Of course, one is fully alive to the fact that the writer of 'Notes by the Way' is advancing a suggested way out of the difficulty, of providing material to work upon. Personally, I am adverse to half-measures, and if we are to have a good sound 'History of Ringing,' let's have it. No mincing will do. Let us have 'all available information.' In my humble opinion, what we want, first of all, is a complete register of ALL peal tablets, those put up to-day, and those put up centuries ago, blend the old with the new. As a case in point, I am aware of the existence of a peal tablet, upon which two peals are recorded, one has been painted out (or over), and a later peal recorded in place of the first on that board. At the moment I cannot give the date when the latter of the two peals was inscribed, but the tablet is not 100 miles from where I pen these lines. The first peal recorded (now blotted out) is to all intents and purposes lost, but is it? If my memory serves me aright, I believe it is possible to decipher practically the whole of the former record, as the lettering stands out somewhat in relief. Now, sir, with a bit of trouble that could be saved to posterity, and if the job is to be done, let it be done! 'No half-inching,' no leaving off at a given date. It won't do, because 'half-inch' jobs are never satisfactory, and it only makes a hash of things.

When Billy the Conqueror sent out his Norman scribes with penny notebooks, he said to them (I and only one of those ordinary ringers, or I might have given it in Norman French): Billy said (it fits in very nicely what you said, Mr. Editor, about the ALL); 'make me a register of ALL English lands, give me the size of EACH estate, tell me whether it is divided into arable, pasture, meadow, or whether it is woodland; ascertain the name of the lord who holds sway; tell me how many ploughs and oxen he has, furnish me with the number of soke-men, villans and borders who bend the knee to him, and don't forget to record whether a church exists on the lord's estate.'

Evidently the Royal Commissioners' scribe caused these questions to be traced out very narrowly, for not one single hide, nor one yard of land, nor an ox, nor a cow, nor a swine, was left, that was not set down in his writ. When these writings were placed before the Royal Billy, he again gave orders. What for? For their preservation. He said in effect, 'Look here, chaps—Quanti Emptum?' and the chaps said, 'Nay! nay! Bill, you are the "Kinkering Kong," and it signifieth not to thee at what price they were bought—what shall us do with 'em?' And Bill said, 'Preserve those two vellum manuscripts, because one of these fine days an historian will be BORN, and when he is born, and comes along of his own free will and accord, let him delve into the musty pages of that one in folio, and further let him revel in the quarto manuscript, which that "non stop Twain" (Time and Tide) have now tinged with mellowing hints of antiquity.'

Yes, sir, Billy said, 'Bring all information,' and he got it. Now, then, the historian to the Exercise must be born—most assuredly they are not made. One never knows, we might have a fellow pop up that was born at, say, 'Gallows Inn, Kensington,' or he might originate from 'Pimlico.' I knew an historian that came from 'COSSER.' He was the humble son of a miner. He didn't receive a 'Varsity education.' No, sir, it was there! inherited, not acquired. Don't worry, sir. I am not in the least apprehensive. The historian will come, and when he does come, it will be of his own free will—it's no use advertising for those blokes. Historians are funny fellows; deep strange feelings creep thro' and thro' the innermost chambers of their souls; they lift themselves out of themselves, and amid the mists of centuries they make friends with those who have gone before. We ordinary ringers can't conceive how they feel the 'changes' hurrowing in the arcaum of their spirits. 'In and out of course' they go, one EVEN one ODD, in proper sequence, no muddling in their noddles. No, sir, the historian's noddle is 'clear,' and it's brimful of a splendour of a copious imagery. He will have no need, or occasion, to swallow 'a dictionary'! No, sir, his powerful pregnancy of thought he will convey to paper. 'ALL collated facts' will be the great fundamental upon which he will stand to build his monument.

In terse incisive language his thoughts will clothe again the fleshless bones of ALL campanists, GREAT and SMALL, who have passed into the great vortex of eternity; from amid the quicksands of time he will dig up secrets that are buried centuries deep. Ah! and what is more, when a real historian comes along, it is logical to assume that he will have to possess a versatility of genius almost Shakespearean. It is up to us commonplace ringers to prepare as fully as we can for the time when the historian asks for this and that! We are, as a body, responsible; as a fraternity we should collate 'ALL available information' in formulating our 'Domesday Book'; or,

better phrase still, a 'Georgian inventory of peal tablets,' even as the Royal Commissioners compiled an inventory of All Church Goods in Edwardian times. On that occasion the King's officers obtained the information from the incumbents and churchwardens. Now I hold the view that it is not a Royal Commission that is needed alone, it should be both Royal and Loyal! Ringers of to-day are classified as church officials. Let a commission be appointed to make inquiries of not sundry, but ALL existing peal tablets. Then let the church officials (ringers) in every tower in the land give a true and concise return of ALL tabulated records, no casting aside, not knowing or caring who 'Jimmy Deville' was, or what he did; that won't do. As a case in point, sir, this poor 'Deville' might be an associate of His Satanic Majesty by the way he is cast aside, and out! On the other hand, sir, this 'Deville' might have been one of those 'Develles' who cared not for the limelight; it is possible that this said 'Deville' did yeoman service by putting his shoulder to the wheel of campanology. Yes, sir, it is possible for this 'Deville' to have fanned into flame the smouldering torch of campanistic art in the locality of Hammersmith, and who knows? whether or not that said torch (which 'Deville' lit) is burning with a brilliance in the hands of some present-day ringer? and who knows, this 'Deville' may have sat up o' nights—like our great composers do—burning the midnight oil (or drinking it) to keep him awake while he wrote soliciting voluntary subscriptions for an augmentation, or a recasting! These things do happen, and are accomplished facts, and go to build up the history of ringing.

Thurstan built up his own monument in his masterpiece, so did Wag Middleton. Both these worthies surely would fill a page in the history of ringing, and I ask, is it logical to indiscriminately cast aside this poor 'Deville,' who—we are assuming now—also built up a tangible monument, which is handed on to us, just as the compositions of Thurstan and Middleton are passed on to us, and all to further 'our art.'

No, sir, we must have 'ALL available information,' and not cast aside this 'Deville'—or any other. Casting aside this, or that, because it looks uninviting or uninteresting, is what I shall call 'CAM-PANILLOGICAL'! and rightly so, 'becos we can't cast out Deville?' But, go to. We must have this history, and I agree it can be written; yes, sir, it can, in lots of fashions. One is good, a second is bad, and a third is indifferent. The former is what we want, and what we must prepare for; we must be content to collate ALL information and await the coming of the historian, who will have the greater work, the greater pain, and the greater joy, and in the end, he (the historian) will have 'ALL' the Glory! a public funeral, and, perhaps, a fine marble tomb.

IRENÆUS.

## AN ECCLESFIELD CELEBRATION.

MR. WILLIAM TURTON HONOURED.

On Saturday, August 29th, Mr. William Turton, of Ecclesfield, attained his 75th birthday, and also completed 52 years' service as a change ringer at Ecclesfield Parish Church.

To celebrate this dual event, members of the local company, together with ringing associates from Sheffield, attempted a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at the tower of this well-known 'Minster of the Moors,' but after an hour's excellent ringing, it unfortunately came to grief.

Mr. Turton was by profession a hand file cutter, a trade which owing to the constant improvements in machinery, is fast passing away, but to those who have seen such men use their chisel and hammer with such dexterity, patience and accuracy, it is no wonder that they are good strikers in change ringing. Their sense of touch and hearing habitually with them in daily toil, is also manifested when in the tower.

The esteem and regard by which 'Old Bill' (as he is known to both residents and outside friends) is held, was clearly demonstrated at a dinner held at the Black Bull Hotel on Saturday evening, at which his five sons, members of the local company and friends, and other ringing friends from the Sheffield area, were present. The bracing air of Ecclesfield evidently put everyone in good form, square after square of Yorkshire pudding being served with speedy repetition: meat, heart, vegetables and onion sauce, assisted with the usual 'wash-me-down,' made a very enjoyable repast.

A jovial evening followed, the visiting ringers, along with Mr. G. Lewis, of Ecclesfield, giving an excellent course of Grandfire Caters on the handbells, while during the evening, the Ecclesfield Glee Party rendered in fine fashion quartettes and songs of a popular and appreciated nature. Mr. F. Willey, who was unable to be present, sent his best wishes to all the company present, and in accordance with his request, the Glee Party sang that well-known melody, 'The Soldier's Farewell,' which all but moved 'Old Bill' to tears.

Various speeches were made, and it was evident, when 'lights out' was signalled (all too soon), that everyone had enjoyed a very happy time, and if friendships and handshakes are anything to go by, Mr. Turton can consider himself well on the way to being a rich man.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**HAMMERSMITH.**—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 6th, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. C. Stacey 1, A. Keeble 2, A. Cutlmer 3, — Smith 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, R. Mackrill 8. Arranged for Mr. Keeble, of Leiston, Suffolk.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Giles' Church, for morning service, on Sept. 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): E. Sibley 1, S. F. Millward 2, F. Hopper 3, W. Sibley 4, W. Rogers 5, F. Milner (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, J. T. Heusman 7, A. Monk 8. Arranged for Mr. Fred Milner, of Kirklington, Notts.

**CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 1,020 Stedman Doubles, in 38 mins.: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, T. Crane 3, F. Peak 4, A. H. Fook 5, J. Jolly 6.

**NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.**—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for evening service, 648 Stedman Caters: R. Gray (first touch of Caters) 1, J. Robertson 2, G. Dix 3, J. Scott 4, A. Tully 5, C. Waugh 6, E. Hern (conductor) 7, J. George 8, E. Gesden 9, A. Scaife 10. First Sunday Service touch of Caters on the bells by the present band.

**OXFORD.**—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, W. Finch 2, G. Collett 3, C. Coles 4, W. Harris (conductor) 5, F. Clinkard 6. A birthday compliment to the conductor.

**KNIGHTON, RADG.**—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for evening service, at St. Edward's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, 1,260 changes (10 six-scores, each called differently): A. Jones 1, J. Thomas 2, R. Smallwood 3, G. Abley 4, F. Evans (conductor) 5, R. Wellings 6.

**LITTLE MUNDEN.**—On Sept. 6th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, A. Woolston 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

**DISS, NORFOLK.**—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for morning service, 504 and 408 Stedman Triples: T. Ford, junr., 1, J. Souter 2, Wm. Ireland 3, C. J. Moore (conductor) 4, W. Steggall 5, Wm. Rose (Eye) 6, G. Archer 7, G. Moore (Ipswich) 8. In the 408 the treble and 7th men changed bells.

**WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. C. Bunn 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, J. Spence 3, Rev. F. R. Bonsey 4, E. Chatten 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

**UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Pimfry 1, A. Hartland 2, J. Lawrence 3, F. Lawrence 4, B. Hall 5, C. Camm (conductor) 6, A. Griffin 7, W. Griffin 8.

**CHESTER-LE-STREET.**—On Sunday, August 30th, for evening service, at SS. Mary and Cuthbert's Church, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Sheraton 1, F. Pattison 2, A. Adamson 3, J. Crawford 4, W. Brown 5, G. Ward 6, G. Liddle 7, C. T. P. Brice (Pulham, Norfolk, conductor) 8.

**NORTON-IN-THE-MOORS.**—On Sunday, August 30th, for morning service, at St. Bartholomew's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Webberley 1, S. Ryles (first 720 of Surprise) 2, G. Lawrence 3, W. Corfield 4, W. P. Deane (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.—For evening service, 720 Ipswich Surprise: W. Webberley 1, S. Ryles 2, J. Walker 3, W. Corfield 4, J. Walley 5, W. P. Deane (conductor) 6.

**PULHAM MARKET.**—On August 30th, for morning service, 672 New Cambridge: F. Borrett 1, H. Borrett 2, J. Allen 3, C. Baker 4, A. Smith 5, A. Roope 6, E. Whiting 7, C. Roope 8.

**REDENHALL.**—On August 30th, for evening service, 784 Double Norwich: F. Borrett 1, G. Howlett 2, H. Borrett 3, C. Clarke 4, W. Mohbs 5, W. Dent 6, R. Riches 7, E. Borrett 8.

**MACCLESFIELD.**—On Sunday, August 30th, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, of Stoke Poges, visited the Parish Church. A 396 of Stedman Cinques was rung for evening service: J. Burgess 1, E. Atkin 2, G. Bottomley 3, W. Walmsley 4, Mrs. Barker 5, J. Haskinson 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, A. D. Barker 8, W. Matthews 9, J. Westwood 10, J. Norbury (conductor) 11, T. Mottershead 12.

## NOTICE.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Markham (Cuxford Station), on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 8.30. A good attendance is desired. Visitors welcome. Members and others to make their own arrangements for tea as permission came too late to advertise same. Try Mrs. Chapman, Queen's Hotel, East Markham.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

WETHERSFIELD'S RESTORED BELLS.  
ESSEX ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association was held at Wethersfield on Saturday, Sept. 5th, when 30 ringers braved the inclement weather to attend. The parishioners have, during the past few years, had their massive tower thoroughly renovated, a new bell frame put in, and the bells retuned and rehung, this latter part of the work having been entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have done the work splendidly. The tone and 'go' of the bells gives the greatest satisfaction. The whole restoration was accomplished at a cost of £1,500, which was really a remarkable undertaking for a country village.

The bells were set going about 3 p.m., and the usual service was held, the Vicar giving a very helpful address. He pointed out that amongst all the changes of generations, the old towers with their bells, were always the same, sending out their message all down the ages. The preacher pointed out that ringers were a band of men pulling together, and from this he drew many lessons.

After the service the ringers had tea in the Village Hall, the Vicar occupying the chair, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association; Mr. W. J. Nevard, District Master, North-Eastern Division; Mr. L. W. Wiffen, District Master; and Mr. W. H. Dyson, district secretary, when the following parishes were represented, viz.: Earls Colne, Feering, Greenstead Green, Sawston, Fulbourne, Wethersfield, Springfield, Rayne, Great Bardfield, Great Bentley, Maldon, Halstead, Sible Hedingham.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen presided over the business meeting, at which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, for taking the service, and for his helpful and inspiring address.—This was moved by Mr. C. H. Howard, and seconded by the district secretary.

The Vicar, in replying, said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to welcome the members at that, the first meeting of the association, held at Wethersfield. He was also very pleased to hear the favourable opinions expressed by practical ringers upon the work they had done in connection with the tower and the bells, and he hoped they would hold another meeting there before very long.

After the meeting, a number of touches were rung on the hand-bells, whilst others returned to the tower to ring, and also to give a help to the newly-formed young band of ringers.

During the day the following methods were rung, viz.: Bob Minor Oxford, Kent, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, New London, Double Court and Grandsire.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined ringing practice for the Sonning Deanery Branch was held at Sonning on Saturday evening, Sept. 5th. Fourteen members attended from Bucklebury, St. Lawrence's, Reading, Wokingham, Twyford, Hurst, Waltham St. Lawrence, and Sonning. The methods practised were Grandsire Doubles, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples.

A very useful combined six-bell practice by the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held on Saturday, August 29th, at Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks. The bells were raised in peal at 4 o'clock, and (with the exception of the interval for tea) were kept going in various methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor until 8.30. Eighteen ringers took part, from Watford, Rickmansworth, Amersham, St. Andrew's, Uxbridge, Slough, the local company, and Fulmer. The Bucks ringers much appreciate the kindly help given to them on this occasion by their friends from Hertfordshire and Middlesex, thus helping to make it a very successful meeting.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. John's Church, Leytonstone, on Friday, August 14th, with the bells half-muffled, 240 Bob Minor. Also 720 York Surprise. E. Butler 1, W. Theobald 2, J. Moule 3, G. Avery 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, E. Smith 6. Rung as a last token of respect to Dorothy Kathleen, daughter of Mr. A. Prior, the respected Master of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association, who was interred in the City of London Cemetery on that day.

At Great Yarmouth, on Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., as a token of respect to the memory of the late Mr. E. W. Worledge (four times Mayor of Yarmouth), the Parish Church company, assisted by Mr. W. Steed, of Tonbridge, rang a half-muffled touch, consisting of 918 Grandsire Caters, in 40 minutes: F. Pestell 1, W. Harwood 2, H. Hammonds 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Steed 5, D. Hayward 6, H. Wright 7, E. Kelt 8, W. Lee 9, H. Jermy 10.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On August 27th, at the Church of St. Michael, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Trappitt 1, C. Lee 2, W. Shortland 3, J. E. Lilley 4, C. R. Lilley 5, W. B. Kynaston 6. The first 720 Surprise on the bells.—On Sept. 6th, at St. Chad's, 360 Double Court. Also 240 Kent, as above.—On Sept. 1st, at St. Julian, 240 Cambridge Surprise.

## NOTICES.

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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 Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, when the chair will be taken by the President at 5.45 p.m. prompt. By the kind permission of the respective clergy, the following rings of bells will be at the disposal of visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8), Christ Church, Upper Armley (8). All applications for tickets for the dinner (for which a charge of 5s. 6d. per head will be made) should be made not later than first post, Tuesday, Sept. 15th, to Percy J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Oakford, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea 5.15, 1/- each. —M. Hanson, 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Ashford, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. H. W. Blackburne, D.S.O., M.C., M.A. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., tea and meeting to follow in the Parish Room.—H. Parkes, Hon. District Sec., Marsham, Ashford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Hernhill, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea, at 1/3 per head. —E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Place, Canterbury.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Shenley, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) available from 2.45 p.m. Service 3.30. Tea 4 p.m.—Walter Sear, Branch Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next monthly practice will be held at Colston Bassett, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Will members please make their own arrangements for tea with Mrs. Green, Martin Arms, Colston Bassett, Notts? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Francis, Liverpool, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells from 4.30 to 6.30. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bratton, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting directly after tea. Edington bells (6) also available during the afternoon.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cobham, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Followed by tea and business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—A general meeting of the association will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Sept. 12th. The fine peal of 8 will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. onward. As this meeting is the jubilee of the foundation of the association, a special commemoration service will be held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, the president of the Lancashire Association. All members are urged to make a special effort to attend this thanksgiving service. Members are reminded that all outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay.—Percy J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—A special district meeting will be held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 12th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Middleham, on Saturday, Sept. 12. Bells (8, tenor 18 cwt.) will be available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at the Commercial Hotel at 4.30, members 1/6, non-members 2/-. It is hoped that members and friends will make a special effort to attend this meeting.—T. Mercalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Willesden on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Warnham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Royal Oak at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weston Favell, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15, tea at 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—A week-night practice in conjunction with the St. Clement's Youths will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, at 6.30 p.m. Will members please make an effort to attend?—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.



**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Sept. 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 15th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th (6 p.m.) and \*22nd; \*St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wallingford, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Those who require tea please notify me by Thursday, 17th.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells from 2.30.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The September meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Will those desirous of attending please notify Mr. R. G. Lewis, 36, Heath Cross, Uttoxeter, on or before Sept. 15th?—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—A meeting will be held at Disley on Saturday, Sept. 19th.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec., Grandison, Hazel Grove.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Jas. W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea by invitation at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea in School-room. Will all members intending to be present kindly inform Mr. H. S. Kellett, 87, Chapel Street, Salford, by Sept. 17th, so that arrangements can be made for catering?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chester Branch.—Next meeting at Eccleston on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 15th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hagley, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service in church at 4.45 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Sept. 15th, 1/- each.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts), on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are due.—C. Beeston, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. 1s. 3d. each.—E. Butler, Dist. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, Sept. 26th.—Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Committee meeting in Cole's Hall (opposite church) 4 p.m. Meat tea (1/6 each) at Fox Hotel 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. All those intending to take tea must advise Mr. W. H. Bartram, 33, Rosebery Avenue, Melton Mowbray, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. It is hoped all members will endeavour to be present, as important business is to be discussed. A social evening (in tea room) can be arranged.—Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Thirsk on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Interested ringers please note this date. Further particulars will be notified next week.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. R. R. Lewis's suggestion a good one, and that the real opinion of members of the Guild should be ascertained by holding the annual festival on August Bank Holiday, when the working man ringer would, for once, be able to have a voice in the matter. Only a small minority of Guild members at present is able to attend the business meeting.

Personally I have always favoured the idea of having the meeting in the three Archdeaconries in rotation, but last year at Reading I doubted the wisdom of it, in so far that there were only really four towers available for ringing, and many ringers could not get a pull unless very persistent. In fact, when I took off my coat in one tower I was practically told by a member of the Guild Committee that I had better put it on again unless able to ring Superlative or Cambridge.—Yours, etc.,

GUILD MEMBER.

**DARTFORD LITTLE BOB.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In the report of the Records Committee of the Central Council, published in your issue of June 26th, Dartford Little Bob Major is given among methods rung for first time. Perhaps it was a slip, but I was not aware the Council kept any records of 'illegitimate' methods.—Yours truly,

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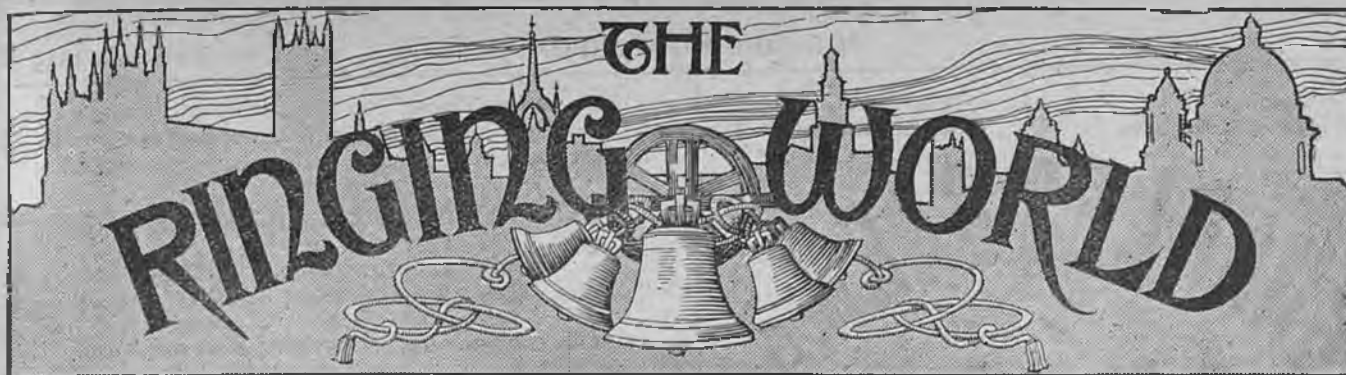
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### M.C.A.'s PROPOSED NEW RULES.

The efforts which are being made by members of the Midland Counties Association to revise the rules, and in so doing to decentralise the management of the society, are likely to meet with considerable opposition in some quarters. Those who are pressing the change are desirous of giving the districts full control over a certain portion of their funds, instead of putting the whole into one pool out of which all expenses come. This plan is followed in a good many associations, which carry on the district system, and it has been found by experience to be a practical method of administration.

The Midland Counties Association is blessed with the possession of substantial funds, and there are members who feel that, under the circumstances, they ought to receive benefit by the reduction of the amount of their subscriptions. As the annual contribution is but one shilling and sixpence, any reduction can benefit the individual only to an infinitesimal extent. Would it not be wiser, therefore, if the surplus funds were expended in extending the art of ringing by enlarging the scope of the association's activities? There are various directions in which this might be done, but the reduction of members' subscriptions strikes us as being a principle having a directly opposite tendency. As we understand it, the object of those who seek to get the rules altered is that the various districts may have greater opportunity of initiative and development along their own lines, and those who oppose the change should weigh carefully the question whether the work of the association will be best served by greater decentralisation under the new proposals, or by a reduction of their own yearly contribution, which at best would put sixpence per annum into each member's pocket.

Nowhere are the times more difficult than in the industrial Midlands, and if the view is held that under present circumstances it would be better to help individual members, even by so small a sum, would it not be a still more valuable scheme if each district out of its own funds, paid the entire contribution of those members who, through the present trade depression, are really deserving of assistance? We put these broader views before the members of the M.C.A., because we believe that the true interests of the art are best served by seeing how much we can put into it, rather than by discussing how mean a sum an association can exist upon. Whether the placing of funds under control of the respective districts will serve the purpose better than keeping them in a common pocket is for the members to decide, but the M.C.A. has a fine opportunity, with the funds

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### TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;**

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WILLIAM HOLIFIELD ... .. Treble | CUTHBERT G. WHITE ... .. 6      |
| HENRY C. WHITE ... .. 2         | STEDMAN WHITE ... .. 7          |
| GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... .. 3 | GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... .. 8 |
| HARRY BENNETT ... .. 4          | RICHARD WHITE ... .. 9          |
| FREDERICK MESSENGER ... .. 5    | FRED WHITE ... .. Tenor         |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector (the Rev. F. G. R. Jourdain), who has retired from the living at Appleton owing to ill-health.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| E. GEORGE TREW ... .. Treble | RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. 6    |
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 2 | FREDERICK E. TYLER ... .. 7   |
| RONALD G. BECK ... .. 3      | THOMAS F. KING ... .. 8       |
| HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. 4     | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 9       |
| JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 5   | REGINALD F. BECK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by E. G. TREW.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *THOMAS SEYMOUR ... .. Treble | SYDNEY GARDENER ... .. 6     |
| WM. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... .. 2 | FREDERICK J. SPICER ... .. 7 |
| *WILLIAM NASH ... .. 3        | *JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 8    |
| EDWARD D. LIVERMORE ... .. 4  | THOMAS J. HULL ... .. 9      |
| HARRY G. LIGHTFOOT ... .. 5   | WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

Conducted by T. J. HULL.

First peal in the method as conductor. \* First peal in the method. 50th peal for the association by J. T. Kentish. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Thomas Conley, who has been ringing at St. Peter's Church for the last 72 years, on his 89th birthday.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON-ON-AVON,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. Treble | THEODORE GRANT ... .. 5      |
| HENRY W. BROWN ... .. 2     | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 6 |
| FREDERICK C. RICH ... .. 3  | THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7      |
| *WILLIAM H. HOBBS ... .. 4  | *EDWIN S. SULLY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

\* First peal away from tenor. † First peal.

THORVERTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| C. KNOWLES ... .. Treble | RICHARD GRATER ... .. 5 |
| H. PAGE ... .. 2         | J. ELSWORTHY ... .. 6   |
| F. J. MILFORD ... .. 3   | F. CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 7 |
| T. H. POOK ... .. 4      | R. B. FORD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.



## ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

H. W. Wilde's Variation of THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES MARSH ... .. Treble | THOMAS HAMMOND ... .. 5       |
| *JOHN LUNHAM ... .. 2     | JAMES MARTIN ... .. 6         |
| JOHN WILKINSON ... .. 3   | EDWARD CAUNCE ... .. 7        |
| HENRY FYLES ... .. 4      | THOMAS C. LARKEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES MARSH.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edward Caunce.

## RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. 5 |
| *PERCY FRANCE ... .. 2         | FRED HINDLE ... .. 6          |
| MISS CLAYTON ... .. 3          | BERNARD CRABTREE ... .. 7     |
| *THOMAS WATSON ... .. 4        | JOHN WATSON ... .. Tenor      |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal. Arranged for Mr. T. Watson, who was on a visit from Dalton-in-Furness.

## NORTHFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 8, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. LADRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

CARTER'S NO. 35.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| PERCY O. LARLIN ... .. Treble | CHARLES WEBB ... .. 5     |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2   | JOHN EATON ... .. 6       |
| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 3   | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7     |
| HARRY WITHERS ... .. 4        | JOHN WITHERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by S. GROVE.

This was the quarterly peal for the above branch, and the first peal of Triples on the bells. It was also a wedding compliment to Mr. F. D. Yates and Miss Lillian Joyce Calvert, who were married at St. Agnes' Church, Cotteridge, on the 5th.

## TAMWORTH.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. EDITHA,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5  |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2       | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6    |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3      | CHARLES CHAPMAN ... .. 7 |
| JAMES F. CLARKE ... .. 4       | JAMES PRATT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

## GUILDFORD.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen 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.

|                                |                                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble | HARRY BURDOCK ... .. 5           |
| GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 2      | WILLIAM R. MELVILL ... .. 6      |
| JOHN T. SCOTT ... .. 3         | WILLIAM T. BRESON, JUN. ... .. 6 |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4          | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of St. Woolos, on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), composed by R. Deal: F. Greedy 1, F. Atwell 2, W. Heath 3, J. W. Jones 4, J. Clark 5, A. Parnell 6, C. Greedy (conductor) 7, W. Phillips 8, F. Chamberlain 9, T. Griffiths 10. Arranged specially for J. Clark, who was on a visit from Ross.

## PUTNEY, SURREY.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, PUTNEY.

(FRIENDLY PEAL.)

On Thursday, September 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... .. 5 |
| JOSEPH HERBERT ... .. 2       | RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 6    |
| CHARLES J. CHOCHET ... .. 3   | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... .. 4   | EDWARD CASSEL ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Mr. Thomas Bolton, Master of the Putney band, and also during the octave of the Patronal Festival. Believed to be the quickest peal on the bells.

## BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                    |                             |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | *THOMAS WATSON ... .. 5     |
| MISS CLAYTON ... .. 2              | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 6   |
| FRED CHAMBERS ... .. 3             | JOHN WATSON ... .. 7        |
| FRED HINDLE ... .. 4               | JAMES HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged by Mr. T. Watson, of Dalton-in-Furness.

## POOLE, DORSET.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ALAN R. MACDONALD ... .. Treble | PERCY W. WITHAM ... .. 5        |
| FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND ... .. 2  | *WILLIAM SIMMONDS ... .. 6      |
| HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... .. 3     | WALTER INGHAM ... .. 7          |
| WILLIAM J. ROBINSON ... .. 4    | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The ringers of the treble and tenor are from London, and the ringer of the 3rd from Manchester.

## THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. Treble | DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. 5        |
| LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 2        | GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. ... .. 6    |
| JOHN KING ... .. 3               | FRANK KIRK ... .. 7            |
| FRANCIS KIRK ... .. 4            | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who was home on holiday from St. Albans. It was his first peal in the method, and first attempt.

## TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. PETER.

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 lb.

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| BERNARD V. COLLISON ... .. Treble | WILLIAM COLLISON ... .. 5           |
| STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. 2        | LEONARD E. LAST ... .. 6            |
| WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 3           | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... .. 7 |
| HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. 4         | FREDERICK WHITE ... .. Tenor        |

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by FREDERICK WHITE

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and as a farewell peal to him, as he is leaving the district. It was his first attempt as conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 20½ cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. Treble | JAMES G. REMSEY ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 2        | *FREDERICK J. SMITH... .. 6    |
| GEORGE WILSON ... .. 3        | CHARLES SAMPSON ... .. 7       |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4     | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.  
\* First peal of London Surprise, and 100th peal.

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| SAM GREENHALGH ... .. Treble | FREDERICK J. STEELE ... .. 5 |
| ERNEST COTSFORTH ... .. 2    | THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 6   |
| TITUS BARLOW ... .. 3        | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... .. 7     |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 4    | *THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

Sam Greenhalgh's 100th peal. T. R. Hensher's 50th peal of Stedman. \* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the twin children of Mr. F. J. Steele on the attainment of their 14th birthday.

ERITH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                                   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. Treble | ERNEST J. KING ... .. 5           |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2   | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 6       |
| ARTHUR NEALE ... .. 3          | ERNEST BRETT ... .. 7             |
| JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. 4     | FREDERICK W. CHORLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
(ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR.

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5      |
| †ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2         | HENRY PRING ... .. 6         |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... .. 3         | JOHN A. BOURFORD ... .. 7    |
| JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4               | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.  
\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bristol Surprise.

TARPORLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5 |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 2      | JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6        |
| HARRY F. HOLDING ... .. 3     | RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 7    |
| JOHN HAYES... .. 4            | JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores.

|                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| WILLIAM TILLEY... .. Treble | *HENRY HARDY ... .. 4  |
| GEORGE HIGGS ... .. 2       | GEORGE ADLEY ... .. 5  |
| WILKIN MASSEY ... .. 3      | *R. COLES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE ADLEY.

Ring as a farewell peal to the Rev. B. H. Bosanquet, who has left the parish, and as a peal of greeting to the Rev. Barton, who has taken up his duties there. \* First peal.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

**A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Milton, London, York, Wells, Ipswich, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE E. LAWRENCE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... .. 4 |
| FRANK TRINER ... .. 2            | WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 5    |
| JOHN E. WHERLDON ... .. 3        | JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by JOHN E. WHERLDON.

This was the conductor's fiftieth peal.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FRED RIGBY... .. Treble    | JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 4      |
| FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 2   | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 3 | *REGINALD L. INCE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

\* First peal of Minor. Arranged for R. L. Ince, of Parndon, Cheshire.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being three 720's Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALBERT HUCKLE ... .. Treble | FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 4    |
| CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2    | CHARLES W. COOK ... .. 5      |
| FRED C. GINN ... .. 3       | FRANK WARRINGTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise, Mr. Ginn kindly standing in at an hour's notice.

BACKFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WALTER J. BATTLE ... .. Treble | JOHN COOKE ... .. 4            |
| *WILLIAM DEAN ... .. 2         | HERBERT LUDKIN ... .. 5        |
| *FREDERICK AMOS ... .. 3       | *SYDNEY F. BARNES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal of Minor in seven methods on the bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES,

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

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Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

**DEVON GUILD.**

The North-East Branch of the Devon Guild had a very successful meeting at Oakford last Saturday. The members greatly appreciated the presence of two distinguished guests, namely, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who was staying at the Rectory, Oakford, and Canon G. F. Coleridge, who cycled many miles in order to attend the meeting. Forty-two ringers were present, most towers in the branch being represented, and in addition there were visitors from Chipstable, Milverton, Tallant and Ryde.

The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux took the chair at the meeting, and also performed the arduous duties of Ringing Master, in the unavoidable absence of the Rev. E. J. Barton (chairman) and Mr. J. Elsworth (Branch Ringing Master).

Tiverton was chosen for the annual meeting, to be held on Saturday, December 12th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and church; to the organist; to the local ringers; and to the ladies who helped with the tea.

Later in the evening, the Rev. Maitland Kelly and other ringers paid a visit to Stoodleigh tower. The bells were much praised, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were successfully brought round.

During the afternoon three members qualified for their certificates, and a new member was elected to the branch.

**EXETER DISTRICT.**

A quarterly meeting of the Exeter District Branch was held at Crediton on Saturday, September 5th. About 50 members, representing 12 bands, and several visitors, including the Rev. M. Kelly (ex-President) and Canon Boles, were present. There was service in the parish church of the Holy Cross, and an interesting address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. H. C. Onslow), who mentioned that a very old custom was kept up at Newark-on-Trent, called ringing for 'Gopher,' which originated through a traveller having lost his way in Sherwood Forest until, guided by the sound of Newark bells, he was able to find his way out. As a thankoffering, he left an endowment to the church to have the bells specially rung at sunset on six of the twelve Sundays before Christmas in case any other wanderer might be in a similar predicament.

Tea was held in the Church Institute, and at a business meeting afterwards three honorary members—Archdeacon Surtees, the Revs. H. C. Onslow and K. A. Lake—were elected. St. Sidwell's (Exeter) was chosen as the place for the annual meeting on December 5th.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung at Crediton, and the towers of Newton St. Cyres, Shobrooke, and Sandford were visited. The bands represented were St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas and Heavitree (Exeter), Newton St. Cyres, Christow, Crediton, Thorverton, Sowton and Woodbury.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and the organist of Crediton.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of this Association was held at Sunderland on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Members were present from Newcastle, Whitley Bay, South Shields, Houghton-le-Spring, Durham, Chester-le-Street, and the three local towers. Several touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Major, Stedman and Grandsire were brought round at Bishopwearmouth, Holy Trinity, and St. Ignatius Churches, and an excellent tea was provided in the Parish Hall of the latter church.

Mr. R. L. Patterson presided at a short meeting afterwards, and welcomed two distinguished visitors—the Rector of Bishopwearmouth (Prebendary A. B. Wynne-Willson), and Mr. C. T. P. Brice, of Pulham St. Mary, Norfolk, who is at present engaged in the restoration work at Durham Castle.—The Rector, in responding, said he did so with a feeling of shame, as he had learnt the art of ringing in his young days, and had not kept it up as he would have liked to do.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and Major Hudson expressed the thanks of the meeting to the ladies who had presided at the tea.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Jarrow on Dec. 5th.

**RINGERS' OUTINGS.**

LAWTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 15th, the ringers of Lawton, Cheshire, with their wives and friends, had their half-day charabanc trip. The first stop was at Gawsorth, where touches of Grandsire Triples were rung by some, while the rest of the party had a look round. The lovely old church and surroundings were much admired. After staying an hour, a move was made for New Mills, which was reached about 4 p.m. Here the party were met by Mr. Ramsey, of New Mills, and Mr. J. P. Fidler, of Norbury, who gave the Lawton ringers a hearty welcome. With the help of Mr. Fidler, the bells were raised, and touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were brought round. Tea was partaken of, and the party then went on to Marple, where they were met by Mr. Fernley, of Norbury. Touches of Kent Minor Oxford and Kent spliced, Woodbine and Plain Bob were rung on this heavy peal of six, with the help of Mr. Fernley and Mr. Fidler. After viewing the fine scenery from this old church, a start was made for home, which was reached about 10.30. The Lawton ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the clergy of the respective churches, and the local ringers, especially Mr. Fidler, Mr. Fernley and Mr. Ramsey, for making the outing such a success.

**TEWKESBURY DEANERY EXCURSION.**

An outing by charabanc by ringers of the Tewkesbury Deanery took place on August 9th. Leaving Tewkesbury at 1.30 p.m., the first stop was made at Ledbury, where the fine peal of eight was soon going to Grandsire Triples. After several touches had been rung and the bells lowered, a move was made to Ross, which was reached at 5.15 p.m. There again the tower was visited, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. After tea the return journey was made via Gloucester, halting at the latter tower to allow Mr. J. Austin, who had accompanied the party, to alight. The ringers wish to express their thanks to the Vicars of both towers for the use of the bells; also to the towerkeepers for having everything in readiness, and to Mr. J. Clark for arranging tea.

**BRIDGEND RINGERS' 240 MILES TRIP.**

On Tuesday, August 4th, the ringers of Bridgend journeyed by charabanc to Carmarthen and Aberystwyth. Leaving Bridgend at 6.45 a.m., Carmarthen was reached just before nine. After light refreshments, the tower was visited. Everything was in readiness, but the bells were muffled, as the funeral of the wife of one of the churchwardens was to take place that day. Unfortunately these bells require the services of the bell hanger, so a very little ringing was sufficient. The party then set out for Aberystwyth, this part of the journey was much enjoyed, many miles of it being along the coast of Cardigan Bay. Arriving at the destination somewhat behind time, tracks were made for Fellow's Cafe, where dinner was partaken of. The afternoon was spent in sightseeing, and everyone wished they could have spent more time at this lovely seaside resort, which is well worth a visit. After tea, Llanbadarn Fawr was on the programme. This tower is quite close to Aberystwyth, and contains a lovely peal of eight bells, which have recently been rehung and 'go' well. Time went all too quickly in short touches of Grandsire. The return journey was started about 7.30, and home was reached in the small hours of the morning, everyone having spent a very enjoyable day. The distance covered was about 240 miles, 'some ride.' The ringers' best thanks go to the Vicars of Carmarthen and Llanbadarn for the use of the bells.

**A HEREFORDSHIRE TRIP.**

The Holmer (Hereford) ringers, accompanied by the Guild Ringing Master (Mr. C. Edwards) and Messrs. A. W. Davis, H. Hurcombe and W. H. Symonds, of the Hereford Cathedral Band, had a most enjoyable outing on July 18th in ideal weather. Leaving Hereford at 8.15 a.m. by charabanc, the route was through Ledbury to Eastnor, where the six bells were raised in peal, and Grandsire, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor rung. After an hour's ringing the drive continued through the Deer Park to British Camp, the Master having obtained special permission from Lord Somers to go through this delightful private drive. The subsequent route was via Jubilee Drive, Wych Cutting and Great Malvern to Madresfield. In the absence of Mr. R. Knowles, the Vicar kindly met the party at the church here, and, after ringing on the well-gonged six, the Vicar offered to take the party for a hurried walk through part of the gardens of Madresfield Court, the residence of Earl Beauchamp. The maize was the centre of attraction. The idea of walking through it without getting lost was new to the party, but all answered the subsequent roll call.

Powick was the next call. Here the tenor is 23 cwt., and the 'go' of the bells very indifferent. A few 120's and a course of Minor, with the Sampson of the party on the tenor, were rung. At Worcester an excellent lunch was partaken of at the 'Pig and Whistle' Hotel, and then the tour was continued to Tenbury Wells, where a short stay was made for a pull on the light peal of six. Ludlow was the next stop for tea, and a look round, but there was no ringing, owing to the Ludlow district having a quarterly meeting at Bramfield. At Leominster Mr. J. Worey, Secretary of the Leominster district, met the party, who, after getting the hack eight up in peal, rang touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, also a touch of Bob Major. Leaving Leominster at 9.30, Holmer was reached at 10.15, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

THE OLD NORWICH CONTROVERSY.—SOME OF THE MEN.  
By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Thomas Melchior and the Mancroft band had rung their peal of Stedman, but this was by no means the end of the matter. For one thing, the peal had not been faultless—no peal ever is. Once or twice there had been rough places, and we all know by experience that what, inside the tower, is but a trip, to the hostile critic outside is downright firing. Then the sixth had given trouble, as was expected. You may be certain that Melchior had put his best man on that bell, and, to make further sure, he had a ninth man in the tower who could act as umpire, and, if necessary, lend a helping hand. It was necessary; the sixth man had to be relieved, to what extent does not appear.

Now you will remember that Melchior in his advertisement of Oct. 31st, 1731, declared rather ostentatiously that the peal was rung by himself and seven others; which was rather asking for trouble if the truth should leak out, as it was pretty sure to do.

The ringer of the sixth was John Forster, or Foster, Melchior's right-hand man, host of the 'Eight Bells,' the headquarters of the Mancroft party. The house has long since disappeared or changed its name.

A few years later, Theodore Ecclestone, a Suffolk gentleman, living at Crowfield, gave a peal of eight to his neighbouring village of Coddenham. Searching about for someone to teach a band of ringers he came to Norwich, and engaged the services of John Forster, who was so successful an instructor that a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on September 10th, 1741. Ecclestone rang the treble, and Forster the third, and conducted the peal. One of the reasons, no doubt, why Forster was induced to leave Norwich was that he was an innkeeper. An innkeeper's trade is much the same thing all the world over, but a craftsman weaver, or such like, who left the town for the country, would have to sacrifice his livelihood.

Soon after, Theodore Ecclestone sold his estate at Crowfield, and his ringers were dispersed. Forster went to Lincoln, where he called another peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Peter-at-Arches on June 20th, 1756. These two peals are described on their boards as Garthrine's Triples and Calharan's Triples, both being phonetic spellings of John Garthorn's name.

The man who helped Forster in the Mancroft peal was a still more notable person. This was John Webster. He had rung the tenor to the 1718 peal, and the 4th to the 10,080 of Treble Bob at St. Michael's in 1727, and afterwards became the leading man among Norwich ringers.

About 1753, John Holt, having composed his well-known peals of Grandsire Union and Plain Bob Triples, was desirous of publishing them; but being a poor man, and not able to do so at his own expense, started a subscription for the purpose. Now Holt belonged to the Union Scholars, a small affair compared with the College Youths, who comprised the big men among the London ringers. The great Mr. Annable was the autocratic leader of the College Youths, and he was not altogether pleased that an unlettered and obscure man should have succeeded where he had failed. So he cold-shouldered the proposal, and Holt had to turn from London to the provinces for support. He secured the help of the Rev. D. Mason, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who in turn wrote to John Webster asking for the subscriptions of the Norwich ringers. But the Norwich ringers were much of the same mind as Ben Annable. They had their own traditions and their own peals, which they considered were as good as anyone else's, and Webster's reply was a polite but decided refusal. Here it is:—

'Norwich, August 27th, 1753.

'Reverend Sir,—I desire you'll excuse my not Subscribing to a Work which I have some Reason to fear will not answer to Expectation. I must Confess Our Company Seem Intirely to slight it, though I must Own it is not a Generous Way of Treating Mr. Holt's performance, but I believe they are Induc'd to this by that Ingenious Ringer, Mr. Anable's, not Encouraging of it; had he Approved of it, his influence on the Colledge Youths, I presume, would have been sufficient to have sent it to the Press without any Further Subscriptions.

'Revd. Sir, Give me leave to Observe to you that 'tis almost twenty years since I sent to the Rev. Mr. Windhall a whole peal of Ten with Two Inferior Changes only, Fully Explaining by an Infalible rule how to make any proper peal on all numbers that go with a Quick Hunt,

'For self and Co., I am, Sir,

'With due respect, your most

'Humble servant,

'JOHN WEBSTER.'

The letter is a most interesting one in many ways, and gives a very favourable impression of the writer. The last paragraph is obscure, but taken in its context, seems to be a claim that Norwich had forestalled Holt's achievement by some years. I know of no other evidence that Webster was a composer. Whatever he did has utterly

perished, and you may take up the attitude that Shipway did toward all the Norwich peals. Everyone, he said, knows and rings Holt's peals, but who knows anything about the peals supposed to have been composed and rung at Norwich? If they were true and what they were claimed to be, why did not men preserve the figures? Well, of course, the reason is that the London men had the advantage that they had men who wrote and printed books, and so preserved the figures of their peals. Unfortunately, the old Norwich men printed nothing, and save for Garthorn's Grandsire Triples, the figures of all their early peals have perished.

John Webster met his death in a rather tragic way from heart failure, after ringing at St. Giles. A stone tablet in the tower is inscribed as follows:—

'Near to this place John Webster fell,  
Beloved by all who knew him well.  
A most ingenious noted ringer,  
St. Giles' sixth bell around did bring her.  
He closed the peal, struck well his bell,  
Ceasing the same, down dead he fell.  
He died November 27th, 1760.'

The Norwich Scholars rang a peal of Imperial the Third Bob Major at St. Giles in 1760, and, I believe, but am not quite sure, that this is the peal referred to. To cease a bell is the old Norwich term for dropping it, and was used till quite recently, and possibly still is.

One other name in the Mancroft peal of Stedman claims attention. This is the tenor man, William Porter. He was probably the father of the Thomas Porter, who composed Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.

Meanwhile, the Coslany men had not been idle. They had two objects in view. One was to ring their peal first if possible; the other to watch their opponents for anything that might discredit them. It was open war, and you may be sure that neither band started for a peal without quite a number of hostile critics listening to them. The art of taking down Course Ends outside had not yet been invented. Even now it takes a very good man with an exceptionally good ear to take down from the outside the calling of a peal of Stedman Triples that he knows nothing of. The test the Coslany men employed was to depute one of their number to count the changes. They probably did not realise that it is an infinitely easier thing to make a mistake in counting five thousand and forty changes than to bring the bells round a hundred or two changes short of the full number.

Thomas Crane was the unfortunate person told off for the job. He and two others shut themselves up in a room and kept on counting for nigh four solid hours. I would have far rather been John Forster, sweating at the tail end of the sixth up in the tower, than have that deadly monotonous job. As for Edward Crane you may be sure he was abroad during the whole of the ringing. He would hear the start and then, with one or two of his supporters, he would walk round and round, across the Market Place, up Pudding Lane, through the tangle of houses that surrounded the church, by the new Bethel hospital into the Chapel field, down Hay Hill, and so round again. Going steadily while the striking was regular; stopping with bated breath whenever there was a clip; hoping with all their might that each mistake might worsen and be the end; disappointed when every time the bells righted themselves, and the ringing went on. You can't blame them; it was open war, and they badly wanted the first peal for themselves. And because, as everyone knows, listening to a peal is a thirsty job, they would call at discreet intervals at the White Horse or the White Hart or the Moon and Stars, or other houses of which there was and is no lack in the neighbourhood. But not, I think, at the Eight Bells. Host Foster was away up in the tower, but there would be plenty of the Mancroft party there, and, though Crane might occasionally send some of his subordinates to spy out the land, his dignity as leader would not allow his going himself. And at last when, spite of all their wishes and hopes, the peal was finished, off they would go to the Six Bells at Coslany to hold a council of war and compare notes.

Faults would be remembered, trips would be magnified, and when Brother Tom turned up and reported that he had counted only 4,860 changes, the news, helped by some good ale, would put new heart into them. The fight was not yet lost. Let Thomas Melchior publish his peal if he dared. They would have something to say to that.

## ACCIDENT TO WELL-KNOWN ESSEX RINGER.

While proceeding home on his bicycle on Friday week Mr. Henry F. Cooper, of Stisted, formerly residing at Chelmsford, a well-known Essex ringer, one time master of the Chelmsford Cathedral ringers, and also of the Northern-Eastern Division of Essex Association, collided with another cyclist, and sustained a fractured right leg. He is now in Braintree Hospital, and is making favourable progress. His many friends will wish him a speedy recovery.



### DEATH OF VETERAN GLOUCESTERSHIRE RINGER. ONE OF MEMORABLE PEAL BAND.

The death has taken place at Cheltenham, Gloucester, of Mr. Henry Karn, who was one of the oldest ringers in the county. He took part in a peal of Grandsire Doubles, with his father, at his native place of Charlton Kings, in the year 1866, and in all he had rung about twenty peals of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman, his chief performance being the celebrated peal of 13,054 Stedman Caters, rung at Cheltenham on May 21st, 1888, in which he rang the third bell. He took part in very few peals after this, but had continued to ring at various churches in the district.

He passed away at 3, Burton Street, Cheltenham, on August 31st, at the age of 76 years. The funeral took place on Sept. 4th at Charlton Kings Cemetery, where muffled touches of Grandsire were rung by G. Simmonds 1, W. Dyer (conductor) 2, G. Dyer 3, M. Hicks 4, A. Ruck 5, R. Hemming 6, J. Ballinger 7, F. Simmonds 8.

In the evening, muffled touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were also rung at Leckhampton by W. Townsend 1, F. Pratt 2, A. Caudle 3, A. Hunt 4, J. F. Ballinger 5, W. Hunt 6, C. Richings 7, W. Harrison 8. Mr. Karn's connection with Leckhampton was by marriage, his wife being the daughter of the late Robert Ballinger, clerk and sexton, also a ringer at Leckhampton Church.

### NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT BARMOUTH.

A successful meeting of the above association was held at Barmouth on Saturday, Sept. 5th. Although the attendance was disappointing, members were present from Rhyl, Bangor, Barmouth and Portmadoc, and Mr. M. J. Morris, of Birmingham, was also present. A short service was held at St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector, who, in the course of a brief address, welcomed the association to Barmouth.

The meeting was held in the Church Hall, when eleven Barmouth ringers were admitted as members of the association.

The secretary was appointed representative of the association at the next Central Council meeting, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address, and for the use of the Church Hall. The Rev. J. Humphrey Jones was also thanked for taking the chair at the meeting, and for the assistance rendered at the service.

After the meeting, the members adjourned to the belfry, where the

bells were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

Owing to the poor train service between Barmouth and some of the other places on the coast, several of the members were forced to leave at 5.30 p.m. (this being the last train); but, although the morning had been a very wet one, quite an enjoyable day was spent.

### BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Taunton Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held on August 29th at Combe Florey, where there is a nice peal of six bells. The visitors, who numbered over thirty, were welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. J. Black Hyland) and his wife, and a short service was held, at which the Rector officiated, and the singing was led by the organist and choir. The Rector also gave an address. Afterwards he entertained the ringers to tea, which was served in the open air in the Rectory grounds.

At the short business meeting which followed, four new members were elected, and Mr. J. Maddock proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in providing tea and arranging such a delightful service.—The Rector, in reply, said it gave Mrs. Black Hyland and himself very great pleasure to have the ringers there, and if at any time they wished to come again he would be pleased to have them.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

### RINGING AT TRURO CATHEDRAL.

Before evening service, at Truro Cathedral, on Sunday, Sept. 6th, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. E. Minors 1, H. Bennetts 2, W. Arthur 3, A. W. Brighton 4, W. H. Southeard 5, A. S. Roberts 6, W. H. Sleeman 7, H. Sleeman 8, B. Pascoe 9, S. Webb 10. When about 300 changes from home, the conductor, Mr. Brighton, who was on a visit from London, was forced to call 'stand,' owing to sudden illness overcoming one of the ringers. Mr. Brighton rang at Kenwyn Church in the morning and also at Kea Church after evening service, when touches of Grandsire Triples were brought round by members of the local band and the Cathedral band.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

We would emphasise the suggestion made by Mr. A. Paddon Smith in a letter in another column, that ringers who hear the broadcasting of St. Philip's bells, Birmingham, which is to be relayed from all B.B.C. stations on Sunday, Sept. 27th, from 7.45 to 8 p.m., should send a postcard to the address given, expressing appreciation of the change from the broadcast of chiming to the broadcast of typical English bell ringing. Expressions of opinion of this kind to the B.B.C. may influence the policy of the company in regard to what kind of bell ringing is broadcast in future.

The 'Wiltshire week,' just concluded, resulted in ten peals being rung.

A novel departure has been made in the way of meetings upon the initiative of Mr. A. D. Barker, the hon. secretary of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A meeting of the Guild is to take place in London 'to revive old friendships, and doubtless the many members of the Guild in and around the Metropolis will be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Warnham, in Sussex, as we have before pointed out in this column, has been one of the places where the bells could be rung as often as the ringers liked—and the parishioners were as interested in their success as the band themselves.

This is recalled by meeting Harry Chandler on Saturday on the scene of some of his old achievements, when a meeting of the Sussex Association was held there, and he was a welcome visitor. In the 'eighties' of last century he called a peal off every bell in the tower in the space of a week! Starting with two peals on one Sunday, a peal was rung every succeeding night in the week, followed by two peals the next Sunday, one on Monday and one on Tuesday. The next night the conductor missed a bob—and put an end to the sequence.

Far from objecting to ringing on this scale, the villagers would have been content, we believe, if the peals had been a daily occurrence up to now. It was no unusual thing at that time for 'go' to be called between 8 and 9 p.m.!

Harry hasn't altered much since those days, except round the equator, for all his exercise on the Middlesex roads fails to keep down his 'avoidupois.'

Mr. John E. Wheeldon, who scored his half-century last Friday, has rung all his peals in the Archdeaconry of Stoke-on-Trent. They have been spread over fifteen towers, and include the record lengths of Major (at Wolstanton) and of Minor (at Norton) for the Stoke Association.

Although now in his 84th year, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, for many years president of the Devon Guild, in which he has laboured so long to raise the standard of ringing, took part in touches at two churches on Saturday, when he attended a branch meeting of the Guild.

Mr. John Conley, whose 89th birthday was celebrated at St. Alban-on Saturday by a peal at St. Peter's Church, has been a ringer at that tower for 72 years. Almost a record, we should think.

Exactly one hundred and fifty years ago to-morrow the first peal was rung on the then new ring of ten bells at Grantham. This was a 5.130 of Grandsire Caters, and it took thirteen men to perform the task—not much of a recommendation for the bell hanger. There were two men on the ninth and three on the tenor, and the peal was called by W. D. Crofts, whose band included ten men from Nottingham and three from Newark.

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on September 22nd, 1894.

Who was the first resident Derbyshire lady to ring in a peal in that county? The information is asked for by a Derbyshire correspondent, and, perhaps, if the lady herself is too shy to enlighten us, one of the gentlemen who took part in the peal will do so.

The College Youths annual dinner has been fixed this year for Saturday, November 7th.

## CARILLONS? NO!

There's a song in the breeze as it whispers thro' the trees,  
There's a song in the air with the insects humming there,  
There's a song in my heart as I climb the belfry stair:  
There will soon be a louder song than these.

There's a song in the ropes when they're swishing up and down.  
While a merry, merry clamour peals out from overhead;  
The owls fly affrighted from their terror-haunted bed,  
And the song of the bells peals o'er the town.

Shall a time ever come when their song shall be unsung,  
When the art of change ringing shall be an art unknown.  
When our famous, ancient peals, which we so proudly own,  
Shall be replaced by tinkling carillon?

Oh! Ringers, let us stand, each a rope within his hand,  
Let us keep our ancient rings by art and history bless'd,  
If carillons must be, let them sail into the West:  
A sweeter song sing the bells of England.

M. M. WEBB.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

## HINTS ON 'SPICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER. SIXTH ARTICLE.

The 5th or 'Abbey' group will be found very interesting. It is a group on which a good deal of practice will have to be spent. The reason it is given the name 'Abbey' is on account of the names of four methods being those of Abbeys, and they were first rung at Norbury early in 1914. The 'odd' method, however, was not rung until 1921. Those who are able to ring London Surprise Minor will experience little or no difficulty, but they will admit, on ringing a 'spiced' extent of this group, that London Surprise Minor is small fry—a big statement, but try it and see. The methods will be found in the 4th's Place Delight, and the combinations are as follows:—

| Work above Treble,<br>Or that of Bells passing<br>'up.' | Work below Treble,<br>Or that of Bells passing<br>'down.' | Resultant<br>Method. |
|---|---|----------------------|
| London Surprise.  | Overton.  | Crowland.            |
| London Surprise.  | Braintree.  | Abbeyville.          |
| London Surprise.  | Sandal.   | Combermere.          |
| London Surprise.  | London Scholars'.   | Vale Royal.          |
| London Surprise.  | Kingston.   | St. Werburg.         |

Those unacquainted with London Surprise will find it necessary to make a very careful study of the work up, special attention being paid to that of the bells passing treble 4—5 and 5—6 up.

## ST. WERBURG.

Taking the easiest method first, St. Werburg, No. 4, page 14, let us analyse it. Commencing with the path of the 2nd, we find the slow work is as in Kingston, but after passing treble 3—4, the bell makes 4th's, goes out to 6th's place, and lies a whole pull, runs in to 3rd's, and passes 2—3 down; then works as in Kingston until treble is again met, this time in 4—5 up (the following work must be well memorised, and strict counting maintained when ringing), dodge 5.6.5.6.5, down to 3rd's place, which is made, up to 6th's, lie, dodge 5.6.5.6.5, lie and then treble comes. After making 5th's, the path is reversed; therefore passing treble in 5—6 up, lie, dodge 5.6.5.6.5, lie, down to 3rd's, make it, up and dodge 5.6.5.6.5, passing treble 4—5 down. The work is then again Kingston, until treble is met once more, this time in 2—3 up. Make 3rd's, straight out, lie, and down to 4th's and treble comes to dodge 3—4, after which, the second half of the slow is taken up and the plain course brought round. As the result of our investigation we have the following record:—

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| Pass treble 1—2 up. | Make 2nd's and snap again.   |
| Pass treble 2—3 up. | 3rd's, 6th's, 4th's and in.  |
| Pass treble 3—4 up. | 4th's, 6th, 3rd's and in.  |
| Pass treble 4—5 up. | Dodge 5.6.5.6.5, 3rd's, lie 6th's, dodge 5.6.5.6.5.                  |
| Pass treble 5—6 up. | Lie, dodge, 5.6.5.6.5, 3rd's, dodge 5.6.5.6.5, pass treble 4—5 down. |

Work down, as in Kingston.

At first it appears very difficult, but with careful study and practice it will be seen in a fresh light.

## BOB WORK.

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| 6 2 3 5 1 4 | The bob work in this group is vastly different from that dealt with so far, and will require recording in the notebook. The bob bell is the one which dodged with treble in 5—6, in this case the 4th, which, instead of going down to make 3rd's place, makes 4th's and repeats the work in 5—6, which is, lie, dodge 5.6.5.6.5.6th's; when treble comes.  |
| 6 3 2 1 5 4 | The bell which passed treble 4—5 up, after making 3rd's, goes down and snaps treble (see 5th).  |
| 3 6 1 2 4 5 | That which snapped treble, instead of lying in 2nd's, makes 3rd's, and dodges 5.6.5.6.5, passing treble 4—5 down (see 6th).   |
| 3 6 2 1 5 4 | Those passing treble 2—3 and 3—4, work as at a plain lead; therefore calls are made when the observation bell is in one of these positions. The tenor called Wrong, Home, Wrong, twice repeated, produces the extent.   |
| 6 3 1 2 4 5 | Should a conductor chance to forget whether a call has to be made or omitted, he has another bell to guide him, but not in so pointed a manner as in those methods previously dealt with. However, after practice it can easily be picked out. One good guide is to bear in mind the positions unaffected by a bob, viz., 2—3 and 3—4. In the course of the tenor, the first call would be made after dodging with treble 3—4 up, and as she is striking her blow in 5th's: so, instead of using the terms W and H, use the two unaltered positions, which in this case would be 3—4, 2—3, 3—4, twice repeated. |
| 6 1 3 2 5 4 | The 5th is a good guiding bell for this. As will be seen, only one position may need some guide as to whether a call has to be made or omitted. First, if at a lead end, 5th is the second's place bell, and 6th in 3rd's, omit the next call. Or, on passing treble 2—3, and you strike the first blow in 3rd's, if the 5th strikes over it, omit the call, but if another bell is there a call is made. Other guides may  |
| 1 6 3 5 2 4 |   |
| 6 1 5 3 4 2 |   |
| 1 6 5 4 3 2 |   |
| 1 5 6 4 2 3 |   |
| 5 1 6 2 4 3 |   |
| 1 5 2 6 3 4 |   |
| 1 5 2 3 6 4 |   |
| 5 2 1 3 4 6 |   |
| 2 5 3 1 6 4 |   |
| 2 5 1 3 4 6 |   |
| 5 2 3 1 6 4 |   |
| 5 3 2 6 1 4 |   |

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make themselves manifest after ringing the method, but that is how it has appeared to me.

After thoroughly practising this method, no difficulty should be experienced in ringing its sisters, and the next to try is Vale Royal, No. 9, page 16, which has the same work up, and that of London Scholars' Pleasure down. Combermere, No. 7, page 15, has Sandal work down; and Crowland, No. 6, page 15, is produced by Overton down. These four methods will splice lead for lead. The odd method of group is Abbeyville, No. 3, page 14, and, as stated in the combination table, has London Surprise work up and Braintree down. As with all odd methods, this splices only course for course.

We have now reached a further stage in the building up of a thirty-five method peal; and, unless the band desirous of ringing it is thoroughly conversant with the methods already dealt with, it would be wasting time in attempting the two groups to follow. Up to now, assistance has been given in mastering new methods by taking advantage of the four members of the Oxford group, but in the next group all the work is on different lines, and whilst efforts are being concentrated on it, that of the previous ones may be forgotten.

For a twenty-five method peal, the following arrangement may be found convenient: 1st and 2nd 720's for 5th group; 3rd and 4th for 4th group, with a group in each of the other three; and this having been successfully brought round, efforts can be directed to the next group.

Leaving the question of the multi-method peals alone for the time being, and for the benefit of those who are not in a position to practise for such a peal much enjoyment can be had by ringing new methods as fancy directs, or as the opportunity occurs, and many a pleasant hour may be spent going through 'the Collection of Methods' and arranging the various combinations. It is possible for six ringers, total strangers to each other, to ring a method without having seen a lead of it. Say, for example, six such do meet, each can ring Woodbine Treble Bob and London Surprise Minor; by way of a change let them ring Woodbine work down and London Surprise up. Here they get another method which it is possible for them to ring without having to see a lead. It is Lancashire Surprise Minor, No. 22, page 36. Others can be similarly obtained by careful search.

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## BIRMINGHAM BELLS BY WIRELESS.

STEDMAN CATERERS TO BE BROADCAST FROM ALL STATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I expect the majority of your readers will remember that the question of the broadcasting of church bells formed the subject of a resolution at the meeting of the Central Council, held at Chester last Whit Tuesday, but in case the gist of this has been lost by some, it may be useful to refresh the memories of those interested by reprinting the resolution. It was worded as follows:

'That, considering the future possibilities of Radio, the attention of the Press and Literature Committee of the Central Council be drawn to the performances of "bell chiming" occasionally broadcast, as such performances are liable to create a wrong impression of the true nature of bell ringing, and, further, to request the committee to bring to the notice of the British Broadcasting Company all unsuitable imitations of bell ringing which may be broadcast.'

As you are aware, sir, the bells of St. Martin's and the Cathedral (St. Philip's), Birmingham, have been broadcast on several occasions, but only, I believe, from the Birmingham station. We are now advised that 'owing to the great success of the last time of pealing from there, the company (B.B.C.) have decided to relay the ringing of the Cathedral bells to all stations, immediately prior to the religious service on Sunday, Sept. 27th next, from 7.45 to 8 o'clock p.m.'

Now, sir, if ringers are really desirous of getting the B.B.C. to broadcast real change ringing in place of what the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, at the Central Council meeting, described as the 'chiming and footling,' we have had inflicted on us in the past, it is up to them to listen in on the 27th inst., and afterwards write to the B.B.C. (a postcard will do) expressing their appreciation of the change.

If sufficient interest is shown, I think it is likely that the company may take care in the future to see that the right stuff is sent over whenever and wherever it is possible. And may I add, sir, to those who write, please don't criticise the bells! They are not the finest ring of ten in the country. And don't criticise the ringing (although I hope this will be up to standard).

Any 'extraneous matter' may only confuse the issue. The thing is to express appreciation (if it is appreciated) of the broadcasting of proper English change ringing instead of the chiming or playing of tunes, etc., of which, I believe, we are all 'sick and tired.'

Communications should be addressed to the Director of Programmes, British Broadcasting Co., Ltd., 2, Savoy Hill, Strand, London, W.C.2.

—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Hon. Sec., St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S JUBILEE MEMORABLE GATHERING AT BIRSTALL.

The autumn meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Birstall on Saturday last. The fine peal of eight bells in the Parish Church of St. Peter were made full use of, from two o'clock onward. This being the fiftieth anniversary year of the foundation of the association, a special thanksgiving service was held in the Parish Church. A most enjoyable musical service was rendered by the choir, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, the president of the Lancashire Association. Taking as his text, 1 Peter iv. 10, 'Good stewards of the manifold grace of God,' the preacher congratulated his hearers on the attainment of the jubilee of the founding of the Yorkshire Association, and counted it as a privilege to be asked to preach on that occasion. As they looked back over the fifty years of service, they thanked God for the great advance in centres for bells and change ringing, and rededicated themselves and bells to the service of God. Fifty years ago this country was in the midst of a great movement, having for its object the raising of the devotional spirit in the services of the Church, and this in turn led to a great revival of structural renewals and decoration. Despite this movement, the towers were generally neglected and bells left in bad order. There was a tradition at that period, of bad habits and customs associated with belfries and ringers, and about that time, the advent of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and the foundation of the Yorkshire Association, led the way to the foundation throughout the country of county and diocesan associations, these having for their object, the raising of the status of the ringers as Churchmen, and reviving the interest of the Church generally in the bells and belfries. As the result of these activities, they now found that bells were rarely neglected, greater care was taken of bells, and an immense advance had been made in the founder's art. They also found a great advance in the use of bells and change ringing, in conjunction with the great extension in the number of methods rung. That should be a day of thanksgiving, and they should ask themselves if all that was necessary had been done. Quoting the words of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, who said, 'I feel put in trust by God with this work, so that when I am called upon to give it back, the work shall show advance as a trust, and to have been used to further the glory of God,' the preacher reminded his hearers, that Sunday ringing was their primary object, and that Sunday was the time when the ringers should give of their best by hand and brain. They should keep this standard before them, and think of the Sunday ringers and their message, which was to remind all that they were not merely dwellers here, but sons of God, and citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven. The part of ringers was to lead others to think of the higher side of life, and to remind others by their example of the spirit of our Lord, and by so living to commend the Christian faith to all their fellows.

### FOUNDERS' GREAT TASK.

Tea was served in the neighbouring church schools, and the quality, in the opinion of some 120 visitors, fully upheld the Birstall tradition. This was followed by the business meeting. The president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) was in the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association.

Mr. G. Hemming was elected an out-county life member of the association.

The Chairman then moved the following resolution: 'That this meeting places on record its appreciation of the work that the Yorkshire Association has done for change ringing, and for the church, during the first fifty years of its life, and wishes to the association continued prosperity in the years to come.'—In moving the resolution, the Chairman gave a most interesting account of the various gatherings of ringers in the county that were held prior, and that led up to the formation of the association at Birstall in 1875. The early founders had a great task before them, owing to the great area covered by the county, but they were men of great determination, and laid the foundation of what ultimately became the largest change ringing association in the kingdom. The Exercise in general was indebted to that greatest of all writers and authorities on change ringing, Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and also to the lesser known Robert Tuke, of Bradford, whose love of research into old ringing literature in his lifetime, and subsequent publication thereof, added greatly to the general knowledge of what had been up to that time a very obscure history. In Charles Henry Hattersley, Charles Jackson, Wm. Whitaker, Sam Thomas, George Bolland, James and Tom Lockwood (father and son), the Yorkshire Association had produced master ringers, whose names would always be held in remembrance wherever change ringing was known, while especial affection would always be associated by the Yorkshire Association with William Snowdon, the brother of the first president, who during his twenty-five years' presidency from 1885 onward, bestowed a loving care on the publication of his brother's works on change ringing, and the administration of the Yorkshire Association in particular. His life was characterised by scrupulous attention to detail, and the association reports published during his period of office were models of precision for his successors

to copy. The association were fortunate in having had only three presidents in its fifty years' existence, and the speaker trusted that prosperity would continue in the years to come.

The resolution having been carried with acclamation, Mr. W. Reynor recited a poem on 'Jasper Whitfield Snowdon,' which was much appreciated.

Mr. George Bolland, who has been a vice-president since 1883, was accorded a hearty welcome to the meeting after his long illness, and his interesting speech on the worthies of long ago was of great interest to the gathering.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Birstall was moved by Mr. C. D. Potter, and seconded by Mr. G. B. Bolland.

Rev. Canon Robinson extended a hearty welcome for the future, and said what pleasure it had given them at Birstall to renew the old acquaintance that day.

A vote of thanks to the preacher, organist and choir was responded to by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, who thanked the association for the opportunity to be with them on that auspicious occasion.

A further vote of thanks to the local company was responded to by Mr. E. Crowther.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. G. B. Bolland, seconded by Mr. J. R. Lawson, that the arrangements for the annual meeting be left to the general committee. More ringing, more handball ringing, more friendly gathering in another place, brought to an end all too soon a most pleasant and memorable day. P. J. J.

## 'THAT NEEDED REGISTER.'

To the Editor.

Sir.—Mr. Powell has done well to raise, in his letter in your issue of the 5th inst., the issue as regards compositions; he has put the case exactly, and convincingly. However, I would go even further than he does in his plea for reform. Sooner or later it will have to be recognised that, just as in the field of method-building all the variety required—and probably, too, all that is worth having—has already been obtained, so also as regards composition there is for all practical purposes, but little, if any, scope for any fresh productions.

Our existing scheme of things, by which we describe a peal, ascribing it to an individual author, should, I submit, give way to a system of numbering. Thus, instead of speaking of any given peal, as 'composed by John Smith,' the composition would be designated simply as peal No. XXX, in the C.C. Register.

There are already so many 'peals' by the well-known composers, that it is really not very helpful to speak, for instance, of a 5,000 by Dains, or Pitstow; one wants to know which 5,000, and enumeration, as suggested, would identify absolutely. But one might, perhaps, speak of 'Dains,' No. XXXX, in the same way as stars are catalogued in astronomy. We have already standardised by name, although not yet by number, peals of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, e.g., Thurslows', Holl's, Taylor's, etc.

Under the suggested new order, associations would not accept peals for their reports, unless verified with an identification number; and, by the way, many an association secretary would be freed from that bugbear of getting the compositions from the conductors. Bands would soon cease to be content to allow a conductor, however, talented, to call anything he fancied, or could string together; they would require to know by number, what peal they were to give their time and labour to ring. The time-honoured legend appearing so frequently in peal reports—'Composed and conducted by John Smith' would be obsolete.

Ultimately, we must have that needed register, but by all means let us have it soon, and let it be arranged on the new lines of classification by number.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

## LINSLADE RINGER'S DEATH.

The death took place, in the University College Hospital, London, on Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, of Mr. Joseph Sear, of Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, Bucks, at the age of 65, after a rather short illness. The deceased was a ringer for many years, although he was not very far advanced in the art of change ringing. He was, however, always very keen and interested, and could be relied upon to do his best. He will be greatly missed in the belfry of St. Barnabas, Linslade, where he was regular in his attendance both for morning and evening services on Sundays, and on practice nights, when his duties as an engine driver on the L.M.S. at Leighton Buzzard allowed him to be there. He rang two peals only, in one the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples, and in the other the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's, Bedford, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. He was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild (North Bucks branch). A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by the Linslade ringers on Saturday evening, Sept. 5th, the day on which he was laid to rest: T. Dixon 1, G. White 2, W. Jeffs 3, F. Buttram 4, J. Arnold 5, F. Dedman 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, E. Mortimer 8.



## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. THE PROPOSED ALTERATION OF RULES.

Members of the Midland Counties Association have had before them for some time past a proposal to alter the rules, which alteration would bring about a considerable change in the management of the organisation, inasmuch as part of the conduct of the affairs which is now vested in the general committee would be decentralised, and handed over to the district committees, who would be given control of a certain proportion of the funds.

What, exactly, is the alteration proposed is not, however, quite clear to all the members, and in order that they may have a fuller grasp of the proposed change, we give some details of the suggested new rules.

The financial change which is suggested is covered in new Rules 6 and 11. The old rules provide for the collection of subscriptions of members by the District Secretaries who pay them over to the Hon. Treasurer. The proposed Rule 6 provides for one-third only of ringing members' subscriptions being paid over to the Hon. Treasurer of the Association, and Rule 11, which covers the election of district officers, provides for the new office of District Hon. Treasurer, gives each district full power over its own funds, subject to them being devoted to the purposes of the Association.

The text of these important rules is as follows:—

Rule 6.—That the General Management of the Association be vested in a President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, together with a Vice-President, Local Hon. Secretary, Local Hon. Treasurer and two members of Committee from each of the seven districts, seven of whom shall form a quorum competent to transact the business of the Association, provided all the members of this body have been duly summoned. They shall have full power and control over the General Funds of the Association, and in the case of an interim vacancy they shall have power to appoint an eligible member to the office. They shall receive all entrance fees, and all Honorary Subscriptions in full, and one-third of all Ringing Members' Subscriptions from each district.

Rule 11.—That each district shall be under the local management of a Vice-President, Local Hon. Secretary, Local Hon. Treasurer, and two members of Committee. They shall be elected annually at the January District Meeting, members of the district only being entitled to vote. The Local Hon. Secretary elect shall communicate the result to the General Hon. Secretary before the 7th day of February, or the election shall be considered void, and the General Management Committee shall proceed to appoint the necessary officers. Three of the above shall form a quorum competent to transact the business of the district, provided all members have been duly summoned. They shall have full power over the funds of their own district, subject to Rules 1 and 6. They shall carry on the work of the Association generally, and shall arrange for quarterly meetings of their own district to be held during the months of January, June and September in each year, and may arrange other ringing or social meetings at their discretion.

Rule 1 referred to provides that the Association shall comprise the Counties of Derby, Leicester, Nottingham and Stafford, and shall have for its objects the cultivation of the Art of Change Ringing and Belfry Reform, also that the funds of the Association shall be applied solely in furtherance of these objects.

A new rule (7) provides that the General Management Committee shall keep a record of all peals of 5,040 changes and upwards, on five, six and seven bells, and all peals of 5,000 changes and upwards, on eight or more bells, when rung by members of the association.

The management of the Bell Restoration Fund is dealt with in new Rule 9, and minor alterations are made in other rules, consequent upon the redrafting of the whole. Quarterly general meetings of the association are not provided for, but there is included a proposed new rule that the General Committee may on their own authority, and must, at the request of 15 members of the association, call a special general meeting of the association.

### LOUGHBOROUGH DISTRICT AGAINST CHANGE.

An enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at Hugglescote on September 5th, despite the fact that poor weather stopped many members from attending. The occasion was a meeting of the Loughborough District of the M.C.A. Stedman and Grandire Triples were chiefly rung, and some excellent practice was obtained.

At the business meeting, a resolution was proposed by Mr. G. Griffin, of Ibstock, and seconded by Mr. W. Fern, of Whitwick, opposing the proposed alteration of the Midland Counties Association's rules. It was felt that no alteration should be made, and the existing committee should be carried on; but that, if possible, the general committee might discuss ways and means of reducing the yearly ringing subscription.

HEADINGTON.—On Tuesday, August 18th, at the Parish Church, 720 Keverley Surprise Minor: Frank Beckitt 1, H. Tollev 2, W. Harris 3, F. Taylor 4, F. A. H. Wilkins 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method on the bells.

## CHEAP RAILWAY TICKETS FOR RINGERS

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It will interest your readers to know that so far the following associations have made local application re railway facilities: Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan.

Bath and Wells Diocesan.

Kent County.

Ely Diocesan.

Middlesex County.

Some associations, I learn, are rather content with the conditions, and in some instances these are rather good, but there should be no hesitation.

We are fighting for all, and therefore it needs every association to join in. They have nothing to lose this time, and they will be doing great work for the Exercise.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

### CENTRAL COUNCIL SECRETARY'S SUGGESTIONS.

Dear Sir,—It is to be hoped that the secretaries of the associated Guilds will not feel that there is any overlapping in the efforts being made to secure the cheaper railway facilities for ringers. It is an important matter, and requires a good start to ensure the desired result.

The Central Council some twenty years ago endeavoured to secure privileges for ringers, but without success. Also two years ago, at the suggestion of Alderman Pritchett, I wrote to the Secretary of the Railway Clearing House, but again without success, in connection with travelling to the Council's annual meeting. The present question is one of to-day, and covers a wider field, and I need hardly state that I am sure the Council will again do all that is in its power, and I trust with a better result this time.

The present movement was started as a local one, before its greater possibilities were realised, and it had made some headway before the case was sent to me as secretary of the Central Council. I noted that the secretaries had been asked to send me the necessary particulars, and this some few of them have done, and I await the remainder.

There are four railway groups, and I suggest that the 'Gloucester and Bristol' continue to approach the Great Western; that the 'Midland Counties' get into touch with the 'L.M.S.'; the Winchester Guild, with the Southern, and the Yorkshire Association with the 'L.N.E.R.' I am prepared to give the outlines of a common letter, and will seek instruction from the Council to send a general letter to the Railway Clearing House.

In the meantime, will secretaries please continue to send me, if possible, the statistical particulars or any other useful information for my letter?—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

### SECTIONAL ACTION A WEAK POLICY.

Sir,—I have read with interest the suggestions made with reference to obtaining travelling facilities for ringers, but will you permit me to suggest that this matter is one which would best be dealt with by the Central Council empowered to negotiate on behalf of all the associations in the country.

Sectional action, as you point out in your leading article, is a weak policy, inasmuch as any local railway official may turn the proposal down before it reaches the right quarter, especially so as campanology may be something strange to him.

I, therefore, propose that a sharp and well defined policy should be pursued by empowering the Central Council, through its secretary, to approach the Clearing House, and speak on behalf of 'so many hundreds' of associations having 'so many thousands' of members spread over the country.

Modern experience teaches us that central action is always more effective, and commands more attention than sectional action.—Yours faithfully,

W. H. JACKSON.

Balham.

### SOUTH ANSTON SOCIETY OUTING.

Twenty members of the North Notts Association held their annual outing on Saturday, July 11th, visiting Norton Cuckney, Perlethorpe, East Markham and Laxton. Picking up the writer at Worksope, Norton Cuckney was reached at 10.15, and the ring of six was soon going to 360 of Cambridge and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob. The Rev. H. R. Peel congratulated the party on the good striking. Perlethorpe was next visited, where a light and well-kept ring of six bells was found. Mirfield Surprise and Duke of York were rung. Leaving at 1.30, East Markham was reached, where lunch was served. The Church of St. John the Baptist was visited, where the ring of six bells has been recently augmented to eight. 360 of Norwich Surprise and a 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The ringers then went on to Laxton to complete the series of places visited.

**SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.**

**YORKTOWN, SURREY.**—For morning service, on Sept. 13th, and to celebrate the recovery from serious illness of Mrs. Smith, wife of the captain of the band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins., with 4-6-8 covering, all the band, except the conductor, being Sunday Service ringers: J. Smith 1, F. J. Ewens 2, F. Marchant 3, R. Hunt, senr., 4, B. Hawkins (conductor) 5, E. Harding 6, H. Hunt 7, Ed. Hunt (first quarter) 8.

**MILVERTON, SOMERSET.**—For Divine service, on Sunday, Aug. 30th, two 504's of Stedman Triples: P. Merson 1, H. Norman 2, J. Hunt 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. Andrews 6, R. Scott (conductor) 7, J. Carter 8. A. J. Wyatt 1, P. Merson 2, R. Scott 3, H. Norman 4, W. Cross 5, A. Andrews 6, J. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Sweetland 8.

**ROTHERHAM.**—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 53 mins., by the following: G. Oakes 1, S. Briggs 2, C. Poulney 3, G. Tukey 4, A. Stamp 5, E. C. Kettell 6, J. Brothwell 7, J. W. Cottam 8, C. Ryder (conductor) 9, P. Mangham 10.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, August 30th, at the Church of St. Clement Dances, Strand, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: Miss D. M. Bryant 1, Miss E. E. Harcastle 2, Miss E. E. Chapman 3, Miss F. E. Orr (conductor) 4, C. W. Roberts 5, E. F. Pike 6, C. F. Winney 7, R. Beaven (first quarter-peal) 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—On Sunday afternoon, August 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, C. J. Tricker 2, F. E. Hawthorne 3, J. Milner 4, A. Beckensale 5, A. Harding 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, W. Lidbetter 8.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, August 23rd, for morning service, 672 Bob Major: G. G. Lindoff, junr., 1, A. D. Wilson 2, H. C. Balls 3, W. W. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, J. M. Bailey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, F. J. Smith 8.—For evening service, 576 London Surprise Major: C. Sampson 1, G. Wilson 2, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 3, F. J. Smith 4, G. Bailey 5, E. S. Bailey 6, J. G. Rumsey 7, J. M. Bailey 8.

**NEWMARKET.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 23rd, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor, and for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 31 mins.: L. Moon 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, W. H. Paget 4, J. H. Carter (Goring, Oxon), 5, R. C. Sharpe (conductor) 6.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, August 16th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. E. Orr 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss E. E. Harcastle 3, E. J. King (conductor) 4, H. Leigh 5, W. Berry 6, T. H. Taffender 7, S. C. Moye 8.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evening service, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Watkins 1, E. E. Harcastle 2, E. E. Chapman 3, J. W. Chapman 4, H. Leigh 5, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

**ISLEWORTH.**—For morning service, on Sunday, August 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Lucas 1, Robert Sperring (conductor) 2, A. Brookland 3, F. Goddard 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Beckensale 6, A. Harding 7, E. V. Beadle 8. Arranged for Mr. R. Sperring, of Chester.

**APPLETON, BERKS.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Holifield 1, H. C. White 2, G. Holifield, senr., 3, H. Bennett 4, F. Messenger 5, A. H. White 6, F. S. White 7, G. Holifield, junr. (conductor), 8, R. White 9, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 10. Rung on the occasion of a visit to Appleton of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who undertook the duties at the church during the day. A touch of 503 Grandsire Caters was rung for morning service, and a similar touch for children's afternoon service.

**NOTICES.**

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Dorchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at Wyke Regis. Bells (8) available at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—J. Benger, Hon. Sec., 21, North Square, Dorchester.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2 Tempsford Rd., Sandy.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Newmarket and Mildenhall District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) at the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m.—P. Fordham and L. Moon, Dist. Secs.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****JOINT MEETING WITH HERTS SUGGESTED.**

A successful meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Willesden on Saturday last, 36 members being present. The bells at this church, although small in size and light in weight, require a considerable amount of skill in the art of striking, and it was very gratifying that the ringing during the afternoon and evening reached a good standard of efficiency. Some excellent touches of Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Superlative and Cambridge Surprise were rung between 3.30 and 5, when the usual short service was held.—The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Smith) gave the association a hearty welcome, adding that he had had some connection with ringers, having learned to pull a bell at Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge, under the tuition of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and being president of the St. John at Hackney Society some years ago, meeting there a well-known ringer of the same name as himself.

After a very excellent tea, served in the Church Hall, had been removed, the business meeting was held. Five new members were elected, and a resolution supporting the action of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, re special railway facilities, was passed, the secretary being given certain instructions.

The secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) also gave a report on the Middlesex and Essex Association's joint meeting at Waltham Abbey, stating that the success of that meeting had caused him to think that a joint meeting with their Hertfordshire friends might be held next year in the neighbourhood of Stanmore and Bushey Heath.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hornsey, if possible on October 17th.—A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the very hearty welcome he had given to the members at the service; also to the organist; to Mr. and Mrs. Ebberson and Mrs. H. Kilby for making such excellent arrangements for tea; and to Mr. R. Kilby and the local ringers.—The Rev. A. E. Smith acknowledged the thanks of the members, saying how much he had enjoyed the meeting, and hoping to meet the association again.

A couple of excellent touches of Stedman Triples were rung on handbells by Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, G. M. Kilby, W. Hewell, and C. V. Ebberson, and another visit to the belfry was made, included in the ringing being courses of Bristol and London Surprise.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DIVISION'S RECORD GATHERING.**

A record number of members and friends, numbering in all 54, attended a quarterly meeting of the Western Division at St. Margaret's, Warnham, on Saturday, the following towers being represented: Horsham, Heene, Shipley, West Grinstead, Pulborough, Rudgwick, Slinfold, Shoreham, Henfield, Mersham, Crawley, Horley, West Tarring, and the local band. Amongst the visitors were Mr. H. Chandler, of Hillingdon; Mr. G. Steere, Guildford; and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Woking; also a lady member. Ringing commenced shortly after three o'clock, and the methods rung included the following: Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major.

Tea was served at the Sussex Oak Hotel, a hostelry well known to many ringers who have visited this village.—Mr. Doick, in the absence of the Vicar, presided at the business meeting which followed. Steyning was chosen for the next meeting, to take place in the third week of November.

The following new members were elected: Mr. W. Chantler, Horsham; Messrs. F. Challen and E. Thomas, Shoreham; George Forest and Alfred Norris, West Tarring; Roy Pink, Pulborough; and Bernard Wells, non-resident member, Mersham.

After votes of thanks to the Vicar of Warnham for granting the use of the bells, Mr. G. Woodman for the local arrangements, and Mr. T. Doick for presiding, the party returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going till eight o'clock.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the new Daventry Branch of the above Guild was held at Flore on Saturday, August 29th, when members were present from Daventry, Northampton, East Haddon, Gillsborough, Welton, Heyford, Harpole and Braunston. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung during the afternoon. A short service was held, and the Rev. A. J. Beadle (Vicar of Flore) gave a splendid address, which was much appreciated by the ringers present. Tea was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, and a short business meeting was presided over by the Rev. A. J. Beadle.

After the usual branch business had been transacted, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for addressing the ringers, and also for the use of the bells. The name of Mr. H. Starmier (the organist) was also coupled in the vote of thanks.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and ringing was kept up until about 8 p.m.

## NOTICES.

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**SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.**—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, Leeds, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, when the chair will be taken by the President at 5.45 p.m. prompt. By the kind permission of the respective clergy, the following rings of bells will be at the disposal of visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.: Parish Church (12), Headingley (8), Far Headingley (8), Christ Church, Upper Armley (8).—Percy J. Johnson, 396, Meanwood Road, Leeds.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 20th (6 p.m.) and 22nd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Berkshire Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wallingford, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—Albert E. Lock, 35, East St. Helen's Street, Abingdon, Berks.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells from 2.30.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—The September meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells from 3 p.m.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Barnet on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Jas. W. Grounds, Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sacred Trinity, Salford, on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Tea by invitation at 5 p.m. Meeting after tea in School-room.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurlaston on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Hunsdon (Herts), on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and business meeting. Subscriptions are due.—C. Baeson, 5, King Street, Bishop's Stortford.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting will be held at Markham (Cuxford Station), on Saturday, September 19th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. to 8.30. A good attendance is desired. Visitors welcome. Members and others to make their own arrangements for tea.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. 1s. 3d. each.—E. Butler, Dist. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, Sept. 26th.—Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shaker, A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Committee meeting in Cole's Hall (opposite church) 4 p.m. Meat tea (1/6 each) at Fox Hotel 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. All those intending to take tea must advise Mr. W. H. Bartram, 33, Rosebery Avenue, Melton Mowbray, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 23rd. It is hoped all members will endeavour to be present, as important business is to be discussed. A social evening (in tea room) can be arranged.—Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—The quarterly meeting at Thirsk on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Tea will be provided at the Three Tuns Hotel for all those who notify Mr. J. Stott, St. James' Green, Thirsk, not later than Thursday, Sept. 24th. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Annual subscriptions now due.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 22nd.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 2, Florence Street, Swindon.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 26th, at All Hallows, Barking, by the Tower. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Ringing 6 to 9 p.m.—W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.



**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Biddenden on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Inkberrow on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Service at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present please let me know by the Tuesday previous. The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Mitcham, SS. Peter and Paul, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. S. King, 74, The Causeway, Mitcham, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 23rd.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stow on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. per head, for those who notify Mr. C. A. Smyth, Sturton-by-Stow, Lincoln, by the Monday previous. Bells (6) available. All ringers welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Bitton on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. All members requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 21st.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 23rd. — Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting has been arranged in London on Saturday, Sept. 26th, to revive old friendships with non-resident life members of the Guild. Bells available: St. Dunstan-in-East (8), Monument Station, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Strand (10), 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. In view of catering facilities in London, no tea has been arranged, but a room at The Edinburgh, Milford Lane, Strand, has been reserved for hand-bell ringing, etc., from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, Sept. 26th. All ringers welcome.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater, Som.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Members are invited to attend a special service at St. James, Milnrow, on Sunday, Sept. 27th, at 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Elisee. A peal board in respect of a peal rung commemorating 50 years' service by two Milnrow ringers will be unveiled at this service. Tea will be provided at a charge of 2s. per head for those who notify Mr. J. H. C. Massey, 40, Buckley Hill Lane, Milnrow, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 22nd. The annual branch party will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tickets obtainable from

local secretaries (gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 6d.). Further particulars later. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. A. H. Messiter (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1s., at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Sept. 29th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Will intending visitors please inform me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Sandal, near Wakefield. The draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. All those desiring tea, charge 1s. 6d. each, must notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 28th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The postponed annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, when the bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division. — A bye-meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Parish Room. Will all members intending to be present please let me know on or before Wednesday, Sept. 30th? — P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Southern District.—Preliminary Notice.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Further particulars later.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 12th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is requested. Ringing at St. Clement Danes on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 12th, at 6.30, and the 26th at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C.4, at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at St. Michael's Church, East Peckham, on Saturday, August 15th, and was attended by about 25 members, from Brighton, Mereworth, Maidstone, Penshurst, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Seal Chart, Tunbridge Wells, Hadlow, and the local tower. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and the usual service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. G. Ryley), who gave an excellent address. The lesson was read by the district secretary (Mr. W. Latter). After service, the members adjourned to the Vicarage, where a bountiful tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of on the lawn.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, and at its conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his hospitality.—The Vicar suitably replied.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. T. Saunders, local secretary, for making the arrangements, and the members returned to the tower for more ringing. The weather was all that could be desired, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At Shenfield, on Friday, September 11th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung as a last token of respect to Leslie Arnold Brock, a former ringer at Shenfield Church, who was interred the same day: W. H. Poole 1, H. Turner (conductor) 2, C. J. Brackley 3, F. G. Ringe 4, W. Leggett 5, E. W. Palmer 6.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, Sept. 2nd, 720 York Surprise: G. Dean 1, Miss K. Willers 2, W. A. Tack 3, A. E. Austin 4, R. Howard 5, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 6. First attempt for 720 of York by all the band. Also touches of London and Wells Surprise.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, Sept. 5th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: W. Thomas 1, R. Sperring 2, J. Hayes 3, J. Swindley 4, J. H. Riding (conductor) 5, S. Jones 6, G. R. Jones 7, E. V. Rodenhurst 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Oxford Treble Bob.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On August 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by James Paget (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, T. Butler, senr., 4, R. T. Evans 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.—At St. John's Church, on August 8th, for evening service, 886 Grandsire Triples, in 35 minutes: T. Beaver (longest touch of Grandsire) 1, Adam Blogg 2, F. B. Coxhead 3, Alfred Blogg 4, A. Hartley 5, W. Lancaster (conductor) 6, H. Lucas 7.

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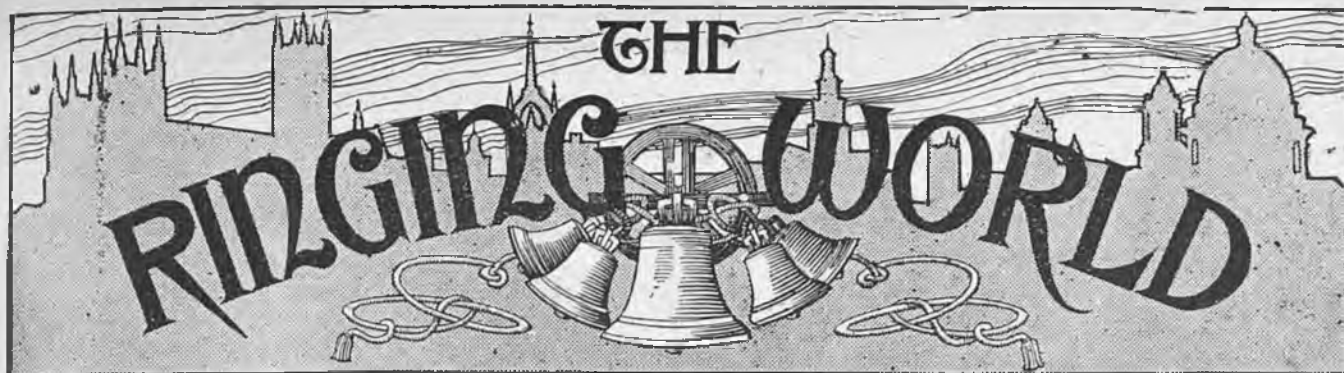
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Jasper Snowdon did in the space of some fourteen years far more than many men, even if they had the inclination, could have done in a lifetime. Canon Wigram, an eminent authority, wrote of him that he 'held a position in the ringers' community absolutely unapproached. There are other ringers, other conductors, other composers, and also other authors of instruction for beginners, but there has never been any other true historian of the science. In this department he stands alone, and it is impossible to say which is the most remarkable, whether the amount of information which he collected, the patience with which he arranged it, or the critical skill with which he assigned to each composer the degree of merit which belonged to him.' Those words, written soon after Jasper Snowdon's death, remain true to-day, and it is good that the present generation of ringers should be reminded of a man to whom, without realising it, perhaps, they owe so much.

The Yorkshire Association, which was founded by Jasper Snowdon, and this year reaches its jubilee, has done well to establish the practice of an annual gathering in memory of its distinguished first president and of those other men, many of them, like Mr. William Snowdon and Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley, pillars of the Exercise in

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their day, who, in their respective ways did valuable work, not only for the Yorkshire Association, but for the art of change ringing. The proceedings on Saturday brought together a large and representative gathering of Yorkshire ringers in the city which was closely associated with Jasper Snowdon's crowded life. But it is not merely to those who are present that this annual function should appeal. Ringers throughout the country should realise that they, too, owe a debt to these Yorkshire worthies, and, while they cannot join in person in such a gathering, they may, perhaps, realise that they can, in the spirit, honour the memory of these men whose labours have done so much to place the art on the high level which it has reached to-day.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 7     |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2    | SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 8    |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3      | WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 9  |
| *GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4  | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 10 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5    | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 11    |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 6   | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus. G. S. Morris is 17 years of age, and is the youngest ringer to ring a peal of Cambridge on twelve bells.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| PERCY HARRISON ... .. Treble | *J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 6 |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2     | JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 7     |
| FRED H. DEXTER ... .. 3      | HAROLD G. JENNEY ... .. 8  |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 4   | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 9      |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5       | JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First peal on 10 bells. The composition, on a new plan, is now rung for the first time.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5115 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt, 15 lb.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. Treble | ARTHUR T. VERRALLS ... .. 6   |
| JOHN C. JAY ... .. 2        | GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. 7     |
| *GEORGE H. SHUKER ... .. 3  | ROBERT J. DAVE ... .. 8       |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 4     | JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 9        |
| HENRY STALHAM ... .. 5      | ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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## GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Wulfrum,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. Treble | *FRED BLOOD ... .. 6        |
| ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2         | GEORGE WEST ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM G. THORPE ... .. 3      | *WALTER WHITE ... .. 8      |
| ERNEST NIDD ... .. 4            | *FRED W. BAILEY ... .. 9    |
| J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 5      | PERCIVAL PRICK ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. Rung in honour of the 150th anniversary of the first peal on the bells, which was rung in 1755 on this date, by the above society, and included in the hand the great-grandfather of the 2nd ringer. Also rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. Walter White.

## YEOVIL, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble | THOMAS F. KING ... .. 6     |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 2      | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 7    |
| J. E. BAKER ... .. 3           | SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 8   |
| *E. T. GRIFFIN ... .. 4        | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 9     |
| LOUIS A. WILSON ... .. 5       | E. GEORGE TREW ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## AYLESFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5168 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *LAURENCE HALE ... .. Treble | THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5        |
| LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 2        | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 6            |
| LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 3   | CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 7       |
| †GEORGE POUND ... .. 4       | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

\* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.

## GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1925, in Three Hours.

At the Church of All Saints,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PERCY HARRISON ... .. Treble | J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 5   |
| HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... .. 9  | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6      |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 3   | E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 7  |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 4     | FRED H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Arranged for Mr. Budd, of Grimsby, as his first peal in the method. The hand desire to thank the Vicar for permission, and Mr. G. Broughton for arrangements made.

## LODDON, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *STANLEY W. COPPING ... Treble | *HECTOR DENNISON ... .. 5       |
| ARTHUR C. CORBY ... .. 2       | *CHARLES S. SPURGEON ... .. 6   |
| ROBERT A. WARMAN ... .. 3      | HARRY W. BARRETT ... .. 7       |
| THOMAS BECKETT ... .. 4        | FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

\* First peal of Major.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| PERCY HARRISON ... .. Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5      |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 2     | WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 6    |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 3   | *J. BENJAMIN BUDD ... .. 7  |
| JOHN SADDINGTON ... .. 4     | FRED H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

\* First 'touch' in the method 'inside.'

## EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE W. STOKES ... .. Treble | ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 5      |
| ERNEST GOWER ... .. 2          | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... .. 6  |
| ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... .. 3   | KEITH HART ... .. 7          |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4         | WILLIAM C. HART ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

## BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Modwen,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 33.

Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5       |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2       | JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6          |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3      | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7         |
| RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 4     | GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

This is the first peal on these bells since 1913.

## BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *LUTHER P. SMITH ... .. Treble  | HORACE TAYLOR ... .. 5          |
| WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. 2    | JESSE HALLETT ... .. 6          |
| MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... .. 3 | THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7         |
| *WILLIAM CROCKER ... .. 4       | HERBERT J. MERRETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

† First peal on the treble. \* First peal with a bob bell. This was the quarterly association peal for the Bath district.

## STANSTED, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1925, in Three Hours.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. Treble | ERNEST A. PITSTOW ... .. 5 |
| LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... .. 2    | THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. 6   |
| THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 3         | HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. 7 |
| ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... .. 4     | GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Nicolas.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WALTER G. ROWE ... .. Treble | RICHARD PAINE ... .. 5         |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 2     | D. CECIL WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 6  |
| GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3    | OWEN H. GILES ... .. 7         |
| WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... .. 4  | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GEO. NEWSON.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Newport (Isle of Wight). Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. T. TUCKER.

## DOVER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN EAGLES ... .. Treble  | HORACE WHITEHEAD ... .. 5      |
| CHARLES TURNER ... .. 2    | CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... .. 6    |
| HERBERT SAUNDERS ... .. 3  | CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... .. 7  |
| RICHARD H. STEVENS... .. 4 | GEORGE A. GODFREY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER,

First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band. Rung to mark the occasion of the holding of the Courts of Brotherhood and Guestling. The Court of Brotherhood was, in ancient days, the Parliament of the Cinque Ports. During the present year the Mayor of Dover (Councillor S. J. Livings, J.P.) is Speaker of the Court.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble | JIM HURRELL ... .. 5            |
| FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... .. 2    | FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 6     |
| ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 3         | HERBERT A. HOLDEN... .. 7       |
| ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... .. 4      | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... Tenor |

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal of Major.

## LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COLLEN,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | WILLIAM CATHRALL ... .. 5   |
| SAMUEL MEADOWS ... .. 2       | THOMAS CATHRALL ... .. 6    |
| FREDERICK EVANS ... .. 3      | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS... .. 4     | JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Arranged for Mr. W. H. Thomas, of Bristol, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Meadows.

## GODSTONE, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| † MAURICE NORTHOVER ... Treble | HUGH R. THORPE ... .. 5     |
| HENRY F. EWINS ... .. 2        | * ALFRED BULL ... .. 6      |
| † H. BERNARD WELLS... .. 3     | † ROBERT G. HOARE ... .. 7  |
| † LEONARD A. TIDY ... .. 4     | GEORGE F. HOAD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KING.

Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern Branch of the above Association. † First peal in method. \* First peal. \* 50th peal.

## ROCHESTER, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 5       |
| C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT... 2    | CHARLES WINSER ... .. 6        |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3      | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 7         |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4        | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

The ringing of the 2nd has now rung eight peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major from treble to tenor, in eight different towers, and with eight different conductors.

## CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt. in F.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. Treble  | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5       |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2 | EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... .. 6    |
| * WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 3 | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7     |
| GEORGE W. STEELE... .. 4    | ALFRED H. POLLING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

\* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Treble | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 5     |
| WALTER MOBBS ... .. 2           | LESLIE G. BRETT... .. 6     |
| GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 3         | RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7      |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4     | ERNEST WHITING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

## TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTON'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROBERT ALLRED ... .. Treble | JOHN YATES ... .. 5        |
| THOMAS ALLRED ... .. 2      | HARRY ALLRED ... .. 6      |
| HENRY SMITH ... .. 3        | JOHN POTTER ... .. 7       |
| JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4  | ARTHUR BURTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This peal was rung for the centenary of the church.

## GRAVESEND, KENT.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 34 lb. in F.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * LEONARD BANCE ... .. Treble | GEORGE H. DAVNES... .. 5       |
| † DANIEL COOPER... .. 2       | † WILLIAM ESSERY ... .. 6      |
| † JAMES E. COOPER ... .. 3    | FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 7        |
| † FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4  | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by CHAR. H. KIPPIN.

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

## HOGHTON, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN WATSON ... .. Treble | THOMAS CALDERBANK... .. 5  |
| MISS M. CLAYTON ... .. 2  | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 6  |
| JAMES HARRISON... .. 3    | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7 |
| FRED RIGBY... .. 4        | JOHN BROWN... .. Tenor     |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS

## WEST MALLING, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, 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.

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| HARRY SONE... .. Treble | * JACK AMOS ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE POUND ... .. 2   | LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 6 |
| MRS. H. BAKER ... .. 3  | LOUIS HEAD ... .. 7        |
| HARRY BAKER ... .. 4    | LEWIS NEWMAN... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

\* First peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

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

On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| J. C. PERKINS ... .. Treble | HARRY COLLEY ... .. 4    |
| HORACE TERRY ... .. 2       | GEORGE HANDS ... .. 5    |
| JOHN HALL ... .. 3          | FRANK SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

The ringers of the 5th and tenor were elected members of the above association previous to starting.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *FRED CLARK ... .. Treble | *HARRY BURTON ... .. 4         |
| JOSEPH CHESTER ... .. 2   | †FRANK WALLINGTON... .. 5      |
| FREDK. H. PEARCEY... .. 3 | C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *HARRY CASSON ... .. Treble | MRS. A. BOWDEN ... .. 4    |
| WILLIAM T. CLARK ... .. 2   | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 5  |
| *EDMUND THOMPSON ... .. 3   | *GEORGE SLATER... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung half-muffled, after the funeral service, as a last token of respect to Miss Pennington, headmistress for 21 years of Burlington Schools, Kirkby, a Sunday School teacher, and prominent Church worker. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th are from Broughton; 5th from Millam; 5th from Ambleside; treble from local band.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven 720's.

Tenor 6 cwt. 5 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *HORACE J. SMITH ... .. Treble | GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 4     |
| HARRY PARKER ... .. 2          | FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... .. 5 |
| †HARRY W. HOWARD... .. 3       | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside' in the method. First peal of Minor as conductor.

**HANDBELL PEALS.**

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

ON THE ROOF OF ALL SAINTS' VICARAGE,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 20 in F.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C. W. WOOLLEY... .. 1-2   | W. H. J. HOOTON ... .. 5-6     |
| E. G. BENSON ... .. 3-4   | REV. B. F. SHEPPARD ... .. 7-8 |
| J. B. WOOLLEY ... .. 9-10 |                                |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, September 14, 1925, in One Hour and Thirty-Nine and Two-Third Minutes,

IN THE GARDEN OF 3, ST. PAUL'S ROAD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 16 in A sharp.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| REV. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 1-2  | E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 5-6  |
| W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4 | J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 7-8 |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.  
Umpire: C. W. WOOLLEY.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD, LEEDS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1-2      | WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5-6   |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3-4 | GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8 |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.  
Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

Arranged for Mr. G. J. Hemming, of Evesham, during his stay in Leeds.

**CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.**

A TOUR IN SUSSEX.

Fourteen members of the Cambridge University Guild met at Brighton on Sept. 7th for the 14th annual ringing week. Following the usual arrangement in recent years, only one peal attempt was arranged for each of the four days of the tour. The following towers were visited: St. Peter's, Brighton; Burgess Hill, Lindfield, Cuckfield, Ringmer, Southover, Lewes; St. Nicholas', Brighton; Hurstpierpoint, St. Mary's, St. Saviour's and Christchurch, Eastbourne.

Peals were rung at Burgess Hill and St. Peter's, Brighton, the two unsuccessful attempts being at Ringmer and St. Mary's, Eastbourne. In addition, a peal of Bob Royal was rung on handbells.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

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

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) Treble | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5        |
| CANON W. BAKER (Clare) ... 2    | REV. B. H. T. DRAKE (Pem.) 6       |
| REV. H. T. RICHARDSON (Trin.) 3 | REV. C. CLEMENTS (St. Cath.) 7     |
| *REV. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 4     | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

\* First peal in the method on tower bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, September 11, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

|                                 |                                    |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| REV. H. L. JAMES (Calus) Treble | †W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 6       |
| E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.)... 2   | *REV. C. CLEMENTS (St. Cath.) 7    |
| *REV. R. WHITEFORD (Pem.) 3     | REV. B. H. T. DRAKE (Pem.) 8       |
| †J. BUTLER (Fitzwm. Hall) 4     | CANON W. BAKER (Clare) 9           |
| REV. H. RICHARDSON (Trin.) 5    | REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (Trin.) Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

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

† First peal in the method on tower bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX

On Thursday, September 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT 35, PRESTON PARK AVENUE,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 18 in G.

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2   | W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6 |
| REV. H. T. RICHARDSON (Trin.) 3-4 | REV. H. BENSON (King's) 7-8   |
| REV. B. SHEPPARD (Trin.) 9-10     |                               |

Composed by E. M. ATKINS (St. Catherine's).  
Conducted by the Rev. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

**THE WILTSHIRE TOUR.****THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.****BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTSHIRE.***On Saturday, September 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb. in E flat.

|                      |        |                          |       |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| EDWARD JENKINS... .. | Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 5     |
| GEORGE MARTIN... ..  | 2      | GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..    | 6     |
| JOHN EVANS... ..     | 3      | ERNEST BISHOP... ..      | 7     |
| CECIL C. MAYNE... .. | 4      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... ..  | Tenor |

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**DEVIZES, WILTSHIRE.***On Sunday, September 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

|                          |        |                         |       |
|--------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..    | Treble | JOHN EVANS... ..        | 5     |
| EDWARD JENKINS... ..     | 2      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. | 6     |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 3      | CECIL C. MAYNE... ..    | 7     |
| GEORGE MARTIN... ..      | 4      | ERNEST BISHOP... ..     | Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

**WARMINSTER, WILTSHIRE.***On Monday, September 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,***AT THE MINSTER CHURCH OF ST. DENYS,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

|                          |        |                           |       |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| ERNEST BISHOP... ..      | Treble | GEORGE MARTIN... ..       | 5     |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..    | 2      | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. | 6     |
| CECIL C. MAYNE... ..     | 3      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... ..   | 7     |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 4      | EDWARD JENKINS... ..      | Tenor |

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.***On Tuesday, September 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt. in C

|                          |        |                           |       |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| ERNEST BISHOP... ..      | Treble | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. | 5     |
| GEORGE MARTIN... ..      | 2      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... ..   | 6     |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..    | 3      | EDWARD JENKINS... ..      | 7     |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 4      | WILLIAM A. CAVE... ..     | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

**TROWBRIDGE, WILTSHIRE.***On Wednesday, September 9, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Five Minutes***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,****A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23½ cwt. in E flat.

|                            |        |                         |       |
|----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... ..   | Treble | ERNEST BISHOP... ..     | 6     |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..      | 2      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. | 7     |
| †GEORGE MARTIN... ..       | 3      | EDWARD JENKINS... ..    | 8     |
| *CECIL C. MAYNE... ..      | 4      | †SAMUEL J. HECTOR... .. | 9     |
| *FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. | 5      | JAMES H. SHEPHERD... .. | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Treble Bob Royal by the Diocesan Guild, and the first peal of Royal in the county. † First peal of Royal. \* 100th peal.

**BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTSHIRE.***On Wednesday, September 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 7 lb. in G.

|                          |        |                           |       |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| EDWARD JENKINS... ..     | Treble | JAMES H. SHEPHERD... ..   | 5     |
| GEORGE MARTIN... ..      | 2      | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. | 6     |
| ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... ..  | 3      | ERNEST BISHOP... ..       | 7     |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 4      | GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..     | Tenor |

Composed by F. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Surprise on the bells.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.***On Thursday, September 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,****A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 30 cwt. in B flat.

|                          |        |                          |       |
|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| JAMES H. SHEPHERD... ..  | Treble | CECIL C. MAYNE... ..     | 5     |
| GEORGE MARTIN... ..      | 2      | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 6     |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..    | 3      | EDWARD JENKINS... ..     | 7     |
| DONALD C. WILLIAMS... .. | 4      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... ..  | Tenor |

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

The first peal of Major in the town of Chippenham.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTSHIRE.***On Thursday, September 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,****A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

|                          |        |                           |       |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..    | Treble | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. | 5     |
| ERNEST BISHOP... ..      | 2      | CECIL C. MAYNE... ..      | 6     |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 3      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... ..   | 7     |
| GEORGE MARTIN... ..      | 4      | JOSEPH MILNER... ..       | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

**WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTSHIRE.***On Friday, September 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,***AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,****A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

|                           |        |                          |       |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..     | Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 5     |
| ERNEST BISHOP... ..       | 2      | EDWARD JENKINS... ..     | 6     |
| GEORGE MARTIN... ..       | 3      | CECIL C. MAYNE... ..     | 7     |
| FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... .. | 4      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... ..  | Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise on the bells.

**SWINDON, WILTSHIRE.***On Saturday, September 12, 1925, in Three Hours & Thirty-Four Minutes,***AT CHRIST CHURCH,****A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

|                        |        |                          |       |
|------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| †LEWIS A. WILSON... .. | Treble | EDWARD JENKINS... ..     | 6     |
| *ALFRED LAWRENCE... .. | 2      | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. | 7     |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..  | 3      | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... ..  | 8     |
| GEORGE MARTIN... ..    | 4      | CECIL C. MAYNE... ..     | 9     |
| ERNEST BISHOP... ..    | 5      | JAMES H. SHEPHERD... ..  | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.

The first peal of Royal on the bells. † First peal of Royal. \* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****STOCKPORT BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Stockport Branch was held at Disley on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Unfortunately, rain fell during the afternoon, consequently the attendance was poor. The bells were requisitioned at 3.30 p.m., and ringing continued until 4.30, when the usual service was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Lester, who also gave an address. After a splendid tea in the Schoolroom, the business of the day was transacted, under the chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Jackson, and was chiefly of a routine character.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the Norbury bells would be dedicated on Saturday, October 24th, but no promise could be given that visitors would be allowed to have a pull on that date. Saturday, November 21st, had been set apart as an open date, but further information would be advertised in the 'Ringing World.'

Regarding the next meeting, to be held at Stalybridge (Holy Trinity) on November 28th, the hon. secretary was instructed to ascertain the condition of the bells there, and, if an adverse report is received, to make arrangements elsewhere.

The question of railway travelling facilities for ringers was discussed, and it was decided to communicate with the Guild secretary to ask him to act on behalf of the Guild, and give the matter full support.

The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting, and further ringing was indulged in.



### GLoucester & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BADGEWORTH.

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Badgeworth on Saturday, Sept. 12th, and attended by over 40 members, who enjoyed ringing on the fine ring of six bells.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Downes), who had a full choir in attendance. In a short address, he said how pleased he was to welcome such a body of church workers, and mentioned that it was the first time he had had such an opportunity.

Tea was provided in the old Schoolroom, under the direction of Mr. J. E. Townsend. At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar was voted to the chair, and was supported by the Master (Mr. Albert Wright, Painswick), the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton), Mr. C. W. Dyson (chairman of Tewkesbury branch), and members from Leckhampton, Swindon, Witcome, Alderton, Winchcombe, Prestbury, St. Mark's, and the local tower.

Several letters of apology were read.

A very favourable comment was made on the article in the 'Ringing World' with reference to endeavouring to secure reduced railway fares for ringers.

Leckhampton was selected as the tower for the annual meeting, and the date the early part of January.—Eight new members were elected, including the Vicar as an hon. member.

The secretary (Mr. W. Yeend) volunteered to teach the young band at Badgeworth, and his services will be greatly appreciated.

The secretary also welcomed Mr. Albert Wright, the Rev. Pennington and Mr. Anthony Crook (the local veteran). The last named remarked that he attended the first meeting of the Gloucester Diocesan Association held at the Crypt, Gloucester, and had the honour of proposing the first Master and first secretary.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Harrison, seconded by Mr. W. Dyer, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for all he had done to make the gathering such a success.—The Vicar, in reply, again expressed his pleasure at having attended such a pleasant gathering, and hoped that the members would hold another meeting there at no distant date. Thus ended a very happy gathering, with another tower added to the branch.

**STANDFORD-IN-THE-VALE, BERKS.**—On Saturday, August 22nd a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Wallcroft 1. J. Nobes (conductor) 2. H. R. Cooper 3. D. H. Woodley 4. F. T. Hanks 5. A. Breakspear 6. The ringers of 1st. 3rd and 4th hail from Milton; 2nd and tenor Stevenston; and 5th Sutton.

### SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD. DEPARTURE OF THE HON. SECRETARY.

A quarterly meeting of the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, Sept. 5th, at Llanstephan, when ten towers were represented. The ringers of Aberavon, Baglan, Neath, Cadoxton and Morriston, left Neath at 9 o'clock by charabanc, and, after a lovely run through the heart of the country of West Wales, had their first stop at Llandilo, where they were met by the local ringers, and a few touches of Doubles and Minor were rung. Leaving then for Carmarthen they were again met by the local band, and after partaking of lunch, enjoyed touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. Llanstephan was reached at 2.30, and the party received a hearty welcome from the Vicar and the local ringers. Ringers from Gorsimon and Haverfordwest were also present. On the fine peal of eight some good ringing was enjoyed until 4.30, when service was conducted by the Vicar. Tea, which had been generously provided by the Vicar and churchpeople of the parish, was next served, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Vicar, who, at the outset, welcomed the Guild to Llanstephan. He wished them every success in the good work that they were doing to foster the art of change ringing in the different parishes, and said they would always be welcomed to Llanstephan.

The Secretary gave his report of the work done during the quarter. It was decided to have the next quarterly meeting at Morriston.

Mr. Lewis (Cadoxton) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchpeople of Llanstephan for the magnificent way the ringers had been received that day, and for the tea that was provided for them. He also referred to the impending departure of the secretary to Newport (Mon.), which the meeting heard with regret. No one had worked more for the success of the Guild than the secretary, who was most popular among the members.

Among the welcome visitors at the meeting were Mr. J. H. Shepherd (of Swindon) and Mr. Davies (late of Caerleon, Mon.).

The bells were afterwards rung until late in the evening, and the ringers then dispersed to their respective districts, after a most enjoyable day, which will be remembered for some time.

**HESTON.**—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, July 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Collins 1. J. Lucas 2. C. S. Bird 3. S. Rose 4. H. Chandler 5. C. J. Edwards 6. W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7. W. Lewis 8.

# John Taylor & Co.

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**HANDBELLS**  
In Sets of any number.

**BELL ROPES, MUFFLES, &c**

## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rochester District of the Kent County Association is holding its annual district meeting at Gravesend on Saturday, October 31st, and to try to get the public to take more interest in ringing, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell) has obtained a definite promise from the Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman J. A. Axcell, J.P.), who knows nothing of ringing, to preside at the meeting. The secretary hopes for a good muster to support him.

Thirty feet of the tall spire of St. Marie's Church, Sheffield, have been taken down and rebuilt. The work prevented ringing at this church for a time.

The eight bells at Braughing, Herts, were rung for the first time on Sept. 25th, 1745, the trebles having been the gift of William Freeman. The first peal on the bells was rung a year later, viz., on Sept. 30th, 1746, by a local band.

Ringing 'weeks' were not so common five-and-twenty years ago as they are to-day, and the 'Hampshire tours,' organised by Mr. George Williams, were excursions of an exceptional kind. It was on one of these trips, on Sept. 27th, 1899, that the first peal of Stedman Caters in Hampshire was rung at Winchester Cathedral. Twenty-four years afterwards two of that band took part in the first peal of Stedman Cinques in the county.

William Shipway, to whom ringing owes a great deal more than is often realised, was born at Bath on Sept. 29th, 1760. He migrated to London—ringing being the attraction—in 1785, and joined the Junior Cumberlands on his arrival, but in 1788 he threw in his lot with the Royal Cumberland Society.

In the brief autobiography which he permits himself in his volume, 'The Art of Ringing,' he says he had the honour to assist in many capital performances with the latter society. Among them were six peals of Oxford Treble Bob Royal, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, four of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, viz., 7,104 at St. Saviour's, Southwark; 7,104 at Christ Church, Spitalfields; 6,000 exact at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch; and 5,376 at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; and four peals on Stedman's Principle, viz., three of Caters and one of Cinques; concluding his labours in the art with the publication of the present work.

While with the Junior Cumberlands, he had taken part in a peal of 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major. As a ringer, therefore, apart from his writings and his investigation in the art, Shipway was no mean performer.

## RAILWAY FACILITIES FOR RINGERS.

SECRETARIES MUST ACT QUICKLY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The following associations (in addition to the list already published in your columns) are actively supporting railway facilities for church bell ringers:—

Midland Counties.

Devonshire Guild.

Oxford Diocesan Guild.

I am sorry to read from Mr. Young's letter that so few associations have sent him the statistical particulars which he must have to build his letter. I appeal to Secretaries to send these particulars early. What is specially needed is the number of members, branches, meetings per year, and square mileage of territory if possible. — Yours faithfully,  
EDGAR GUISE.

## FORMER LADY RINGER MARRIED.

At Stoke Poges, on Saturday, Sept. 19th, on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Gwendolin Mona, younger daughter of Mr. W. J. Bateman, to Mr. Maurice Leslie Garrett, 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. C. Hartley 1, J. Shuker 2, H. C. Albrow 3, S. G. Hawkins 4, W. L. Gutteridge 5, A. D. Barker 6. Mrs. A. D. Barker took part in the 'firing' as the couple left the church. The bride, whose sister is better known as Mrs. A. D. Barker, was some time ringer at Stoke Poges, but has been unable to continue as such, owing to other duties.

## LADIES' GUILD EXCURSION.

A small party of lady ringers and friends spent a pleasant afternoon on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Leaving Birmingham at 2 p.m., they arrived at Lichfield City at 2.45, and had an hour's ringing at St. Michael's Church. Going on to Shenstone there was further ringing and tea, for which Mrs. Groves 'rang.' Afterwards, at Boldmere, another hour's ringing was enjoyed before returning to Birmingham. The ladies wish to thank the clergy and ringers for the use of the bells, and the latter for their kindly help.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

## HINTS ON 'SPlicing' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER. SEVENTH ARTICLE.

The sixth or my group of methods will be found in the 3rd's Place Delight section of the Central Council's Collection, and derives its name from that of the 'odd' method, viz., Ely, the other four being Bagedone, Knutsford, Wilmslow and Rostherne. These four were first rung during the years 1913-14, and were named after six-bell towers in the Stockport branch of the Chester Guild.

As I mentioned in my last article, the work of these is vastly different to the previous ones, and will require a good deal of attention paid to them. Rostherne, No. 29, page 28, seems to be the easiest, so we will tackle that first. Commencing with the 2nd, we find that the slow work occupies practically the whole of a lead. After snapping with treble, the slow work bell leads full, makes 2nd's, does a half-pull at lead, followed by four full pulls wrong, and finishing with a Stedman whole turn. Passing to treble 2-3 up, it runs through to dodge in 5-6; lies a whole pull and meets the treble in 3-4 down. After dodging, it makes 3rd's, and does a triple dodge in 3-4 up, passing treble 4-5 up. It then dodges 5-6 up, and, after lying 6th's, does a dodge 3-4 down, makes 3rd's place, and dodges in 5-6 before lying. The treble then comes, and 5th's place is made. The work is then reversed, viz., lie before dodging, down to 3rd's place, which is made, dodge 3-4 up, out to 6th's, lie before dodging 5-6 down, and pass treble 4-5 down; work in 3-4, in conjunction with the 3-4 bell, i.e., commence with a triple dodge, make 3rd's place, and dodge with treble 3-4 up, out and lie before dodging 5-6 down; run through to lead, passing treble 2-3 and commence slow with Stedman whole turn; then, after four full pulls wrong, lead a half-pull, make 2nd's place, and lead again, when treble comes to snap; make 2nd's place, and the course is finished.

Record the following in the notebook:—

## ROSTHERNE.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, half-lead, 2nd's, lead, 2nd's lead, half 2nd's, lead and out.  
 Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, half 2nd's, lead, 2nd's, lead, 2nd's, half-lead, 2nd's, lead.  
 Pass treble 3-4 down. 3rd's, triple dodge, 3-4 up, and out.  
 Pass treble 4-5 down. Triple dodge 3-4 down, 3rd's, treble comes.  
 Pass treble 5-6 down. 5th's.  
 Pass treble 1-2 up. 2nd's.  
 Pass treble 2-3 up. Run out, dodge and lie, meet treble 3-4.  
 Pass treble 3-4 up. Run out, lie and dodge, run in.  
 Pass treble 4-5 up. Dodge and lie, dodge 3-4 down, 3rd's and out, dodge and lie.  
 Pass treble 5-6 up. Lie and dodge, 3rd's, dodge 3-4 up, lie and dodge.

## BOB WORK.

The bob bell is that which dodged with treble in 5-6, and the work is exactly the same as in Oxford Treble Bob (see 4th in example), i.e., makes 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, and out behind again. The bell which snapped with treble, instead of lying a whole pull in 2nd's, runs out and lies 6th's before dodging (see 6th). The 4-5 bell, after lying, runs through and snaps with treble (see 5th). Those passing 2-3 and 3-4, work as at a plain lead; therefore, the extent will be produced by calling bobs when the observation bell passes in one of these positions. With the tenor as observation, call it 2-3, 3-4, 2-3, twice repeated, as in the previous group. Similar tips appear to warn the conductor of the omit, the chief being, when 5th is in second's place and 6th in third's place at a lead end, a plain lead is rung when she next passes treble 3-4, thus bringing up the part end.

## WILMSLOW.

After becoming thoroughly conversant with Rostherne, little or no difficulty ought to be experienced in ringing Wilmslow, No. 37, page 30. With the exception of the slow work, everything is the same. With careful counting the slow will offer no trouble, it being place-making and dodging alternately. Look at the 2nd. After snapping, it leads full, and makes 2nd's place, dodges on, leads full, dodges off, makes 2nd's place, dodges on, leads full and passes treble 2-3 up. Now glance at the 6th. Passing treble 2-3 down, it does the opposite work, i.e., leads full first, dodges off, makes 2nd's place, dodges on, leads full, dodges off, makes 2nd's place, and stays in slow. Consequently the record in the notebook will be a brief one.

The same as Rostherne, except 'slow.'

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, dodge on, and off, 2nd's, dodge on, lead and out.

Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, dodge off and on, lead, dodge off, 2nd's and lead.  
 (To be continued.)

## 'SPliced' RINGING.

At the Parish Church, Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Tuesday, Sept. 15th, a 720 of Spliced Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, as published in the 'Ringing World' in the series of Multi-Method peals by Mr. John P. Fidler. It was rung at the first attempt by Cyril Mitchell 1, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 2, John Burles 3, Harry Argent 4, Fred A. Mitchell 5, George Morrad 6. This band offers their thanks to Mr. Fidler for his interesting talk to six-bell ringers.

## BIRMINGHAM BELLS BY WIRELESS.

## ALTERATION IN B.B.C. ARRANGEMENTS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Doubtless many ringers, who are readers of the 'Radio Times' as well as the 'Ringing World,' will have seen the paragraph in the former journal announcing that the bells of St. Martin's, Birmingham, were to be simultaneously broadcast from all B.B.C. stations on Sunday next, the 27th inst., whilst in the 'Ringing World' my letter mentioned the Cathedral (St. Philip's) bells.

I am now advised that there has been some hitch in the B.B.C.'s arrangements, and that owing to the difficulty of synchronising their Sunday evening programmes the bells will be relayed to Liverpool only.

At the time the B.B.C. preliminary announcement in the 'Radio Times' went to press they were endeavouring to arrange for St. Martin's bells, but certain difficulties arose (not with regard to the bells), and it was subsequently arranged that the Cathedral bells should be simultaneously broadcast, as per my letter in last week's 'Ringing World.'

Unfortunately, further difficulties have arisen (again nothing to do with the bells or ringers, but purely B.B.C. internal matters) and as a result the bells will be broadcast from Birmingham and Liverpool only.

It is very disappointing, but I would like to express the hope, sir, that all those who do hear the ringing will send expressions of appreciation as suggested in my previous letter.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Hon. Secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham.

## WHY NOT LONDON BELLS?

Dear Sir,—It is to be hoped that all who hear Birmingham (St. Philip's) bells will do as Mr. Smith suggests and send a card to the B.B.C., as I think it may be the means of getting bells broadcast from other centres as well in the future. Why is it we have not been able to get some good ringing broadcast from London as yet? One would think there were opportunities here, and plenty of facilities. Why do not the London Societies try to make arrangements with the B.B.C.? It would give enjoyment to thousands of country ringers. I beg to inform Mr. Smith that St. Philip's were relayed on the last occasion of broadcasting, as they were heard in Feering, Essex, from Daventry, quite distinctly, and I was able to hear the calls made and the dodging as well.—Yours faithfully,

Rye Mills, Feering.

WM. KEEBLE.

## STOKE POGES BELLS BROADCAST.

The bells of Stoke Poges were broadcast on Sunday evening, together with a service in the famous Buckinghamshire church, where the poet Gray lies buried. Two touches were rung, viz., 144 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, spliced, before the service, and 120 of Kent afterwards. The ringers were: J. Shaker 1, H. C. Albrecht 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, T. G. Hawkins 4, W. L. Gutteridge 5, A. D. Barker (conductor) 6. Those who heard the bells and appreciated them should send a postcard to the Director of Programmes, B.B.C., 2, Savoy Hill, London.

## NOTTINGHAM BELLS HEARD IN BARCELONA.

The recent broadcasting of the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham, was received very distinctly in Barcelona by a Nottingham man, resident there. Next Sunday's S.B. from Birmingham should be heard all over the world.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.—On Sunday, August 23rd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. H. Blackmore 1, J. P. Hyett 2, J. Preston (Birmingham) 3, W. Pophall 4, H. Minifie (first 504) 5, E. Parker (conductor) 6, Wm. Pitman 7, A. E. Jones (Clifford) 8. Specially arranged for J. P. Hyett, hon. secretary, Clifford District, Hereford Diocesan Guild. Also a plain course of Stedman Triples.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 2nd, before evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hitchman 1, H. Palmer 2, R. G. Rice (conductor) 3, W. Hitchman 4, C. G. Rice 5, H. C. Mulford 6.

## THE SNOWDON COMMEMORATION.

### YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION'S DINNER AT LEEDS.

Leeds, the home for many years of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, was on Saturday the venue of the fourth commemorative gathering, organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of their founder and other past officers. In a deluge of rain, members from many parts of the county of broad acres gathered during the afternoon at the fine old parish church, associated with the ringing exploits of some famous men of past generations—a tower with which, also, Jasper Snowdon was actively identified. Ringing took place on ten and twelve bells, and then the company assembled at the Victory Hotel, Briggate, where dinner was served. The Rev. C. C. Marshall, M.A., president of the association, was in the chair, and was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Rev. B. O. F. Heywood (Vicar of Leeds, and a cousin of the late Sir Arthur Heywood); Lieut.-Col. E. Kitson Clark (churchwarden of Leeds Parish Church); Rev. Canon Solloway, Vicar of Selby; Rev. R. H. Harvey, Rector of Barwick; Mr. T. Maude, Mr. J. R. Taylor (vice-president of the Lanes Association) and Mr. W. Taylor (Penwortham), Mr. G. B. Bolland (vice-president of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master, St. Martin's, Guild), Mrs. Walker, Mr. J. Cotterell (hon. treasurer), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary, Yorks Association) and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. J. F. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Mr. S. R. Roper (Croydon), etc.

After the repast, the toast of 'The King' was honoured.

The Chairman, in calling upon Col. Kitson Clark to propose the 'Church and State,' said they would have liked to take the opportunity that night to tell the Vicar and churchwarden of Leeds what they thought of their bells, but would refrain (laughter).

Col. Kitson Clark said he was sorry they could not say what they wanted to say about the bells, because it would debar him from a great opportunity of saying what he thought of the Vicar in his presence (laughter). He had, therefore, withdrawn that part of his speech, but would endeavour to put it before him after the collection in church on the morrow (laughter). In an interesting speech, Col. Kitson Clark referred to the association of Church and State in past centuries, and the importance of maintaining that association in the future. Referring to ringing, he said it was a national art, and he congratulated them upon maintaining it. He hoped they would long continue to give their attention to it for the pleasure of the English nation.

### SUGGESTED RESTORATION OF LEEDS BELLS.

The Vicar of Leeds responded to the toast. In these days, he said, when everybody was more or less disturbed at the condition of the State and the condition of the Church, it behoved everyone who was a member of the Church to do all that was possible to give universal currency to that Christian spirit which alone in the last resort would lead them to a happy solution of their difficulties and troubles. Proceeding, the speaker said their President had missed the opportunity of his life that night in not letting them know what was wrong with the bells of Leeds Parish Church. Col. Kitson Clark and himself had heard dark rumours that all was not well with the bells, but if Mr. Marshall did not tell them what was the matter they could not take action (laughter). He had heard that the bells wanted rehanging. (A voice: 'They want boiling, too,' and laughter.) 'We shall get it out, somehow,' said the Vicar, amid renewed laughter. If they wanted anything done, he added, they must see what arrangements could be made. Perhaps when they had some big scheme on—they could not long delay the pointing of the church tower—the bells might be included in it (applause), and they could appeal to the whole of Leeds for subscriptions (applause). His hands were too full, continued the Vicar, to take any active part in bell ringing, but he hoped the ringers would not think on that account that he was indifferent or uninterested in the ringing of the bells. He always listened to the bells to find out, first of all, whether all the ringers were there (laughter). If he happened to hear only six bells, he felt as if he had two teeth missing (laughter). He also listened to see if they were at their best. He hoped these words would be taken as an expression of his interest and of his goodwill to a body of servants of the Church, whose office was sometimes less recognised than it might be (applause).

The Chairman, who said he had received a message of good wishes from Mrs. Snowdon, and telegrams of regret from Mr. J. Rowbotham and Mr. F. E. Dave, said he would take the opportunity, which he evidently ought to have taken before, of telling the authorities of Leeds Parish Church that their bells wanted rehanging very badly. They were at present, he thought it would be found when they came to repaint the tower, a real menace to the fabric, and they needed very badly a new frame and new fittings throughout.

The Vicar: How much will it cost?

The Chairman: That I am not prepared to say (laughter).

The Chairman, in introducing Alderman Pritchett, who was entrusted with the toast of the evening, said they were honoured in having with them the Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, and his presence gave them the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. He was a busy man, and his coming there to propose the chief toast that evening was a very great act of kindness (applause), but it was only in accordance with his desire to help forward the Exercise in which they were engaged. Alderman Pritchett was well known amongst ringers, and last year he celebrated his fiftieth year as a member of the College Youths. He desired to thank Alderman Pritchett for his presence (applause).

### REMINISCENCES OF JASPER SNOWDON.

Alderman Pritchett, who was cordially greeted, said it was through the kindness, pertinacity and good-humoured impertinence of their secretary, Mr. Johnson, that he was privileged to be present at that great gathering of Yorkshire ringers and to propose the toast of the memory of Jasper Snowdon. It is, he said, fifty years since I made the acquaintance of Jasper Snowdon. I recollect the first occasion very well indeed. It was in the belfry of King's Norton Church—my native place—where Mr. Snowdon was about to start for a peal, and a very hot, sweltering day it was. First of all he took off his coat; then he took off his waistcoat; and then he took off his boots, and I remember now how I wondered at the extraordinary size of those boots (laughter). I have reason to believe it was due to Mr. Snowdon's devotion to walking exercise. He then proceeded to take off his collar and necktie, leaving, as I thought, only two garments, and I was beginning to wonder what further he was going to discard (laughter), but he luckily stopped after unbuttoning his shirt and displaying the chest of a brawny athlete. Fortunately they got the peal. I took the opportunity to cultivate his acquaintance, and it ended in my inviting him to Oxford to visit me at Balliol College, where I was then a student, in the October term. He came and stayed a week with me, and a memorable week it was. In those days there were no motor buses, and unless you could afford to hire a dog-cart you had to walk. We decided to visit Woodstock one evening, and we had to walk. It was eight miles, and he said we had to do a mile every 13 minutes, and so we did. Every time we passed a mile post he looked at his watch, and it was a very hot, perspiring and fatigued young man who arrived with him at Woodstock. That was my first experience of his walking. At that time there was great ringing going on at Appleton, where the Rev. F. E. Robinson was curate in those days, and there was a very good band, including some of the Whites, who still ring there. We went one night to ring at Appleton. Jasper, when we ought to have been leaving, insisted on ringing another touch. I had got him rooms in the College, and we had to be in by eleven o'clock. But he would ring another touch, and it was not until quarter past nine that we made a start to walk the eight miles. He knew and I knew that I should have to pay a fine of half a crown each to the porter for letting us in after eleven o'clock. Well, we got there before eleven (laughter). After walking about with him in Oxford and its neighbourhood all that week the result was I became thinner all round (laughter). Jasper Snowdon was a many-sided man. One evening I gave what was called a 'wine' in his honour. It is a senseless sort of revelry, to which the students were much addicted at that time. Jasper was the soul of the party. He sang comic songs, told humorous tales, and generally distinguished himself as a most brilliant guest. His stay with me that week is a great memory. He was about ten years older than I was, and I looked upon him, as I know he was, as a great man. I called him Mr. Snowdon at first, and it was only after three days that I ventured to call him Jasper, and that is a privilege I think I earned, and which, standing here fifty years afterwards, I greatly appreciate. Jasper Snowdon was, fifty years ago this year, the founder of the Yorkshire Association of ringers, and what a splendid founder he was! He was one of the first founders of a great ringing association. He was somewhat advanced in his comparatively short life before he took up ringing in earnest, and he was 28 years of age when he rang his first peal. In the course of thirteen short years from that date he established a reputation which has grown steadily as the years have passed by, and has placed him on a pinnacle of greatness in the Exercise excelled by none, not even by my own illustrious fellow citizen, Mr. Henry Johnson. He placed the art of change ringing on a sure and satisfactory basis; he defined and made clear the principles upon which the art is founded, and to him more than to anyone else is due the wonderful development of scientific change ringing in every part of this country. He was a great writer, a great teacher and a great exponent of the art; he was a most lovable man, a friend to all who would make friends with him, and there was no one who met him who could fail to appreciate him. He was a truly great man (applause). I have been asked to couple with this toast past officers of the association. In this I feel at a loss, because I do not know what particular past officers are intended to be included, but I imagine first and foremost after Jasper Snowdon is his brother, Mr. William Snowdon, who for so many years continued to carry on the good work which Jasper had so splendidly initiated (hear, hear). He was your president for 25 years. By his indefatigable efforts to spread the literature of his brother throughout the Exercise he greatly furthered its development and success



(applause). Other names I ought to mention and dwell upon, but you will find them in the records of the Yorkshire Association. No doubt there are many past officers of this association whom individuals to-night, looking back, will remember with affection, respect and esteem, and their memory I include with the memory of the late Jasper Snowdon.

The toast was drunk in silence.

#### KINDRED SOCIETIES' DEBT TO SNOWDON.

Mr. A. M. C. Field submitted the toast of 'Kindred Societies.' Among those represented that night were, he said, the Midland Counties Association, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, the Winchester Guild, the Lancashire Association, the Worcestershire Association and the Surrey Association. These societies had all sent representatives whom they delighted to welcome. Their President had already welcomed Alderman Fritchett, their chief guest, and he (the speaker) would also like to mention Mr. Albert Walker, the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, and congratulate him upon having rung 200 peals of Stedman Cinques (applause). He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith.

Mr. Walker, who first responded, said Mr. Field really knew more than he did, because he (the speaker) did not know whether he had rung 200 peals of Stedman Cinques or not. Someone had told him he had, but he had not counted them up himself. If he had done so it was merely a matter of circumstances. He had been a member of St. Martin's Company for about 26 years, and he did not think it was such a tremendous feat to ring 200 peals of Cinques in that time. Others would have done it if they had had the same opportunity and the same excellent company that he was pleased to represent that night with his Presiding Ringing Master (applause). It was a great privilege to attend those annual dinners in honour of old ringers who had passed from them, but who laid the foundations upon which they stood to-day. He found that it was 40 years since Jasper Snowdon died, and he had, by a coincidence, been handed a record of a peal rung at Stepney, London, on November 25th, 1885. It was a peal of Stedman Caters, and among the ringers there were some honoured names. The peal was rung by James Pettit, Edgar Clark, William D. Smith, Edward Horrex, John Rowbotham, J. Martin Routh, Francis E. Dawe, Arthur P. Heywood, John Murray Hayes and William H. George, and a footnote recorded that the bells were rung double muffled in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon. It would interest the Vicar of Leeds to know that it was Sir Arthur Heywood's first peal of Stedman Caters. Proceeding, Mr. Walker congratulated the Yorkshire Association on having attained its jubilee, and went on to say that these dinners seemed to serve a useful purpose. They held one at Sheffield, and the bells at the Cathedral were rehung. Last year they held the dinner at York, with the Dean of York in the chair, and they so impressed him with the soup that was poured down his back (laughter) that York Minster bells were being recast and rehung. They had not poured any soup down the back of the Vicar of Leeds that night, but they hoped that they would have the pleasure of hearing next year that the bells of Leeds Parish Church had been 'soled and holed,' or, better still, were now entirely (applause). If they wanted good ringing they must have bells that 'go' well and do not require steam or gas engines to drive them (laughter and applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith also replied, and thanked the Yorkshire Association for the hospitality extended to representatives of kindred societies. He remarked that much of the success in ringing which was attained by these associations was due to the work of Jasper Snowdon, for, without his text books, the dissemination of ringing knowledge would have been a much slower process than it had been, and it was, perhaps, not too much to say that, but for his labours, the change ringers of England might not have numbered more than twenty per cent. of their present total. The kindred societies, therefore, owed far more than many people realised, to the first President of the Yorkshire Association, whose work would still stand and be recognised as the basis of sound ringing knowledge when much of the output of more recent experts was forgotten (applause).

#### SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH AND NATION.

Rev. Dr. Solloway proposed 'Continued prosperity of the Yorkshire Association.' There had, he said, been a great deal of prosperity during the last fifty years, and they all hoped the work would go on just as well in the future as in the days gone by. The work of change ringing was a very important work in connection with the Church, and he would like to emphasise that ringers were integral members of the Church. They were doing a work not only in connection with the Church, but they also had a work to do in the national life. These were days of all kinds of unrest and of stress, and the people of the country needed brightening up. Those engaged in the work of change ringing, like the Yorkshire Association, were taking a very important part in this work in brightening their civic and national life. They must not imagine they were only the servants of the Church, they were the servants of the nation also, and he hoped that in the days to come the work of those associations would be exceedingly prosperous (applause).

The Chairman briefly responded. He said it would be the aim and

privilege of them all to try to uphold the heritage which had been handed down to them in that association, to uphold the art of ringing as an art in itself, which they themselves valued as a distinct part of church life, and also as a distinct part of the national life. He could assure their guests that night that they had done the association a great service in coming there and giving them those words of encouragement and so helping them along the way (applause).

The Chairman later welcomed their oldest Vice-President, Mr. George Bolland, and assured him of the great pleasure it gave them all to see him among them after his long illness. He hoped he would have health to be long still among them to cheer them by his company (applause).

Mr. Bolland, who was warmly applauded, suitably responded, and thanked the ringers for the sympathy extended to him in his illness.

This concluded the speechmaking.

A very enjoyable musical programme was carried out, in which some capital songs and duets were sung by Mr. Montem Smith and Mr. John Hickes, while humorous contributions were given by Mr. John Davidson. They delighted the company with their singing, and several encores were demanded. The handbell ringing included an excellent course of Stedman Cinques by members of the association from Sheffield.

#### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS.**—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 20th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 50 mins.: F. White 1, W. Lafter 2, W. Collision 3, Miss D. E. Orlebar 4, Mus. V. A. Jarrett, R.E., 5, A. R. Miles (Mayfield) 6, H. Markwell 7, S. H. Green 8. \* First in the method.

**RISHTON, LANCs.**—On Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Ayres 1, R. Hall (first 720) 2, F. Read 3, J. Hirst 4, B. Crabtree 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6.

**STOKE POGES, Bucks.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for harvest festival, morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Shuker 1, H. C. Albrow 2, T. G. Hawkins 3, W. L. Gutteridge 4, W. J. Bateman 5, A. D. Barker 6.—For afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. J. Bateman 1, E. C. Hartley 2, H. C. Albrow 3, T. G. Hawkins 4, W. L. Gutteridge 5, A. D. Barker 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor (spiced): J. Shuker 1, H. C. Albrow 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, T. G. Hawkins 4, W. L. Gutteridge 5, A. D. Barker 6.

**OLD LEAKE, Lincs.**—At St. Mary's Church, for morning Mass, on Sunday, Sept. 20th, 528 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Baker 1, P. Lakin 2, J. W. Lakin, senr., 3, G. Starke 4, G. W. Houghton 5, A. H. Palmer (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 Kent Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: Miss Elsie Lakin 1, P. Lakin 2, J. W. Lakin 3, G. W. Houghton 4, G. Starke 5, A. H. Palmer (conductor) 6. The above touches were rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Lincoln.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, for harvest festival, evening service, on Sept. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: Mrs. C. Knowles (Tiverton) 1, S. Dawe 2, F. Smith 3, G. Large 4, J. Davies 5, W. Richards 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Coombes 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10. Also a course of Stedman Caters.

**BUXTON, NORFOLK.**—At the Parish Church, after the evening harvest thanksgiving service, on Sunday, Sept. 20th, 720 Bob Minor: P. N. Barton 1, H. Barton 2, E. Howes 3, E. J. Barton 4, A. D. Rump 5, W. C. Duffield (conductor) 6. First 720 by the ringers of the treble and 4th, and first 720 on the bells by a local band. Rung at the second attempt, after finishing with two 'shifted' before the service.

**BRIDSTOW, Herefordshire.**—On Sunday, Sept. 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Bevan 1, R. E. Summers 2, A. T. Panton 3, J. Blake 4, W. T. Poston 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6, A. J. Llewellyn 7, R. Summers 8.

**EASTBOURNE.**—On Sunday, August 2nd, for morning service, at St. Saviour's Church, 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. J. Salter; for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by D. J. Nicholls.—On Sunday, August 9th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples, conducted by D. J. Nicholls; for evening service, 480 Stedman Triples; and for practice, August 8th, 495 Stedman Triples, conducted by T. J. Salter. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung at All Saints' and St. Mary's, conducted by B. Hobbs, A. Pankhurst and E. Gower. The following ringers also took part: G. W. Stokes, A. Matthews, A. Gower, E. Bray, W. D. Smith, G. Howse, T. Lewis, F. Waymark, F. Dallaway, R. J. Dawe (Lewes) C. D. Nicholls (Kettering), E. Turner and J. Honnisset, senr., J. Honnisset, junr. (London).

**PRESSINGFIELD.**—On Sunday, for evening service, several touches of Bob Major were rung, and after service, 1,008 Bob Major: Wm. Riches 1, A. Riches 2, F. Barber 3, R. Rayner 4, R. Riches 5, J. Riches 6, Wal. Riches 7, W. Staggall (conductor) 8.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE OLD NORWICH CONTROVERSY.—ATTACK AND COUNTER-ATTACK.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Thomas Melchior did publish his peal, as we have seen, and straightway the Coslany men set about preparing their counterblast. First, they sent Thomas Crane and a companion to get the figures of the composition. You will remember that Melchior, in the first flush of success, offered to let 'any of the curious' see the peal free, but he was probably suspicious (not without reason) of these two gentlemen, and refused to let them have it. They were not to be put off with a mere refusal, and sat up all night with him, till from sheer weariness he sold it for half a crown a man. But you may judge of their chagrin when they found that they had been tricked after all. What they had bought was not the Mancroft peal, but an earlier attempt of Melchior's with '14 Doubles and 21 alterations.'

The old English custom, when a man wanted to convince the public that he was really speaking the truth, was to offer to back his words with a wager or to take an oath on the matter.

Then, as now, men said the thing that was not, in varying degree from slight exaggeration to downright lying, and, provided that something was to be gained, it was no great matter. But when you laid a wager you stood to lose your money, and when you took an oath you were in effect staking your welfare in the next world. Originally to take an oath was a religious exercise, but it was found that there are plenty of men who, like Macbeth, for some advantage, 'here, upon this bank and shoal of time,' are quite prepared 'to jump the life to come' and temporal penalties were added to the spiritual, so that to break an oath, formally taken, became a crime as well as a sin. And so, since there was no stronger way of saying that the Mancroft peal was not a true peal, Thomas Crane went before a justice and swore that four thousand eight hundred and sixty changes were rung, and not five thousand and forty, and that the time was three hours and a half, and not three hours and forty minutes. The Mancroft men were quite equally prepared to swear the peal was true, and John Webster, their referee, also went to take an oath.

But the two cases were not quite alike. Honest Tom could take his oath with a clear conscience, for he, good simple soul, had counted the strokes of the tenor, and did not see why he should have made a mistake. Webster was quite prepared to swear that the peal was fairly and truly rung, but that did not satisfy the opposition. They wanted him to swear to the exact literal truth of the advertisement of October 31st, that there was 'never a bell out of course, nor changes alike.' Naturally he hesitated. There have been very few peals rung of which this is quite literally true. One little trip in the slow; one missed dodge; even one badly struck blow is enough to upset it. Of which of the peals of Stedman Triples you have rung would you care to say that it contained absolutely the 5,040 rows, neither more nor less? Not the last one nor the one before that! The Coslany men, in their eagerness to discredit the Mancroft peal, were asking too much. They forgot that when they rang their own peal it could be subjected to a similar test.

Then they asked Webster, 'How is it that you swear that the peal was rung by eight men, when you yourself had to help the sixth?' This was rather a poser, and Webster got out of it in a way which was more ingenious than convincing. 'Oh,' he said, 'we did not count the tenor man.'

Having made their oaths the Coslany men next inserted in the 'Gazette' of November 6th, 1731, a formal statement repeating the charge that the peal was not properly or completely rung. It was signed by Thomas Crane. I have no copy of this letter, but a fortnight later it brought forth the following reply from Melchior:—

'WHEREAS Thomas Crane did assert on Saturday before last, that that Master of Art (as he pleased to call me) rung 4,860 changes, and no more, on Monday, the 28th of October last, I will acquaint the World with his accurate Proceedings.

First he placed himself in a Public House where People were often coming in and going out: by and by in a yard, and oftentimes walking backwards and forwards telling the strokes of the Tenor: which is the method he took to prove the truth of our Performance as he himself confessed before the justice. Now I appeal to the World whether or no this Man could be a proper judge of it? He also asserted that we rung but 3 hours and a half, and likewise that we rung 180 changes too short; notwithstanding we rung 3 hours and 40 minutes, not only by Mr. William Riches's watch, but by many others in St. Peter's of Mancroft in Norwich; and that the peal contained 5,040 changes John Webster (whom they supposed to be the prompter) will firmly assert. And for the satisfaction of the Publick, I, Thomas Melchior, who composed that most intricate peal of Stedman's Triples with two Doubles and no Alteration, and the rest of the company who compleatly rung it in the aforesaid Time, do offer a

Wager, Two to one, as far as Ten Guineas go, that Edward Crane's Peal (if it be the same they oftentimes endeavoured to ring at St. Michael's of Coslany) is not proper Stedman Triples. Proof as before, which we will prove before any reasonable Judge; but to challenge them to ring is beneath us; for we know that if we perform our parts to Truth we may be sworn out of it. Therefore, we leave them as false malicious Brethren, not thinking it worth our while to answer their base, scurrilous, and scandalous calumnies for the Future.

We take leave to tell the Aylesham Ringers that we do not believe that they rung 5,040 changes at once pulling down any more than they believe that we have pricked or rung Stedman's Triples; but for their further satisfaction on the 28th of December, 1719, we rung 5,040 Triple Changes (two Doubles excepted) in 3 hours and 6 minutes, at St. Peter's of Mancroft: Thomas Barrett rung the 6th; Thomas Melchior the 7th; John Webster the tenor; the other bells my Domestic Adversaries rung, who, tho' now at Variance with me, yet I hope they have so much Honesty left as to justify me in what I here assert.

—THOMAS MELCHIOR.

What the Aylsham men had done to be brought into the controversy I do not know. They may have taken sides in the matter, and incidentally made claims of their own. There seems to be no record left of their peal which would be Grandsire Triples, but a further search through the Norwich papers might throw some light on it. Aylsham bells were made eight in 1700. It has always been a rather notable place for change ringing. It is about eleven miles from Norwich, and ringing intercourse between the two places was regular. You will notice with amusement the assumption of superiority of the town ringers over the country men. Melchior has no proof that the Aylsham men did not ring their peal. He simply does not believe them. The great men of the Norwich Scholars and the College Youths had great difficulty in believing that insignificant men in country villages could ring as well as they could.

Melchior's reply to the Coslany men's criticisms was quite effective. He was quite justified in treating Thomas Crane's evidence as worthless and contemptible, and on the plan that attack is the best form of defence, he carries the war into the enemies' country. He is prepared to assert that their peal is not 'proper' Stedman's Triples; and offers to back his assertion with a wager. This was quite the regular thing to do. About this time another eminent Norfolk man, being contradicted about a quotation from the classics he made in the House of Commons, at once offered to back his opinion. His bet was taken, the Speaker appealed to, and the money paid there and then across the floor of the House. Sir Robert Walpole and Thomas Melchior agreed in this at least that the best way to show you mean what you say is to offer to back your assertion with a wager.

Up till now Thomas Crane had stood forward as the spokesman of the Coslany party, but you may be sure that he was but the figure head. The real leader and instigator of every move in the game was his brother Edward. He was by far the cleverer of the two, the composer and conductor of the band. He would never have undertaken such a task as trying to count the changes of a peal, nor would it have been consistent with his dignity to go and try and cajole Melchior out of his figures. Honest Tom was the one to do the odd jobs and fetch and carry, but now, when it comes to a question as to what is or is not 'proper' Stedman Triples, Edward comes forward in his own name, and having first confirmed all that his brother had said, he plunges into the mysteries of Stedman composition. By the way, I find I did Thomas Crane an injustice. I said a week or two ago that he never rang a peal. He did ring in one, as we shall presently see.

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Legh, Esq., of Lyme Park. It bears the words: 'God save this church.' Recast 1925.

Ringers' bell (new): 'In memory of Pte. Herbert Williamson, Loyal North Lancs Regt., who died December 15th, 1918, aged 33 years, for many years a ringer at this church.' On reverse: 'The Ringers' Bell, 1925.'

Congregational bell (new): 'A thankoffering from the congregation, 1925; Te Deum Laudamus.'

The tenor and clock bell is inscribed: 'Nisi Dominus frustra' ('Unless the Lord be with you your labour is in vain.') It gives the names of the clergy and churchwardens: Arthur James Humphrey, B.A., B.D., Vicar; Edward Donovan Reeman, B.A., curate; J. W. Feruley and John T. Coles, wardens.

The bells are by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and all bear their foundry mark. The tenor is 14½ cwt.

On the following day a united service was held, when the sermon was preached by the Rev. T. Hodgson Thomas, of the Congregational Church. The offertories during the day amounted to £27 15s. 9d., so that as a result of the 'welcome' to the bells, the fund has received a very useful augmentation.

## NORBURY WELCOMES ITS NEW BELLS.

## A STREET PROCESSION.

An interesting and almost unique ceremony took place at Norbury, Hazel Grove, Cheshire, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, when the new peal of eight bells was given a 'welcome home' by the parishioners. Mounted on decorated lorries the bells were drawn in procession through the streets, and the collection taken on the route and by the sale of flags amounted to £94. As already mentioned in our columns, the bells replace a peal of six, which formerly hung in Norbury tower, and their provision forms part of a great restoration scheme which is being carried out. The two oldest bells in the former peal have been preserved in the porch as interesting relics, the four others have been recast, and there are four new bells, one given by the congregation, one by the ringers, one by the Freemasons, and the other provided out of the bell fund. In addition, the Nonconformists of the parish have defrayed the cost of recasting the treble.

The bells were paraded through the streets on six lorries, and the procession included, in addition to the clergy, churchwardens, choir and bell ringers, the Sunday School teachers and scholars, with a tableau, the Nonconformist ministers, representatives of the Ex-Service men and Freemasons, Girl Guides and Brownies, Boy Scouts and Cubs, and parishioners, music being supplied en route by the Hazel Grove Silver Band.

An impressive incident in the procession was seen at the Norbury War Memorial, where a halt was made to enable two boys, sons of men who fell in the war, to deposit a floral bell in memory of fallen parishioners.

## A GREAT DAY.

On the return of the procession to the church a short service was held in the open air. It was opened by the band playing the tune, 'Norbury Church,' composed by Mr. S. Penney, who conducted. The proceedings concluded with a short extempore address by the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphreys), who said: This has been a great day for us, which I think will stand out as a day unique in the annals of Hazel Grove. It is ninety years since the old bells were put in the church tower, and it may be another hundred years before the bells are seen again on the ground. Only once during the ninety years have any of the bells been out of the tower, and that was when one cracked, and had to be recast in 1877. We hope that the work put into the four old bells, and that the new bells which have been made, will stand in the church tower for many years. Only our grandchildren or their grandchildren will see a day like this again, and we want everyone to take the opportunity afforded them to-day and to-morrow of examining the bells with their inscriptions. When we hear them ringing in the church tower Sunday by Sunday, and at times during the week, they will sound with far more meaning than if we had never had such a day as to-day. We are thankful every one of us that God has given us beautiful weather to-day. It stands for us as a token of His blessing, for we believe that the Lord is the Lord of all things in heaven and earth, and we want the same Lord to be the Lord of all our lives, and when we hear the church bells summoning us to worship or marking the flight of time hour by hour, we shall remember that the sound of every bell is a call to us from on high to give our lives to the service of God day by day, week by week, and year by year, until it shall please God to call us to His rest and our bodies to their rest within the sound of the old church bells. It is a great day and a day full of meaning in every part of it, and I am so very thankful for myself that everyone in the village has been so willing to co-operate in the setting up of these bells as tokens of our unity together, and of our common discipleship of the one Lord. I am thankful that the ministers in Hazel Grove and the people have been with us in this act, and that one of the bells is inscribed as 'A gift of the Nonconformists,' and with a verse which is in itself a prayer that God will keep us all united.

## THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The treble bell is inscribed: 'The gift of the Nonconformists of Hazel Grove: "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The old inscription, dated 1750, was the simple one: "Peter Legh, Esq."'

Inspection on the old (tenor) bell, the 6th of the new ring, was: 'All people may behold and see the works of good Sir Peter Legh, 1682.' To this has now been added: 'Recast 1873, Mears and Stainbank; again recast 1925,' and it bears Taylor's mark.

Fallen soldiers' bell inscription: 'In memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914-18.' 'For God, kingdom and country.' The old inscription was: 'Peter Lee, Lord of Lime, 1748. Daniel Hedderley, Fr.'

Masonic bell: 'Dedicated by the Masons of Hazel Grove and district, 1925.' The bell bears square and compasses, and the words: 'Brotherly love and truth.'

The fifth bell (recast) was made originally, as stated in the inscription, by Thomas Mears, of London, and was dedicated by Thomas

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## NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Chigwell Row on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. 1s. 3d. each.—E. Butler, Dist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Rawtenstall on Saturday, Sept. 26th.—Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker, A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (8) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The second general quarterly meeting will be held at Melton Mowbray, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. Committee meeting in Cole's Hall (opposite church) 4 p.m. Meat tea (1/6 each) at Fox Hotel 5 p.m., followed by general meeting. It is hoped all members will endeavour to be present, as important business is to be discussed. A social evening (in tea room) can be arranged. — Ernest Morris, General Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Waldron, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by kind invitation, at 5 p.m., meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The quarterly meeting at Thirsk on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Tea will be provided at the Three Tuns Hotel. Service in the Church at 4 o'clock. Annual subscriptions now due.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Meeting, Saturday, Sept. 26th, at All Hallows, Barking, by the Tower. Ringing 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Ringing 6 to 9 p.m.—W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorchester Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at Wyke Regis. Bells (8) available at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—J. Benger, Hon. Sec., 21, North Square, Dorchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting has been arranged in London on Saturday, Sept. 26th, to revive old friendships with non-resident life members of the Guild. Bells available: St. Dunstan-in-East (8), Monument Station, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Strand (10), 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. In view of catering facilities in London, no tea has been arranged, but a room at The Edinburgh, Milford Lane, Strand, has been reserved for hand-bell ringing, etc., from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. — A. D. Barker, Branch Sec.



**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at the Rectory. A good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2 Tempsford Rd., Sandy.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Newmarket and Mildenhall District.—A meeting for practice will be held at Mildenhall on Saturday, September 26th. Bells (8) at the Parish Church will be available from 2 p.m.—P. Fordham and L. Moon, Dist. Secs.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Mitcham, SS. Peter and Paul, on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—Members are invited to attend a special service at St. James, Milnrow, on Sunday, Sept. 27th, at 3 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Elsec. A peal board in respect of a peal rung commemorating 50 years' service by two Milnrow ringers will be unveiled at this service. The annual branch party will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tickets obtainable from local secretaries (gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 6d.). Further particulars later. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Stow on Saturday, Sept. 26th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. Bells (6) available. All ringers welcome.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—The Midland District will hold an important meeting on Saturday, Sept. 26th, at St. John's, Deritend, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be available from 4 o'clock to 8 p.m. All members are asked to attend. Gentlemen invited. Tea will be at a cafe close to the church.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on October 1st, 15th and 29th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th (6 p.m. for service), \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. A. H. Messiter (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1s., at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, Sept. 29th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Usual arrangements. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 29th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Gedington.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Will intending visitors please inform me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Sandal, near Wakefield. The draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. All those desiring tea, charge 1s. 6d. each, must notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 28th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The postponed annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, when the bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 29th. Business meeting afterwards. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division. — A bye-meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Parish Room. Will all members intending to be present please let me know on or before Wednesday, Sept. 30th? — P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. 3d. per head, to those who notify Mr. W. Waddington, North Wingfield, by Wednesday, Sept. 30th.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at All Saints, Ryde, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock to those who inform either of the undersigned by Tuesday, Sept. 29th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth, and W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.O.W.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Tea Gardens, High Street. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Sept. 30th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells of St. Mary's available 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea in the Co-operative Cafe, followed by meeting in St. Mary's Schoolroom. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 29th?—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR,** October 3rd. — St. Peter's Church, bells (10) will be open for ringing from 6 to 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing from 3.15, with Heston Tower for the evening. All ringers and friends welcome. Book to Osterley Park Station (District) and a beautiful rural walk through the park.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Rectory Parish Room at 5.30 at 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending the meeting. Please notify me before Wednesday, Oct. 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells ready early. Divine service 4.30. Preacher, Rev. C. A. L. Woolley, Vicar of Cawthorne. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers are invited to visit this tower, where, over 110 years ago, a peal consisting of 21 variations of Treble Bob Minor extents (15120 changes) was rung. For tea tickets apply to Mr. A. Panther, 25, Sandy Mount Road, Wath, Rotherham.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 12th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is requested. Ringing at St. Clement Danes on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 12th, at 6.30, and the 26th at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

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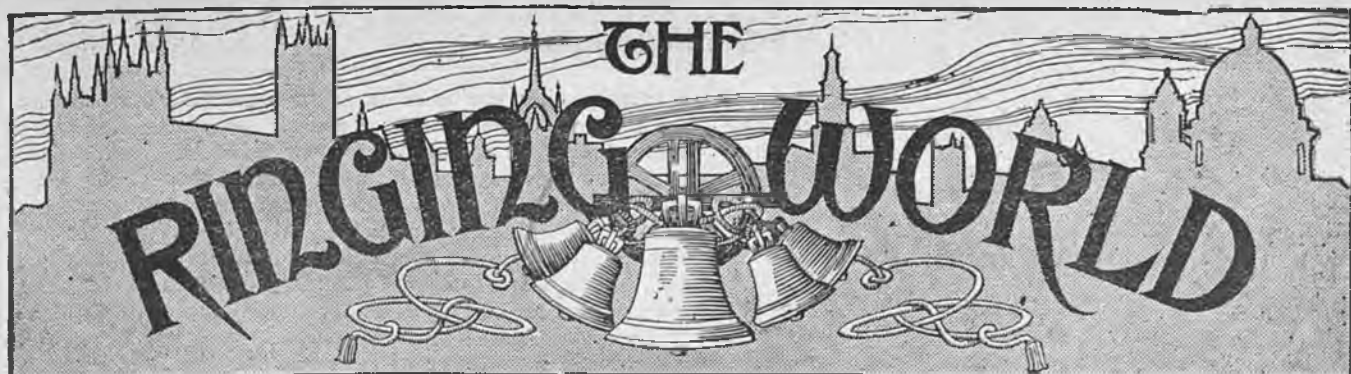
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### CENTRAL COUNCIL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

An important letter has been addressed by the Central Council to the Diocesan Conferences of England and Wales in the hope that the Advisory Committee, which exists in each diocese to assist the Chancellor in dealing with faculties for alterations, restorations and improvements in churches, may be strengthened by the addition of a member with a practical knowledge of bells and ringing. In some few instances the committee already includes someone thus qualified, but in the majority of cases the Advisory Committees are without anyone with knowledge of the subject from the ringers' point of view. The effort now being made to remedy this state of affairs is very necessary, because bell restoration and augmentation form an important part of the matters with which the committees have to deal. Cases occur from time to time where alterations in a church vitally affect the ringing arrangements, even if they do not actually concern the bells themselves, and unless the committee investigating the scheme has among its members a person with a practical knowledge of bells, there is a liability that this side of the question may be overlooked (as, indeed, it has been more than once), and serious and permanent prejudicial effects upon the future of ringing at that particular place may result. Again, the committees frequently include a member appointed for his special antiquarian knowledge and the zeal of gentlemen with this attainment has from time to time been an obstacle to bell restoration on lines which would facilitate ringing. In these instances a modifying influence in a committee is therefore very necessary, and we hope the Central Council's letter, which was resolved upon at the Chester meeting, will have the requisite effect.

It will be extremely interesting to see what the result is of this action by the Council. Doubtless in some cases, when the matter is brought to the notice of the Conferences, the necessary appointment will be made, but where the letter has no effect we hope the Council will not be content to let the matter slide. It is a question of the first importance that someone with a knowledge of bells and ringing should be on every one of the Advisory Committees, because, in the future, they will be, in effect, if not in fact, the deciding authority in all restorations of and additions to rings of bells. The Central Council must press their request wherever there is any doubt as to a suitable appointment being made, for too often matters of this kind are shelved by the gentle practice of ignoring them. Despite all that we are told of the recognition of ringers in these days, there still exists

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a considerable prejudice in some quarters, and ringers are thought to be of little account. This attitude, wherever it is to be found, is one which the Council should attack at every available opportunity, and we fancy they will find more than one such opportunity in their present endeavour. Having embarked on this very necessary campaign, they must follow it to a successful conclusion, and, through the various channels open to them, they must make those responsible for appointing these committees understand that the claim to the representation of practical knowledge of bells and ringing is important, and not to be ignored, or turned down without adequate reason.

### TEN BELL PEALS.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, September 23, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *FREDERICK SPRINGHAM ... Treble | THOMAS JORDAN ... .. 6     |
| FREDERICK BIRD ... .. 2         | T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7   |
| WALTER PRIOR ... .. 3           | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 8    |
| WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... .. 4       | HENRY DEW ... .. 9         |
| THOMAS J. WATTS ... .. 5        | GEORGE JORDON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

\* First attempt for a peal. Ringers of 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor hail from Stansted; 7th and 8th from Cambridge; treble, 2nd, 4th and 9th from Bishop's Stortford.

### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes*

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5220 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR PAYNE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. BASRILL ... .. 6  |
| CHARLES MEE ... .. 2       | JOHN FORMAN ... .. 7         |
| WILLIAM SHUCKFORD ... 3    | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 8      |
| JOSEPH ROWELL ... .. 4     | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 9   |
| WILLIAM STORY ... .. 5     | ERNEST E. FERRY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th 20 courses wrong and right in the Titlams, and 20 courses right in the back stroke home position. It is made up with short and long courses with regular and irregular course ends. Mr. C. Mee, for whom this peal was arranged, hails from Ipswich. Rung after meeting short for Cinques.

### EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *GUYDO DICKINSON ... Treble | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 5    |
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| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3   | †L. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7 |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4   | JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal on eight bells, and first attempt. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal of Triples in the method.

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On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| EDWARD E. ROBBINS ... .. Treble | JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2        | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 6 |
| CHARLES MASON ... .. 3          | J. EDWARD CAUSER ... .. 7  |
| BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 4        | JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.  
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

|                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| WILFRED BOOTH ... .. Treble | ALBERT HOBDEN ... .. 5          |
| HAROLD S. HOBDEN ... .. 2   | FRED. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... .. 6 |
| PHILIP S. THOMPSON ... .. 3 | JAMES A. HART ... .. 7          |
| *GEORGE DANN ... .. 4       | *RUFUS ALLEN ... .. Tenor       |

Conducted by H. S. HOBDEN.

\* First peal of Triples. First peal as conductor, and first attempt.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                   |                            |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. Treble | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 5 |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2           | JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 6  |
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 3         | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 7  |
| THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 4        | TITUS BARLOW ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble | JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 5      |
| ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 2   | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6    |
| *LEWIS WISEMAN ... .. 3    | WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 7     |
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Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Quickest peal on the bells. \* First peal in the method. F. Claydon has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Sadler, of Great Tey, who attained the age of 73 years on the 18th and 22nd September respectively.

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At the (R.C.) CATHEDRAL OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble | ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. 5  |
| *LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2  | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6        |
| SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 3         | JOHN NEAL ... .. 7           |
| GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 4   | GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by THOMAS DAY. Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. George E. Large on his 20th birthday, it being his first peal as conductor on eight bells, and first attempt. Mr. George F. Swann has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

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On Tuesday, September 22, 1925, 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.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. Treble | GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 5     |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | HARRY KILBY ... .. 6         |
| *CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 3    | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 7 |
| *STEPHEN HOARE ... .. 4        | GEORGE HUGHES ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

\* First peal in the method. † 50th peal in the tower.

MORTLAKE, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, September 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM C. STACEY ... .. Treble | RALPH MACKRILL ... .. 5       |
| HARRY BARRETT ... .. 2          | CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... .. 6   |
| ERNEST H. COOK ... .. 3         | FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM H. WOOD ... .. 4        | JOHN J. WILLMOTT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

PENISTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ARTHUR FIRTH ... .. Treble | ARTHUR GILL ... .. 5          |
| WILLIAM A. WOOLER ... .. 2 | J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE HILL ... .. 3       | WILLIAM HENRY TURTON ... .. 7 |
| ARTHUR PANTHER ... .. 4    | CHARLES SEVERN ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON. Conducted by GEORGE HILL.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. Treble | EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 2       | WILLIAM PYE ... .. 6       |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3      | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 7 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 4     | WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Helen.

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                   |                                     |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Treble | HERBERT HOLDEN ... .. 5             |
| JOHN BURLS ... .. 2               | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. 6              |
| CHARLES WINSEN ... .. 3           | FRANK BELSEY ... .. 7               |
| THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 4          | C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. Treble | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2     | BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 6   |
| JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 3         | J. EDWARD CAUSER ... .. 7  |
| JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 4       | JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

## PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

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

Tenor 25½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Treble | FRED HARWOOD ... .. 5         |
| *HERBERT BLACKLEDGE ... 2  | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 6     |
| WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 3  | E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 4 | JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

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## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN PARKER ... .. Treble  | GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... .. 5  |
| JOHN BRASSINGTON ... .. 2  | ARTHUR ALLMAN ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE ADDISON ... .. 3    | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7     |
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On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5006 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... .. Treble | WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5  |
| CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... .. 2    | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6      |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 3          | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. 7    |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 4      | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. C. H. Dobbie and the conductor, on the anniversary of their respective weddings.

## SHILDON, DURHAM.

## THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| †THOS. ROBINSON ... .. Treble | †JOHN J. BECK ... .. 5         |
| SAM BRYANT ... .. 2           | ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 6         |
| *JAMES T. TITT ... .. 3       | WILLIAM BROADLEY ... .. 7      |
| †ROBT. H. JOHNSON ... .. 4    | ROBT. B. ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

\* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in method. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. H. B. Watts on the 8th anniversary of his coming to Shildon as Vicar. Also as a wedding peal for George Hutchinson, one of the local ringers.

## LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

8 On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *ARTHUR C. CORBYN ... .. Treble | EDWIN R. GOATE ... .. 5         |
| CHARLES BAILEY ... .. 2         | JAMES SPALDING ... .. 6         |
| ROBERT A. WARMAN ... .. 3       | CHARLES F. SAYER ... .. 7       |
| *CHARLES S. SPURGEON ... 4      | FREDERICK A. FINCH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FREDK. A. FINCH.

\* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The ringer of the 5th has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

## TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 5          |
| GEORGE TEMPLE ... .. 2       | SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 6        |
| E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 3      | THOMAS F. KING ... .. 7          |
| HENRY PRING ... .. 4         | WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

## PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours & Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. Treble | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 5        |
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2     | WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 6        |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 3      | JAMES PARKER ... .. 7           |
| JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4           | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 5     |
| *STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2    | WILLIAM BURGESS ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3   | DAVID H. ELLIOTT ... .. 7    |
| FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 4       | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal in the method, also on the bells.

## WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES RAMPLEY ... .. Treble  | GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... .. 5   |
| GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 2       | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6   |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3   | WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7      |
| *MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 4 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal of Major.

## SALLE, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN MOYSE ... .. Treble    | FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 5    |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 6    |
| *WILLIAM J. WASEY ... .. 3  | WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 4    | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method, and first attempt. This was the 100th peal in the method by the conductor. This and the peal at Wymondham were arranged for Miss Kitty Willers.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 13th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, 1,051 Stedman Caters: A. Walker (conductor) 1, J. W. Pemberton 2, E. Sibley (Northampton) 3, G. E. Large 4, G. Walker 5, M. J. Morris 6, E. Mansell 7, G. F. Yendall 8, T. H. Reeves 9, W. T. Froggatt 10.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.  
THE NORFOLK GUILD.  
(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, September 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| LIONEL HAMMOND ... .. Treble  | THOMAS CRANE ... .. 4     |
| FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... .. 2 | ARTHUR H. TOOK ... .. 5   |
| FREDERICK PECK ... .. 3       | JAMES HOWARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of the treble ringer. The singer of the 4th bell is 74 years of age.

**BEDFORD.**

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 24, 1925, in Two Hours & Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *KENNETH BOWYER ... .. Treble | MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4 |
| MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT ... .. 2 | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 5 |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 3    | THOMAS HARPIN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal.

**FINCHLEY.**

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FREDERICK CHERITT ... .. Treble | ERNEST H. TUBB ... .. 4          |
| FREDERICK S. TUBB ... .. 2      | BERTRAM F. TUBB ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM P. BLAKE ... .. 3       | FREDERICK A. BARKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.**

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 10 lb.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| HARRY BAXTER ... .. Treble     | FRANK LEWIN ... .. 4         |
| *FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... .. 2 | †C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 5  |
| MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3      | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

† First peal in seven methods. \* 100th peal on tower bells.

**IPSWICH.**

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Single Court Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Court Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F sharp.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| BEN TILLET ... .. Treble   | *WILLIAM PRIME ... .. 4    |
| *VICTOR E. WATERS ... .. 2 | †FREDERICK BOWELL ... .. 5 |
| FREDERICK J. LONG ... .. 3 | ALFRED BOWELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK BOWELL.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal in seven methods by all the band. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung in new steel frames by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. It is 20 years since the last peal was rung on them. It is also the first on the bells by an entirely local band.

**OXENHOPE, YORKSHIRE.**

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of one extent of Bob Minor, one of Oxford Treble Bob and five of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. Treble | HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 4     |
| ARTHUR BAIRSTOW ... .. 2     | VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. 5   |
| EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 3      | JOE GREENWOOD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

First peal of Minor by all the band.

**LADIES' GUILD.**

MIDLAND DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.  
NO SUCCESSOR FOUND.

Members of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild met at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham, on Saturday, for the sole purpose of electing an honorary secretary in place of Mrs. J. E. Groves, who has held the office since 1921, and who, owing to the objection of Miss Parker, the general secretary, to a non-ringer being district secretary, felt she could not carry on any longer.

There was a fairly good attendance, and those who could not attend wrote asking Mrs. Groves to continue in office. The members present were unanimous in desiring her to continue, and Miss Pigott said it would be impossible to get anyone to do better or take more interest in the Guild. She could not understand the general secretary's attitude, as each district was allowed to select its own secretary and committee, and no rules had been broken. If the district was not flourishing it was keeping together, thanks to the secretary.

This expression of opinion reflected the views of all present, and similar sentiments were expressed in letters received from Miss Thatcher, Clerk; Miss Dodds, Miss Johnson, and others.

Mrs. Groves thanked the members for their kind appreciation, but after Miss Parker's remarks at the Reading meeting, nothing, she said, would induce her to carry on any longer.

Her resignation was, therefore, accepted with much regret.

As no one else would accept the office, the meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. Morgan, and to Mr. Neal and the other gentlemen, who had helped in the arrangements.

**WESTERN DISTRICT MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Ladies' Guild (Western District) was held at Weston-super-Mare on Sept. 19th, and was well attended, in spite of heavy rain in the earlier part of the day. Members were present from Bath, Bristol, Clapton-in-Gordano, Corston, Evercreech, Portishead and Tiverton. The bells, a light peal of eight, were going soon after 3 o'clock, touches of Grandsire and Stedman being rung. The Vicar (Preb. Porcher) conducted the Guild service, and gave a short address, after which members and friends adjourned to the Paragon Cafe, where an excellent tea was served.

A short business meeting followed, Mrs. Edwards, of Portishead, presiding.—St. Philip's, Bristol, was chosen for the next meeting, to be held early in December, and Miss A. Emm was elected a life member of the Guild.

The thanks of the meeting are due to Preb. Porcher for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. Blackmore for so kindly making all arrangements.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

NORTH-WESTERN DIVISION.

A meeting of the North-Western Division was held on Saturday, Sept. 19th, at St. Dunstan's Church, Hunsdon, Herts. Unfortunately it rained practically the whole time, so the attendance was very small. However, ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Rev. N. A. Errington. Fifteen members then sat down to tea, at which the chair was taken by the Rev. N. A. Errington.

At the business meeting, A. Wrenn was elected a member, proposed by the Hon. Barbara Gibbs, and seconded by Mr. Cook.

Very interesting discussions followed concerning the increase of lady ringers in the county, and how to assist a tower and help it to advance in the art of change ringing.

The Secretary read a letter from the Master of the Association, Mr. C. H. Howard, regretting his inability to be present.

Mr. H. Dew, on behalf of the company, thanked the Rev. N. A. Errington for the use of the bells, and for the many duties he had performed.—To this the Chairman suitably replied, saying he was always pleased to welcome members of the Essex Association. The activities by the Rev. N. A. Errington during the day were ringing with the company, conducting, holding the service, playing the organ, giving an excellent bell ringers' address, presiding at tea, and taking the chair at the business meeting.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE OLD NORWICH CONTROVERSY. PUBLIC EXCITEMENT LEADS TO FREE FIGHT.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

This is Edward Crane's letter which appeared in the 'Gazette' of December 4th, 1731:—

WHEREAS Thomas Melchior did assert in the 'News' on the 27th past that Thomas Crane did place himself in a Public House, where there were People coming in and going out, this is to tell him that Mr. Will Aburn does here justify that he was in a room of his, and that there was nobody with him all the Time of their ringing but two of his company, till he had proved the Truth of their Peal. But this is just like offering to swear that their Advertisement was true; but when Thomas Crane went and made Affidavit before one of our Magistrates that they rung but 4,860 changes, and that we put John Webster upon his Oath, he then cunningly said it was not the peal they rung, but it was the Peal upon his Paper he would swear was true. Then we asked him why they advertised but 8 men when he was fain to relieve the 6th man? He said they did not count the tenor man. Then why was he in the 'News'? We asked him how many times their 5 fore bells struck together in one part of their Peal? He owned 5 times. Then how could this Peal be rung without Bells out of Course? Mr. Melchior was pleased likewise to say that the Peal we rung in St. Michael's of Coslany is not Stedman. I am very sorry he should show his Ignorance to both City and Country. I will appeal to any Man of his Art, whether or no they ever knew the 6th and 7th Bells were turned half the one way and half the other way, as theirs do now. I must tell him that he never pricked a Peal upon 7 bells with only Two Doubles, if he had he would have known how the great Bells should have come Home at their proper places; and not have taken himself to a Peal of 5 Bells and fled to STEDMAN for assistance; because the Peal of 5 bells will work many ways, and so will Grandsire on 5 Bells as well as Stedman. Then, I pray, let any man that is a judge in this Art tell me, why Stedman on 7 bells should not work as GRANDSIRE on 7 bells, and bring their Great Bells Home at their Quarter, Half, Three-Quarter and Whole Peal's end? Likewise STEDMAN'S on 6 bells. Why they work proper and bring their Great Bells Home at their proper time? And so do other peals on 5, 6, 7 and 8. But, alas! Mr. Melchior, if you desire to keep to your credit you must go into St. Gregory's Churchyard and call up John Garthan to do the work for you. Pray be not affronted because I tell you the Truth.

## EDWARD CRANE AND HIS COMPANY.

If Thomas Melchior really meant what he said when he declared it was not worth his while to answer his opponents for the future, he speedily found that circumstances were too strong for him. The controversy blazed up fiercer than ever. The general public began to take sides; it was the sporting event of the moment, and was hotly debated in all the inns in Coslany, round Mancroft, and elsewhere in the city. His followers expected that Melchior should reply to Edward Crane's last letter. But, indeed, he was not the man to need any pressing. He could write a good letter; he had a pretty wit; and he threw himself into the fray with gusto. Whatever the other side may have thought, Melchior thoroughly enjoyed the dispute. In his last letter he had protested with dignity against the absurdity of Thomas Crane's charges. The charges had been repeated, and now he would give the other a good dressing down for his pains.

Whether Thomas Crane was speaking the truth when he said that he shut himself up in a quiet room all the time he was counting the strokes of St. Peter's tenor, or whether he was going in and out talking and being talked to, as Melchior asserted, is no great matter. I am inclined to believe Crane. Melchior, of course, could not know anything about it at first hand. Mr. Aburn, who was host of the inn where Crane was, was a friend of both sides, as a good innkeeper should be, and was quite willing to agree with each in turn. He was ready to 'testify' to Crane's version, and when Melchior called and talked the matter over, with the help of a friendly glass or two, he told him pretty much what he wanted to hear. Imagination did the rest, and Melchior sat down and wrote a lively account of Thomas Crane that must have made even that rather dull-witted gentleman squirm. It is not good to a man's vanity, after he has been posing as an authority, to be turned into a figure of fun. The date of the letter is December 11th, 1731.

WHEREAS Thomas Crane in the last Week's Paper did pretend that Mr. Aburn would justify that he was in a Room of his all the Time that we were ringing, and that there was Nobody in the Room but Two of his company: Be it known that Mr. Aburn informed us, that at their first coming they went into the yard, where they sat and heard us ring for some Time; but finding it too cold they went into the room; but he going in Some Time after, found only One Man there: Doubtless they had no dis-

course, for honest Tom was so brisk in telling the strokes of the tenor, that he could hardly spare time to bid RICE GREEN go and be—because he would stay no longer. Tom, methinks, has an excellent Memory, and ears as long as an ass, that he could not be put out of his Reckoning by any Noise the People made by going in and out. This indeed to me seems wonderful, for I have often mistook in telling Twelve Strokes of the Clock by some Interruption or other. But Tom was earnest in proving what he knew nothing of, for whenever the landlord came in to see what he wanted he clinched his fist, shut his Hard Mouth, and grinned at him: all this could not put infallible Tom out, but he went on telling the Strokes of the Tenor for Three Hours and a Half together in which time he told 4,860 Strokes, as he asserted. Methinks this infallible Man ought to be knighted for this grand Exploit. I would almost Envy his great skill in proving peals. I durst have sworn by the paper we had with us in which were set down the bobs and their distances taken from the original, that we rung 5,040 Changes and not Two Bells out of Course, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes. I think I know what I wrote; and John Webster remarkt every Bob that I called, and will take Oath that I called every Bob neither more nor less; yet honest Tom, by his unerring Rule of telling the strokes of the tenor, has sworn that we wanted Nine Score Changes. Likewise this Honest Man told John Webster that he never spoke that Word in his Life, but he would swear to the Truth of it. Let this be allowed him. But alas! I am sorry for poor Ned Crane, finding him void of all knowledge of Stedman's Triples. If the peal we pricked and rung be not proper Stedman's Triples, why does he not accept the Wager Two to One proffered in our last? I tell you, Ned, I am of Opinion that you would rather have made your Peal without Alteration than with had you known how. You have owned that I was the first Man that ever turned the Sixth and Seventh; but let me tell you they are All turned as well as those, Else they would not be every Bell a Course alike, which takes away all Pretension of keeping your bells as in Grandsire. If your Peal had been without alteration, we would have owned it, but as it is it must be called Ned Crane's Triples, and not Stedman's. I tell that Wise Gentleman, who was your prompter before you found that nice way of nailing your Paper against the wall to call your bobs by (though to no effect), that if John Garthan had been alive he would have laughed at your Ignorance for assigning Hunts to Stedman's Triples, whereas Stedman says every bell has a Course alike.

## THOMAS MELCHIOR, by Consent of his Company.

The centre of interest now shifts to the other tower. The Mancroft peal had been rung; everything had been said about it that could be said, whether for or against: and all the while the Coslany men were trying to ring their peal. Eleven times they started for it, and eleven times, from one cause or another, it came to grief. Edward Crane was not altogether happy in his calling. Melchior charged him with having a prompter to help him, but we need not pay very much attention to that. Both bands had an extra man in the tower during their peal attempts, to act as referee, to check the bobs and vauch for the peal when rung. And both these men were strong partisans. Each was as anxious that the peal should be rung as any of the actual ringers, and no doubt would have been quite willing to have lent a helping hand, either to a bad-going bell, as John Webster did, or to supply a bob that the conductor missed. It did not seem to have occurred to either Melchior or Crane that this was not quite the best sort of referee. They ought to have invited a man from the opposite hand to be present, or got an entirely impartial umpire. But, doubtless, party feeling ran too high for the first, and the second was not available.

A more serious charge that Melchior made against Crane was that he called his bobs from a paper nailed up in the tower. That is the sort of thing some second-rate conductors have all along been tempted to do. Indeed, some years ago there were rumours of its being done in certain places, and the Central Council passed a resolution condemning the practice. It is certainly not a sportsmanlike thing to do, but I think the main thing against it is that it is not very effective. A man who has not got his peal in his head is not likely to be kept from making mistakes by a piece of paper which as likely as not he can but imperfectly see.

The time when the Coslany men intended to start for their peal was extensively advertised, and beforehand some of the livelier members of the Mancroft party paid the town crier to go round the city reciting a satirical verse which they had got the ingenious Mr. William Scott to compose for the 'occasion.' The bellman used to be one of the public institutions of Norwich. At a time when printing was rarer, and reading not a universal accomplishment, the town crier was the usual means of making things generally known. I do not know if he still exists. He did when I was a boy, though much fallen from his former high estate.

When the peal was actually begun, several hundred people gathered round the church to listen. Some would be mere citizens, but the ex-



cited partisans of both bands mustered in force. Debate and feeling were running high, and it would not have been an English crowd in the eighteenth century if there had not been plenty of betting on the result of the ringing. When the peal had gone on for upwards of a couple of hours, and it began to look as if the attempt was going to be successful, the excitement increased tenfold. The rowdier elements of the Mancroft party started to make a noise, to throw stones at the church door, and on to the lead roof, and one man, more daring than the others, actually tried to force his way inside through one of the windows. St. Michael's tower stands but a few feet away from the street, and the churchyard was surrounded by a brick wall, easily climbed by anyone with a little agility. Of course, this led to counter action by the Coslany party. A free fight ensued, and blood was shed, though by no more serious means than through punched noses. The Coslany party being on their own ground, were numerically the stronger, and the result of the fight was that they drove the Mancroft party off the field.

Was ever peal rung in such like circumstances? I have known cases where the outside people wanted to do murder, but the people to be murdered were the poor ringers inside. I never heard of another peal which so excited a city that people fell to fistcuffs over its merits while it was a-ringing.

Crane and his band were highly indignant over the affair. They laid it all to the Mancroft band, and charged Melchior with being the cause and instigator. Melchior hotly denied the charge; the Mancroft band scorned to do such things. I think he spoke the truth. Men of his sort who can speak and write as he could do not need to descend to physical violence. The riot was unpremeditated, caused by the rougher elements which are to be found in every crowd. I do not suppose their interest in Stedman Triples went further than that they had some bets on the ringing, or even that this was more than one of the many occasions that occurred for making a row.

The affair of the bellman was another matter. The Mancroft ringers themselves may not actually have employed him, but they knew very well who did, and Melchior thought the joke quite a good one, and thoroughly enjoyed the fun.

## VICAR BREAKS INTO BELFRY.

### UNEXPECTED INTERRUPTION AT SHREWSBURY.

On Saturday week a peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, but was brought to an abrupt termination about halfway through, from a most unexpected cause. While the ringing was in progress the Vicar, the Rev. F. E. Overton, received a note from a nursing institution in Quarry Place explaining that two important operations were to be performed, and asking that the bells might be stopped owing to the patients needing quietness.

The Vicar, from whom formal authority had previously been received for the ringing of the peal, immediately went across to the church, but found the gate of the iron railings surrounding the church locked. The vergers climbed the railings by means of a ladder, and then found that the belfry door was also locked and bolted on the inside. On the Vicar's instructions, therefore, the door was forced open, causing it to split horizontally across the middle, and damaging the panels.

Naturally the ringers were keenly disappointed at the result of the sudden interruption, especially in view of the fact that some of them had come from Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire for the occasion. At the time of closure, splendid progress was being made, exactly half the changes having been rung in an hour and 49 minutes. The ringers were: G. R. Lilley (St. Chad's, conductor), 1. H. Knight (Wolverhampton) 2. W. Short (Glent, Worcestershire) 3. J. Perry (Brewood, Staffordshire), 4. C. Wallater (Willenhall) 5. J. Lilley (St. Chad's) 6. R. Pickering (Tettenhall) 7. W. R. Kynaston (St. Chad's) 8. E. F. Mitchell (Wolverhampton) 9. W. Fisher (Coseley, Staffordshire) 10. J. T. Elton (Walsall) 11. J. George (Birmingham) 12.

It is about thirty years since a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Chad's, and two of the ringers who took part on that occasion, Mr. Short and Mr. George, were in the abortive attempt on Saturday week.

### AN UNFORTUNATE PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday last, at St. Michael's, Wood Green, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor in three methods. Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor had been rung, when the peal came to grief 120 changes from the end of the last 720 of Plain Bob, after 2 hours and 38 minutes' ringing: Miss M. Ringrose 1, G. M. Kilby 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, J. G. Nash 4, A. F. Putland 5, H. Kilby 6. It would have been the first peal in three methods for the ringers of treble, 4th and 5th, and it was also the first 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by the ringers of treble and 4th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

An advertiser in 'The Ringing World' writes: 'Many thanks for inserting advertisement. By its means I have filled the post. I recommend all employers who are ringers to use your column for similar purposes.'

Mr. William Thorley, of Loughborough, met with a serious accident on the 13th September. He was cycling on the Derby road, when he was knocked down by a car, and now lies in a serious condition in the Derby Royal Infirmary. He was to have taken part in a peal of Stedman at Shepshed on the 19th. Owing, however, to his accident Grandsire had to be substituted.

'Church Bells' for Sept. 21st, 1872, recorded, with disgust, two prize ringing festivals. One was the Eccles Wakes Festival, when prizes totalling £16 were offered for a change ringing contest at the Parish Church. The other was at St. Saviour's Church, Dartmouth, when the first prize of £8 was won by Broad Clyst; the second, £5, by Torquay; the third, £2 10s. by St. Sidwell's, Exeter; and the fourth, £1, by Blackawton. The ringing in this contest consisted of 'ups and downs and rounds and rounds,' and occasionally a few call changes. A contest of £28 5s. in prize money took place in the following week, at Glossop, when eighteen sets competed, and the ringing lasted from 9 a.m. until midnight.

History in Stedman Cinques was made on October 6th, 1788, when the first peal was rung by the College Youths at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, a 6,024 composed and called by Thomas Blakemore. This was an exceptional length for a first peal in the method, and was not exceeded until the year 1806, when 6,334 was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, where, some years later, fire destroyed the twelve bells.

It is interesting to note that five of the band who took part in the first performance, also took part in 1792 in what was probably only the second peal in the method, this also being rung at St. Martin's, and was again composed and called by Thomas Blakemore.

On October 1st, 1749, 'ye first peal on ye eight new bells,' a 5,040 'Bob Majors' was rung at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, by the Eastern Scholars.

The first 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on record was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, on October 3rd, 1863.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on the celebrated bells at All Saints', Fulham, where later a record length in the method was rung, was accomplished on October 3rd, 1819.

Established in 1686, the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths has just celebrated its 239th anniversary. Painswick bells are justly famous throughout the country, and some wonderful performances have been achieved on them. Many records have been made (some of them, of course, since surpassed elsewhere), but the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques rung on February 14th, 1920, still remains the greatest number of changes ever rung on 12 bells.

Two other among numerous noteworthy achievements may be mentioned, one of them nearly 200 years ago, and the other over a century since. These peals were the 12,006 Grandsire Caters rung in 1737, and the 12,312 in the same method in 1817.

They know well how to organise a bell fund at Norbury, Cheshire, and how to awaken public interest outside the ranks of the church congregation. The whole of the residents have been stirred up by the scheme, and not only have the Nonconformist bodies contributed the cost of a bell, but the children in their schools have done their part.

On Sunday afternoon, for instance, the handbells were taken to the Wesleyan Sunday School, the Vicar gave an address to the children, and a collection for the bell fund realised over £12! Parishes who are at a loss to know where to obtain funds for bell restoration might get a few hints from Norbury—we are sure the good folk there would be glad to pass on details of their scheme.

By the way, the Loughborough Foundry has made an excellent job of the bells and hanging. The bells were unofficially tried on Saturday, and all who heard them were delighted. The official opening is on October 24th.

Ringers who intended visiting Urchfont for the Salisbury Diocesan Guild meeting to-morrow, should note that the meeting has been postponed, but another has been arranged for Bromham on the same date.

There is likely to be a renewal of activity at another Ipswich Church. At St. Clement's, where the bells have been relunged by Mr. Alfred Bowell, a peal of seven different Minor extents has been rung by a local band, and it is 20 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

## BRIGHTER BELL RINGING.

'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.'—Daily Paper.

Personally, comments 'Punch,' we always try to avoid these humorous sallies.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

By J. P. FIDLER. EIGHTH ARTICLE.

Knutsford, No. 31, page 28, is the next method to practise. The work 'up' is identical to that of the two previous methods, so we can devote our attention to that done by those passing the treble 'down.' Looking at the 2nd, we find the slow work commences and finishes like that of Rostherne, with a double dodge substituted for the place-making. In the middle work, the 3-4 bell, after making 3rd's, does a half-pull in 4th's, makes 3rd's and 4th's, finishing with a half-pull in 3rd's, whilst the 4-5 bell commences with a half-pull in 3rd's, and does the opposite work.

It will be necessary to record this work, thus:—

Work 'up,' as in Rostherne.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, half-lead, 2nd's, double dodge on, lead, half 2nd's, lead and out.  
 Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, half 2nd's, lead, double dodge off, 2nd's, half-lead, 2nd's and lead.  
 Pass treble 3-4 down. 3rd's, half 4th's, 3rd's, 4th's, half 3rd's and out.  
 Pass treble 4-5 down. Half 3rd's, 4th's, 3rd's, half 4th's, 3rd's.  
 Pass treble 5-6 down. 5th's.

1 2 3 4 5 6

## BOGEDONE.

As the figures for Bogedone do not appear in the present edition of the Collection, a lead is given. Let us look at the 'slow.' The bell which snapped with treble, leads full and makes 2nd's place, does a 5-pull dodge on the lead, lead's full and out, whilst its partner, passing treble 2-3 down, leads full first, and does a 5-pull dodge off the lead, and waits for treble. For the middle work, the bell which passed treble 3-4 down, makes 3rd's and 4th's, does a single dodge, makes 3rd's and out, and the 4-5 down bell, makes the odd place first, i.e., 3rd's, a single dodge and makes double places, i.e., 4th's & 3rd's. This needs, recording as under:

Work 'up,' as in Rostherne.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, 5-pull dodge on the lead, lead and out.  
 Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, 5-pull dodge off the lead, 2nd's and lead.  
 Pass treble 3-4 down. 3rd's, 4th's, dodge 3-4, 3rd's and out.  
 Pass treble 4-5 down. 3rd's, dodge 3-4, 4th's 3rd's (treble comes).  
 Pass treble 5-6 down. 5th's.

These four methods will 'splice' at any lead end.

## FLY.

Ely, No. 35, page 29, the 'odd' method of the group, 'splices' only course for course. Three bells work in the 'slow,' that which passed treble 2-3 down being the mainstay. Its work may be divided into three small parts: (a) Lead, and dodge off (being work with the bell that snapped with treble); (b) 2nd's, lead, 2nd's, work which allows that bell to get away, and the one which will snap treble to come down; and (c) a single dodge on, lead and out. Meanwhile, that which snapped with treble, leads, makes 2nd's, dodges on, leads and does Treble Bob work out, and the bell passing 4-5 down does the opposite work. There is no fifth's place made under the treble, a dodge and a place in the middle being substituted.

Work 'up,' as in Rostherne.

Pass treble 1-2 down. Lead, 2nd's, dodge on, lead and Treble Bob 'up.'  
 Pass treble 2-3 down. Lead, dodge off, 2nd's, lead, 2nd's, dodge on, lead.  
 Pass treble 3-4 down. 3rd's, dodge 3-4 and out.  
 Pass treble 4-5 down. Treble Bob down, lead, dodge off, 2nd's and lead.  
 Pass treble 5-6 down. Dodge 3-4 down, 3rd's, treble comes.

There are now thirty methods to hand, and for a peal of this number, allow two 720's for the group under review, and a group to each of the remaining extents. Having successfully accomplished this, you can enter the last lap.

For the benefit of those content with seven-method peals, there are two methods, which, when added to the five already dealt with, will constitute a peal worth ringing. The first is 'Dunedin,' No. 34, page 29. This method was first rung at Norbury on July 1st, 1910, from a lead given by Mr. James S. Wilde, of Dunedin, N.Z., an old instructor of the company. He had never seen the collection of methods, and not until some time later was its presence discovered.

The other method is Chadkirk, No. 10, page 10, containing the same work 'up' and a work 'down,' which has to all intents and purposes already been learned.

[Previous articles have appeared in our issues of Aug. 14th, 21st, 28th, Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.]

## MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

## THE SUGGESTED NEW RULES.

Melton Mowbray, the place noted for 'pork-pies' and the frequent visits of the Prince of Wales for hunting and racing, was the scene of the M.C.A.'s second quarterly meeting last Saturday.

The Church of St. Mary is a magnificent cruciform building of the Early English and Perpendicular styles, containing numerous fine stained-glass windows, and many ancient interesting monuments. The stately central tower is embattled, with octagonal turret, pinnacles and dwarf spire, and contains a fine peal of ten bells. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and was continued during the afternoon and evening, the bells being manipulated by a large number of visitors from Burton, Colgrave, Derby, Leicester, Nottingham, Peterborough, Syston, Wigston, and other places. While the ringing was not of the best, the striking being mostly in jazz style, or, as 'A flat' would term it, 'Syncopated'; it was nevertheless enjoyed by all, even though some attempts did not come 'home.'

The committee meeting took place at 4 p.m., and after the usual routine business, an appeal from Belper (where six steel bells are being 'scrapped' and a new peal of eight by Taylor being erected) was discussed, and a grant made from the Bell Repair Fund.

The Hon. Secretary informed the members that he was in communication with the Central Council and Railway Companies with reference to the suggested cheaper rates for ringers. He also announced that he had received a quantity of back issues of the M.C.A. reports, and was given permission to dispose of these to any members desiring them, on payment of cost of postage.

The suggested new rules were discussed at some length, but no satisfactory solution being arrived at it was left over for the time being.

The committee then adjourned for tea, but a hitch had occurred owing to a large number of members being present who had failed to give notice. However, after a rearrangement all got served. During tea, the Vicar (the Rev. J. M. Davies) arrived, but owing to another engagement could not stay. In a few remarks he welcomed the visitors to Melton, and before leaving was elected an hon. member.

At the subsequent meeting, the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, R.A., J.P.) was supported by Mrs. Chambers, the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson), and hon. secretary (Mr. E. Morris).—The President gave a brief outline of the committee meeting, after which the secretary read out the list of new members made since the last meeting, viz.: 6 honorary, 6 life, 9 ringing and 2 rejoined. One old and valued member (Mr. H. Briggs, of Stoney Stanton) was transferred to the life members' list.

Hearty votes of thanks to the Vicar and local committee were passed unanimously, and in seconding the latter, Mr. W. E. White asked that it might be noted that any inconvenience caused over tea arrangements was entirely the fault of members attending, who had failed to notify the local management, and urged all in future to avoid this unpleasantness, by giving the necessary notice.

Further ringing took place until 8 p.m., when a social hour was spent in harmony, handbell ringing, etc. The best 'ringing' of the afternoon was that done by Maurice Swinfield, of Burton, when he tapped on the piano a perfect course of Duffield Major followed by three courses of Stedman Triples, the 'bobs' being called by Mr. W. Willson. Owing to 'domestic' ties, the writer had to dash away very unceremoniously during a song by the local hero, so what result this had upon the hearers he cannot say! Taken altogether this meeting was most successful, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. E. M.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The heading of your 'leader' in the 'Ringing World' for Sept. 18th is incorrect and misleading. The words, 'M.C.A.'s proposed new rules,' infer that the suggested alterations which you mention are proposed by the Midland Counties Association, and this is quite wrong. These proposed new rules have not been put forward by the General Committee nor by any District Committee, but represent the efforts of one ordinary ringing member who does not hold any official position whatever in the M.C.A.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. WRIGHT and E. MORRIS. Hon. Secs.

[We think that no one who read the article referred to will have been misled. It is not always easy to convey an exact interpretation in a single line heading, but, after all, the new rules are proposed for the M.C.A., and no one else, and even the general committee do not constitute the whole of the association.—Ed. 'R.W.']

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Andrew's Church, Holborn, on Wednesday, Sept. 16th, with the bells half-muffled, 504 Grandsire Triples, also 630 in the same method: L. Gray 1, E. Brett 2, W. J. Norton 3, J. S. Hawkins 4, A. E. Darnell 5, H. Langdon 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, A. Riley 8. Rung as a last token of respect to Mrs. Franks, wife of Mr. Harry Franks, a respected member of the St. Andrew's Guild, whose funeral took place at Abney Park Cemetery during the afternoon.

## LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

### THE ANNUAL MEETING.

After an absence of 16 years, the association again visited Rawtenstall for the annual meeting on Saturday, but the day chosen proved one of the worst in September, which told against the numbers present, although a goodly company got together. The nine towers in the branch were thrown open to visitors, and some of the ringers broke their journey at towers on their way down, but all made their way to headquarters in time for the service at St. Mary's, which was intoned by the Rural Dean, the Rev. G. E. Knapp Fisher, of Newchurch. The lesson was read by the Rev. Canon Elsee, President of the Association, while the Vicar (the Rev. T. Hunter) gave a forceful address. Between 50 and 60 attended the service. Tea followed in the Schools near by, when the company was increased by a party which arrived late, by charabanc. Those of the committee who were present met in a classroom to discuss the report while the later ones finished tea.

The business meeting was held afterwards, with Canon Elsee in the chair, supported by the Rev. T. Hunter, the Rev. G. E. Knapp Fisher, the hon. treasurer, secretaries (Messrs. A. Tamlinson and W. H. Shaker), the vice-president, and eight of the committee. The clergy present addressed a few words to the members, and Canon Elsee afterwards thanked them for what they had done to make the meeting a success.

The committee reported 1,502 members on the books, 102 of which had been elected during the year. The financial position was satisfactory, with a gain of £5 9s. 10d., against a loss last year. The peal list is 124—a record for the association. They had lost, by death, 12 members. The report ended with best thanks to the local secretaries who worked to get the result achieved.

Afterwards, the balance sheet was read, and passed, and the election of officers took place, there being four nominations for vice-president. Voting papers were issued, and while these were marked, collected and counted, the election of the other officers was confirmed, as no more than were required were nominated. Seventy-five papers were returned, and showed a majority in favour of Mr. J. Rollerson, who was accordingly elected for the next two years. Three places were voted on for next year's meeting, and Bolton, with its eight rings of eight and one of six, was chosen. The best thanks of the meeting was given to the organist, choir for their services, and the local ringers for making everything as comfortable as possible.

## ANOTHER NOTTINGHAM VETERAN GONE.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Woolley, at the age of 72, after only a few hours' illness. Deceased's familiar bent figure was well known in the Midlands, and while never rising to great things in ringing circles, was always a reliable man, and a worker. His one venture as a conductor is the only peal of Oxford Bob Triples yet rung in the district. He leaves a widow and two daughters, the elder of whom was Nottingham's first lady ringer.

The interment took place on Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, at Bulwell, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by W. E. White, F. S. Price, A. Coppock and H. R. Cobbin. A muffled touch of 504 Grandsire Triples was afterwards rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham, by F. Salter 1, M. Ward 2, S. Pinder 3, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. Vickers 6, G. West 7, E. R. Lader 8.

## ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths celebrated their 239th anniversary. Touches on the famous bells were rung during the afternoon, and at 5 p.m. an adjournment was made to the Institute, where an excellent meat tea was provided. The Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Neary) presided, and extended a hearty welcome to all the ringers. He said what a good thing it was to have those social gatherings for creating and fostering the spirit of brotherhood and good fellowship among them.

Mr. Albert Wright, Master of the Painswick Youths, spoke of the difficulties of keeping a band of ringers going, but he was pleased to say they now had a band of twelve, and some more coming on.

Mr. M. E. Ireland, an old supporter, and member of the Painswick Youths, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to be with them again, and said how pleased he always was to be among ringers, on account of the good fellowship and harmony which prevailed.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, and to this the Vicar suitably responded.

The tower was then again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Gaters and Bob Major were rung.

On Sunday, for morning service, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes: Thomas Wright 1, William Ireland 2, William Ryland 3, Albert Wright (composer and conductor) 4, H. Hopper 5, G. Orchard 6, C. Gardiner 7, C. Barnfield 8.—On Sunday afternoon and evening, for service, touches of Triples, Gaters and Cinques were rung.

## REPRESENTATION ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES.

**CENTRAL COUNCIL'S LETTER TO DIOCESAN CONFERENCES.**  
The following letter has been sent by the Hon. Secretary of the Central Council (Mr. E. Alex. Young) to the Secretaries of the 44 Diocesan Conferences:—

'As Secretary to the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, I have been instructed by my Council to approach the Diocesan Conferences with reference to the appointment of members to act upon Advisory Committees for additions to churches and their ornaments. Where such committees exist it frequently happens that questions relating to the rehanging or improvement of church bells are submitted for their judgment, and it is, therefore, important that each committee should if possible have among its members one at least who has some practical knowledge of the subject from the ringers' point of view.

In several dioceses care has been taken to appoint on the Advisory Committee someone who is thus qualified. And in view of the importance of the bells in many churches, my Council respectfully urges that this should always be done.

All the great Diocesan and County Associations of Ringers were represented at the meeting of the Council at Chester last June, and on their behalf I beg respectfully to ask that if the Advisory Committee for your diocese does not already include a member with practical knowledge of bells and ringing, steps may if possible be taken to add such a one to the committee, or at least to ensure that before any decision affecting the tower or bells is taken, expert opinion should be sought.'

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### EASTERN DIVISION AT WALDRON.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Waldron on Saturday last, the following towers being represented: St. Nicholas, Brighton; St. Saviour's, Eastbourne; Hailsham, Heathfield, Mayfield; Christ Church, St. Leonard's; and Southover, Lewes, together with members of the local band. Good practice was had in methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major. A short service was held, the Rector (the Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson) giving an excellent address on the duties of ringers and churchworkers generally.

Service over, a move was made to the Foxhunt Memorial Hall, where, by the generosity of several ladies in the parish, about 30 members sat down to a splendid tea, presided over by the Rector.

At the brief business meeting which followed, the Rector was voted to the chair, and the following new members were elected: Messrs. A. J. Ancock, E. Burgess, W. Burgess, A. Hilton, A. Humphrey, F. Marchant, J. Marchant, W. J. B. Parker, F. C. Pettitt, S. Pettitt, H. Wood, C. F. Woolen, all of St. Andrew's, Alfriston; H. Kent, Christ Church, St. Leonard's. Mr. W. Pickworth, of Southgate, was elected as a non-resident life member, and the election of Mr. J. F. Smallwood, of Derby, was confirmed.

Following a discussion it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rotherfield.

Mr. G. W. Stokes (the hon. secretary) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and his address at the service. He also thanked the ladies who had so kindly provided the tea, and had attended to the ringers' wants at the table.

The Rev. R. W. D. Stephenson, in responding for himself, and on behalf of the ladies, said what a pleasure it had been to have the members of the association amongst them that day. He thanked them for their kind remarks, and wished the association every success.

The meeting then terminated, the members returning to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8 p.m. For the success of the meeting great thanks are due to Mr. C. H. Humphrey, who kindly made all the arrangements.

## REGISTER OF COMPOSITIONS.

### To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. G. P. Burton will have to try again. Fancy having to label a composition No. 274,000. No, never let us do away with the composer's name. Why should we do so? It is a custom handed down, I believe, ever since the early days of ringing. When, if ever, a register is compiled whose peals would be included; all or only the best ones? I ask this question, as recently a well-known composer stated he had compositions of one method alone running into six figures. Would all these be included? It would need some register. Neither do I think many, if any, hands would trouble to ask the number. There are to-day not alone hundreds, but thousands of ringers who could not tell the course ends of a peal and compare it with a number in a register. I quite agree with Mr. Trollope in his 'Notes by the Way' of Sept. 18th. Even now he says it takes a very keen ear to take down from outside a peal of Stedman Triples the composition, of which the listener does not know. Mr. Trollope might have added, 'and other methods as well.'—Yours truly,

'IN AND STHS.'



**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION**

A very pleasant meeting of the Bristol branch took place at Bitton on Saturday last, members attending from St. Stephen's, St. Philip's, St. Peter's, Almondsbury, Henbury and Mangotsfield. Mr. J. A. Hart, of London, and Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes, were also present, and the members were specially pleased to welcome the latter, after his long illness. Several touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung before tea, which was served in the Village Hall. The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, also to Mr. G. Hillier, of Bitton, for having the bells ready, and making the arrangements for tea.

Mr. J. Gould thanked the members of the Bristol Branch, on behalf of Mrs. Gould and himself, for their handsome wedding present, which consisted of an oak hall stand, and said it would remind them of the many pleasant gatherings every time they took their hats off the pegs to come to the meetings.

The tower was afterwards again visited, and good use made of the bells, some members ringing their first touches of Stedman and Grandsire.

**DEATH OF A MALDON RINGER.**

We regret to report the death of William George Mansfield, of Maldon, Essex, who passed away rather suddenly on Thursday, Sept. 17th. The deceased was taken ill whilst at work at Messrs. Sadd and Son's, timber merchants. He was removed to his home, where he died in a few hours.

The deceased, who was 61 years of age, had been a bell ringer at All Saints' Church for 47 years, and was the oldest ringer in Maldon.

The funeral took place at the Cemetery on Tuesday Sept. 22nd, when the ringers were represented by Messrs. R. Hutson, F. Chalk, W. J. Brinkley, A. South and F. May, of Rettendon. During the evening, as a last token of respect, touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells fully muffled, the following ringers taking part: Miss A. E. Walcock, Messrs. R. Hutson, F. Chalk, W. H. Chalk, J. Walden, W. J. Brinkley, A. Mansfield, A. South, E. Ellinger, J. Amos and F. May.

**WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****CHANGE OF MASTER IN NORTHERN BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Hagley on Saturday, Sept. 19th. Unfortunately the weather was very wet, but in spite of this there was a good attendance of members, the following towers being represented: Selly Oak, Smethwick, Halesowen, Old Hill, Rowley Regis, Cradley, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Wollaston, Stourbridge, Oldswinford, Hagley and Kidderminster. The bells of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon, and service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. Burns), who, in the course of an interesting address, pointed out the usefulness of the work of bell ringers in calling people to the House of God.—After the service, tea was provided in the Village Schools.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided, supported by Messrs. J. Nicholls and G. A. Lionel Hatton (churchwardens), R. Mathews (Ringing Master of the Association), W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master, Northern Branch), T. J. Salter, J. Price, E. Mason and A. J. Skelding (secretary, Northern Branch).—A letter of apology was received from Mr. A. E. Parsons, who sent his kind greetings to the meeting.

A hearty welcome was extended to Mr. Keith Hart of the Sussex County Association, who was on holiday in the district.

The Rector welcomed the association to Hagley, and said he was sorry they were seeing Hagley under such conditions, but he hoped that when they came again more favourable conditions would prevail.

The election of officers took place, and Mr. A. Hackett, of Halesowen, was elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. W. B. Cartwright, who resigned on account of pressure of business. Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge) was re-elected branch secretary, and Mr. J. Price (Old Hill) was re-elected Central Committee representative.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Wollaston on the third Saturday in January, 1926.

Hearty thanks were accorded to Mr. Cartwright for the excellent work he had done on behalf of the association during his term of office.

The Rector, Mr. Nicholls and Mr. Hatton were elected hon. members, and Mr. Cartwright moved a vote of thanks to the Rector, the churchwardens (Mr. W. Molineux and Mr. Tandy) for their welcome to the association, and hearty thanks were also given to the ladies who had served the tea.

The Rector, in reply, thanked the ringers for electing him an hon. member of the association, and Mr. Hatton replied on behalf of himself and his colleague, Mr. J. Nicholls, who had had to leave the meeting early.

A move was then made to the tower, where touches in various methods on the bells were rung, and this brought a successful meeting to a close.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.****SUCCESSFUL MEETING IN LONDON.**

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch experiment of holding a reunion in London was quite a success, ringers being present from Beaconsfield, Camberwell, Chalfont St. Giles, Crayford, Dartford, Ealing, Edmonton, Hammersmith, Highgate, Holborn, Hughenden, Leytonstone, Rickmansworth, St. Albans, Southgate, Stoke Poges, West Ham, and a well-known couple who reside in London. Some of the earlier arrivals had a friendly pull at the North District meeting of the London County Association at Tower Hill, and three o'clock at St. Dunstan's saw Mr. T. H. Taffender and the branch secretary anxiously looking for ringers. Within a few minutes, however, 'Go, Cambridge,' was called, followed by London, Stedman, Kent and Superlative.

The ringing chamber at this church does great credit to the energies of Mr. T. H. Taffender, who is in charge, it being many years since one could come out as clean as one went in.

Despite the somewhat boisterous weather, the activities of Cupid could not be suppressed, although his arrows apparently failed to find a permanent resting-place.

At St. Clement Dances, Grandsire, Stedman and Kent were rung, and then a good course of Cambridge Royal, by a band composed of five resident and five non-resident members of the Guild, made an excellent finish.

Afterwards, at 'The Edinburgh,' memories of 'ten, twenty, thirty, years ago,' were revived. Touches on handbells were enjoyed by various members of the party, and, later, the company were joined by some of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, who entertained them with some Stedman Cinques.

That common foe, the clock, brought this enjoyable occasion to a much too speedy end.

**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH REVISIT SHENLEY.**

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Shenley on Saturday, Sept. 12th, when a very pleasant afternoon and evening were spent, the attendance numbering 40, which was considered very satisfactory, as all the visitors had to reach this isolated spot by 'wheel,' no station being near. The towers represented were Bletchley, Bechampton, Bradwell, Calverton, Penny Stratford, Great Linford, Loughton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, and Simpson, together with the local men. The bells are a fine ring of six. Service had been arranged, with the choir taking part, and reminded all of the happy times when the annual festival used to be held at Shenley, the chief feature then being the service. The address was given by the Rev. Reid, Rector of Stoke Hammond, who has recently been appointed to the living. After service, tea was served on the Rectory lawn.—The Chairman of the North Bucks Branch (the Rev. L. Moxon) thanked the Rector of Shenley (the Rev. R. H. Evered) for permitting the meeting to be held at Shenley, where for so many years their annual festival was held, during the time their late chairman (the Rev. J. R. Vincent) was rector. It was a pleasure to see such a large gathering, and remarkable to see so many young members, showing that the branch was still going strong.—Mr. W. Sear (secretary) addressed the meeting on the position of the branch affairs, and thanked all those who had helped to make the meeting such a success, especially the Vicar of Shenley.—The latter, who responded, said that he hoped he would have the pleasure of welcoming them there again in the near future. Further ringing afterwards took place at the towers of Shenley, Loughton and Old Bradwell. Miss Steel, of Bedford, and Messrs. Herbert, of Woburn, were visitors to the meeting, and the methods rung ranged from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor.

**MR. S. GREENHALGH'S 100 PEALS.**

Mr. Samuel Greenhalgh, of Pendleton, Manchester, completed his 'century' by a peal of Stedman Triples, at Mottram, Cheshire, on Saturday, Sept. 12th. The list is as follows: Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 32; Stedman Caters, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 20; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Royal, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 21; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; Double Norwich Major, 3; total, 100.

The peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was the first in the North of England, and was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on January 20th, 1914.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At St. Andrew's Church, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey, on Saturday, Sept. 12th, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 of Kent 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and 180 of Plain Bob: S. Heath 1, H. Tidy 2, P. Tidy 3, C. Church 4, L. Tidy 5, E. Tidy (conductor) 6. Rung as a last token of respect to Gladys, daughter of Mr. T. Firminger, one of the ringers of the local band, who was interred at Limpsfield Parish Church that afternoon.

### THE LATE MR. W. ROCK SMALL. PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me, through the medium of your columns, to inform your readers that a movement is being made to erect a memorial in memory of the late William Rock Small, who recently passed away, at the advanced age of 85 years.

It has been suggested that a stained glass window or brass tablet should be placed in the Tipton Parish Church, and no doubt many friends would like to subscribe to this effort. Accordingly a fund has been opened, and all donations will be thankfully received, and should be addressed to the undersigned, at 52, Park Lane East, Tipton, Staffs.—Yours faithfully,

JOHN B. EVANS.

### NINETY YEARS' BELFRY LINK BROKEN. DORKING VETERAN'S DEATH.

The death occurred on Sept. 24th, at the age of 71 years, of Mr. Harry Boxall, of Dorking, Surrey. He had been a ringer at St. Martin's Church for 53 years, and, with his passing, the name of Boxall disappears from Dorking belfry, after a continuous association with the tower for 90 years. Deceased's father and uncle were ringers before him, and both rang in two churches before the present imposing building was erected. Mr. Boxall was a man who thought more of a well-struck 500 than many a faulty peal.

On the occasion of the funeral of the deceased, which took place at Dorking Cemetery on Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, was rung in 47 mins., by William Messum 1, Alfred Dobinson 2, John Wyatt 3, Edward Hull 4, George Cook 5, Arthur Dean 6, John H. White (conductor) 7, William Lynch 8.

### WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very pleasant meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Egham on Saturday, Sept. 12th. Visitors and members attended from Chertsey, Bagshot, Blackwater, Finchampstead, Isclworth, Staines, Sunbury, Yorktown, Old Windsor, and the local band. The Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Tranter), who also entertained the visitors to an excellent tea. Unfortunately he could not stay to the business meeting, owing to an important engagement, and the best thanks of the members was given him for his various kindnesses. In his absence, Mr. Nye was voted to the chair for the business meeting, at which it was resolved that an application be made to the railway company for cheaper fares to members attending ringing meetings. The members then made their way to the belfry, where ringing, which had been enjoyed during the afternoon, was again indulged in until 8.30 p.m.

### GUILDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 12th, when there was a good attendance. Ringers were present from Clondon, Godalming, Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas, Guildford, Haslemere, Hersham, Leatherhead, Shere and Worplesdon, as well as the members of the local company. The bells were available during the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Du V. Brunton), who also gave an address. Tea was served in the Churchroom, over 30 sitting down, presided over by the Vicar. A short business meeting followed, at which an apology was read from the Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden), who was absent, through illness in his family.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for conducting the service, and for the use of the bells, also to Mr. W. James and the local company for making the arrangements.

After some touches on handbells, the tower was again visited, and several touches of Surprise and Plain Minor methods were rung, under the conductorship of Mr. A. H. Pulling.

### THE 'FRIENDLY' PEAL AT PUTNEY.

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal rung at Putney on the 10th inst., it would appear from the way it was published, that all the ringers were members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the St. Mary's Society, Putney. As a matter of fact, one of the band was not a member of either society, and only four were members of the local society.

A similar discrepancy occurred two years ago, when a peal was rung in honour of Mr. T. Bolton's birthday, and then, as in the present instance, it was understood previously, that it was to be a non-society peal.

Mention might have been made of the inability of Mr. Bolton's taking part in the peal, to the great disappointment of all concerned.

With all deference to the local secretary, I think it is very important to publish peals as correctly as possible.—Yours truly,

H. LANGDON.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

#### TAUNTON RINGERS' TRIP.

St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, together with a few friends, visited Bournemouth for their annual outing on August 15th. The party, numbering nineteen, including the Rev. — Allen (curate), left Taunton by charabanc at 7 a.m. The first halt was made at Dorchester, where the party was met by Mr. J. Godwin (Rector's warden). The bells of the Parish Church were soon raised in peal, and touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and the journey was then resumed, Wareham being the next stop. Here they were met by the steeplekeeper. The bells were found up, and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. The next stopping place was Poole, where Mr. Townsend welcomed the visitors, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung. On reaching Bournemouth lunch was partaken of at the Tregonwell Arms Private Hotel. The party broke up to spend the afternoon in various ways. They reassembled for tea at 4.45 p.m., after which the homeward journey was commenced, the route being via Blandford to Sherborne. Here they were met by Mr. King, captain of the local ringers. The heavy ring of eight (tenor 46 cwt.) were raised in peal, and some Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung. Taunton was eventually reached at 10.45 p.m., the party having thoroughly enjoyed their trip. The ringers wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells; also the towerkeepers for having everything in readiness.

#### LUTON RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, August 15th, in ideal weather, Luton Parish Church ringers had their annual outing by motor. A start was made at 9 a.m. for Woburn, the party being welcomed by Messrs. C. and E. Herbert, and a good hour's ringing was indulged in on these delightful bells. The next place of call was Newport Pagnell; but, owing to sudden illness near the tower, no ringing could be done, which was a great disappointment, shared by both the visitors and the curate (the Rev. L. S. Parkinson), who gave a hearty welcome on behalf of the Vicar. After a look round the church and town, the party headed for Northampton, where lunch was served at the Angel Hotel. Afterwards it was proposed to visit Buckingham, but the Vicar could not allow the use of the bells, owing to the recent death of the vergier, and a new one had not yet been appointed, so at short notice a call was made at Wicken, where the visitors were met by Mr. Green. Not much ringing could be done here, however, as the village was en fête, and a hospital demonstration was in progress in the park close to the church. Tring was the next place of call, and was reached via Buckingham and Aylesbury. After tea the tower was visited, where Mr. Brackley received the party, in the absence of Mr. F. Reeve, who was on holiday. Various methods were rung on this grand peal of bells, and tracks were then made homewards, Luton being reached at 10.5 p.m. The methods rung during the day were London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The visitors wish to thank, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' the various incumbents for the use of the bells, and friends for making the outing a success.

#### ALDBURGH RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Aldburgh, had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday, August 22nd. The trip this year was on rather a smaller scale than usual, although the ringing was of a high standard. Three towers were visited, viz. Halesworth, Chediston and Wisset. Two or three of the local ringers, including Mr. F. C. Lambert, met the company at Halesworth, where some good touches, including Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round. Chediston bells were found to be a very handy six, and a good 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung, in which Mr. F. C. Lambert and Mr. F. Peck took part, this being their first 720 in the method. Other touches, including London Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, were brought round. At Wisset a splendid 720 of Norwich Surprise was scored, as well as several other good touches. Returning to Halesworth, a very hearty meal was much enjoyed, after which the bells again pealed forth. This time Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were the methods rung. Touches, including Bob Royal, Grandsire Triples and Calers, were also rung on the old peal of handbells. Several old ringing friends were met during the afternoon, and a very pleasant time spent. Although tired, all were happy on arriving home about 11 p.m. Thanks of the band are due to the Rectors of the churches visited for permission to use the bells, also to Mr. F. C. Lambert for so kindly making the necessary arrangements.

### BARNSELY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A happy meeting was held at Wortley on Saturday, Sept. 5th, about thirty members being present from Anston, Darfield, Hoylandswaine, Felkirk, Rotherham, Sandal, Horbury, Wath, Penistone, Barnsley, and the local company. Much interest was shown by young learners, and encouragement and help were given them by the veterans. The usual tea was arranged for by Mr. Wooller, and duly appreciated.

An invitation to hold the next meeting in October was promptly accepted, and a rush made for further ringing.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BOXLEY, KENT.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: D. Gower 1, W. C. Gosling (conductor) 2, G. Voules 3, R. Luckhurst 4, H. Fuller 5, E. Voules 6.—Also, for evening service, another 720, with G. Pound 4, the rest as before. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

**SINGLEFIELD, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for early service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Abery 1, E. Cottrell 2, R. Allen 3, W. Lambert 4, G. Abery (conductor) 5, V. Bryant 6.—For evening service, a quarter-peal, comprising 720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Plain Bob: Mrs. Murrey 1, F. Abery 2, F. Smith 3, Miss N. Collins 4, G. Abery 5, E. Tigwell (conductor) 6. Rung for harvest festival.

**THEALE.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for children service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Abery 1, E. Tucker 2, G. Parsons 3, F. Smith 4, F. Abery 5, E. Tigwell (conductor) 6.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Hailey's Variation: J. Eagles 1, Miss E. Hardesty 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, C. R. Millway 4, R. H. Stevens 5, C. R. Walker 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, L. Sibley 8. Miss E. Hardesty and Miss E. Chapman are from Streatham, London.

**LONDON, W.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard 2, R. Congreve Bridgeon (conductor) 3, A. N. Wood (Bedford) 4, P. L. Miles 5, E. G. Locke 6, W. E. Judd 7, A. V. Selby 8, C. W. Roberts 9, L. G. Tanner 10.

**HILLINGDON.**—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Sunday morning, Sept. 27th, upon the occasion of a visit from the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Chandler 1, Miss G. Baker 2, W. Welling (conductor) 3, G. Gutteridge 4, J. Lucas 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor 7, E. Corke 8.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, before harvest festival, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 672 Grandsire Triples: H. Gregory 1, H. C. Mulford 2, A. Mayo 3, E. Hudson 4, E. A. Gregory 5, W. Seymour 6, E. G. Rice (conductor) 7, E. White 8.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John-the-Baptist Church, for dedication service, on Sunday evening Sept. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. Parnell, junr., 1, F. Smith 2, J. Davies 3, F. Chamberlain 4, W. Richards 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Parnell, senr. (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. First quarter-peal for ringer of treble. First quarter as conductor.

**PAIGTON, DEVON.**—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins., composed by the late Mr. Harvey Reeves: F. Allwood 1, A. W. Bowers 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collings 4, H. J. Hole 5, F. E. Parnell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. T. Gover 7, C. Boyce (first quarter-peal) 8.

**KIDLINGTON.**—Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evensong, 672 Bob Major: A. Tuffrey 1, F. C. Exon 2, J. Judge 3, W. F. Judge (conductor) 4, C. Bennett 5, J. Franklin 6, W. Judge 7, J. H. R. Freeborn 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: R. Payne 1, A. Tuffrey 2, F. C. Exon 3, W. F. Judge 4, C. Bennett 5, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 6, J. Judge 7, W. H. Thorne 8.

**HOUNSLOW.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for morning service, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, F. G. Goddard 2, C. J. Tricker 3, F. E. Hawthorne 4, S. Stilwell 5, J. Milner 6, J. Kent (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8.

**STAFFORD.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evening service, 612 Grandsire Caters: B. A. J. Yeates 1, A. H. Taylor 2, B. Garbett 3, R. J. Warrilow 4, W. H. Jones 5, G. Booth 6, W. G. Curtis 7, J. Warrilow 8, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 9, R. B. Siberry 10. Longest length of Caters by the whole of the band, who are all Sunday Service ringers.

**GILLINGHAM, KENT.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Haigh (conductor) 1, F. Oakwell 2, S. Figgess 3, H. Poulter 4, E. Friend 5, A. Hone 6, J. Haigh 7, T. Green, B.A. (first quarter-peal) 8.

**BANBURY.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evensong, 336 Stedman Triples: H. Incey 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, T. Incey 4, M. Smith (conductor) 5, F. Selwyn 6, J. Simons 7, R. Higham 8.

**CROYDON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: D. Wright 1, C. Austin 2, T. Bloxham 3, W. Rulph 4, F. Larby 5, G. Ruri 6, E. O. Donham 7, W. Groves 8, T. G. Dannerster (conductor) 9, W. J. Adecock 10. Rung for the visit of the Bishop of Edinburgh, also as a compliment to the ringer of the 8th, on his 59th birthday.

**HILLINGDON WEST, UXBRIDGE.**—On Sunday evening, Sept. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, for service, 630 Grandsire Triples: B. Lucas 1, T. Smith 2, P. Jones 3, G. Gutteridge 4, J. Lucas 5, F. Corke (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8.

**SALTBURN-BY-THA-SEA.**—On Sept. 20th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1,008 Stedman Triples: A. Bolton 1, J. Appleton 2, G. Kemball 3, F. Barber 4, G. A. Peck 5, G. Duncan 6, R. Laughlon (conductor) 7, H. Barber 8.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on October 15th and 29th, \*St. Paul's Cathedral on the 6th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th (6 p.m. for service), \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**—Quarterly meeting will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. A. H. Messiter (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1s., at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Drayton on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Will intending visitors please inform me?—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec.

**HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Sandal, near Wakefield. The draw to take place at 2.45 p.m. All those desiring tea, charge 1s. 6d. each, must notify me not later than Monday, Sept. 28th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—The postponed annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Service in Church at 5 o'clock, when the bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. Tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—A bye-meeting will be held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Parish Room.—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at North Wingfield (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Tea at 5 p.m. at 1s. 3d. per head.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 41, Baltic Road, Sheffield.



**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Portsmouth and Isle of Wight Districts.—A joint meeting will be held at All Saints, Ryde, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth, and W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.O.W.

**LADIES' GUILD** (Southern District). — A quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at the Tea Gardens, High Street. All welcome. — Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

**NOTTINGHAM GOOSE FAIR**, October 3rd. — St. Peter's Church, bells (10) will be open for ringing from 6 to 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The Urchfont meeting has been unavoidably postponed. A special meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—L. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Wokingham (All Saints) on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill, Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Cirencester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Northleach on Thursday, Oct. 8th. Bells open 3.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Vicar) 5 o'clock. Service 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Oct. 5th? — F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing from 3.15, with Heston Tower for the evening. All ringers and friends welcome. Book to Osterley Park Station (District) and a beautiful rural walk through the park.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—The next meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Rectory Parish Room at 5.30 at 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending the meeting. Please notify me before Wednesday, Oct. 7th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.** — A monthly meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells ready early. Divine service 4.30. Preacher, Rev. C. A. L. Woolley, Vicar of Cawthorne. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers are invited to visit this tower, where, over 110 years ago, a peal consisting of 21 variations of Treble Bob Minor extents (15120 changes) was rung. For tea tickets apply to Mr. A. Panther, 25, Sandy Mount Road, Wath, Rotherham.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 12th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is requested. Ringing at St. Clement Danes on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 12th, at 6.30, and the 26th at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available all day. Tea at 4 for all sending word by Oct. 14th. Meeting afterwards. Certificates now ready, 6d. each.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi, near Martock, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Martock bells (8) available. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to F. Farrant, Dis. Sec., Martock, Somerset.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells open 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All members are welcome.—H. G. Phillips, Branch Hon. Sec., The Lynch, Berkeley, Glos.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Arrangements as usual. The address at the service will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 7th? A social will be held after the close of ringing.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Bourn, Cambs, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Short service 4.30. Tea, 1s. each, to those who notify me by Oct. 7th of their intention to be present.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch. — The annual branch party will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tickets obtainable from local secretaries, gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d. Will tower secretaries please inform Mr. G. Newton, 20, Nicholson Street, Rochdale, of the numbers who intend to be present not later than Saturday, Oct. 10th?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.



**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill (Grange Road Station) Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Vicar). Bus service from Haywards Heath or Three Bridges. Those attending please notify divisional secretary not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please let me know all who require tea. Wood Green bells open from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

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#### NOTICE.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify Mr. A. E. Rowley, Higham-on-the-Hill, Nuneaton, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 5th. All ringers will be welcome.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

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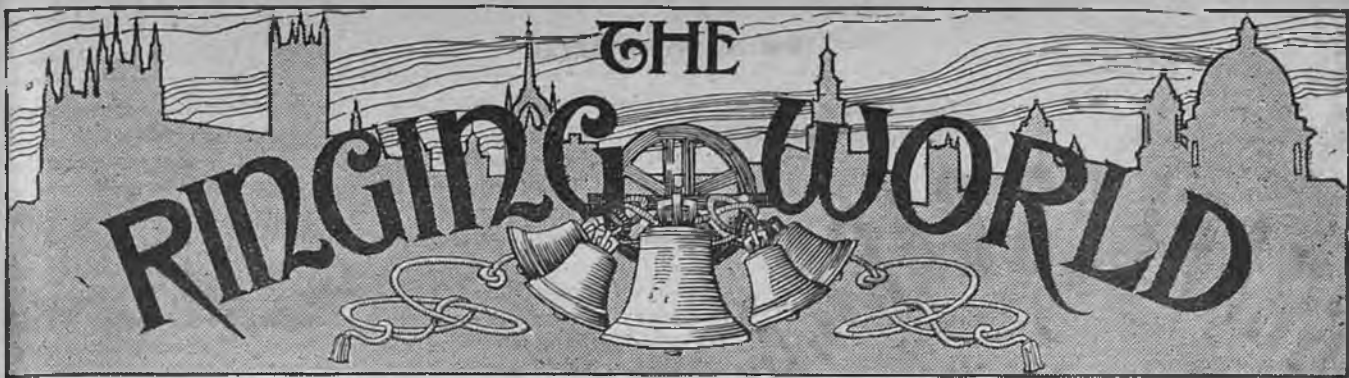
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Are the great ringing associations, as a whole, doing all that they might do to help young ringers, and particularly young bands? In one or two instances valuable work is done by association instructors, and the voluntary efforts of individual ringers in assisting in towers in their own neighbourhood must not be overlooked; but in how many areas can we find any officially organised effort to give young companies a start up the campanological ladder, or to enable struggling bands to ascend to higher things? There are some associations who, in their rules, profess to provide instruction, but year after year one may peruse their balance sheets and find no reference whatever to expenditure under this head. The fact is the young ringer is left largely to his own devices. If he is fortunate enough to join a competent band he may get all the help he needs, and his progress may be rapid. But there are large numbers who have no such advantage. Their ringing connection in their local tower is with men whose knowledge is as limited as their own; there is nothing to put an edge to their enthusiasm, and what small encouragement and help they may get by attending a district meeting carries them very little on the road to greater things. Sometimes, perhaps, a fortuitous circumstance brings into their midst an accomplished ringer, who can impart his own knowledge and keenness, and then we get the sequel like that which is to be found at Kempston, Beds, where a band unacquainted with change ringing three years ago, can now ring a number of Minor methods, through the energy of one individual who proved himself a leader.

But what are the Associations doing towards this same end? At most, they occasionally provide an instructor who gives a dozen or twenty lessons, which may or may not get the band to the stage of Grandsire Doubles, before they are left to shift for themselves. At least, they do nothing, but rely upon the false idea that if ringers want to get on they will make their own opportunities. In the area of nearly all the territorial associations there is scope for the well organised tuition of bands, which should not cease, but only be beginning, when the pupils have grasped the merest elementary idea of change ringing. The instruction should go on until the band can grapple with the highest methods, and it would be found that the longer they were assisted the quicker, in proportion, would they progress. It should be the aim of the associations, who claim to put the fostering of change ringing into the forefront of their objects, to formulate schemes for extending practical help to the members who would profit by instruction. It would probably cost money, but it would be money well invested. Par-

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ticularly would this be so if at the same time endeavours were made to enlarge the size of ringing companies. At present, even in towers where there is no payment for services rendered, and there is consequently no incentive to limit the numbers, it is seldom one finds the band attached to the church very much greater than the number of bells. We can see no real objection to a company of, say, twenty ringers at an eight-bell tower, but there are many arguments in favour of a big reserve, while to the associations it would mean a vastly increased membership. There may be, and, indeed, are, difficulties in the way, for there are some towers which cannot muster up as many ringers as bells, and there are others which have their special drawbacks on account of inaccessibility; but these matters are just the things which the associations, as central organising bodies, ought to undertake, and which they could tackle to their own ultimate advantage.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Treble | WILLIAM HIBBERT ... .. 7      |
| ALBERT D. CULLUM ... .. 2       | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 8 |
| RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... .. 3     | ALBERT A. HUGHES ... .. 9     |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 4      | THOMAS LANGDON ... .. 10      |
| HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 5        | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 11     |
| REV. C. CAREW COX ... .. 6      | WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... Tenor  |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| CHARLES JEFFS ... .. Treble | ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... 6  |
| WALTER AYRE ... .. 2        | HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7 |
| JOHN MALYAN ... .. 3        | BEN JARMAN ... .. 8       |
| W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 4   | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 9  |
| WILLIAM NASH ... .. 5       | GEORGE GRAY ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by H. E. C. GOODENOUGH  
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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITWICK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART NO. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5  |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2    | JAMES PAGETT ... .. 6    |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3   | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7    |
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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| REGINALD GEO. GILBERT ... Treble | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 5    |
| ARTHUR PRINCE ... 2              | CHARLES W. BELL ... 6    |
| MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3     | E. GEORGE TREW ... 7     |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4           | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. GEORGE TREW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Preb. C. O. Parker, Rector of the parish.

## NESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 5 |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... 2        | JAMES H. RIDING ... 6      |
| JAMES SWINDLEY ... 3       | *THOMAS H. BUTLER ... 7    |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... 4      | CHARLES COVENTRY ... Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

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

## HERSHAM, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G sharp.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FRANK E. DARBY ... Treble  | JAMES E. COOPER ... 5       |
| JOHN HOWES ... 2           | DANIEL COOPER ... 6         |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3 | FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7    |
| *WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 4  | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor |

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

\* First peal in the method.

## BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb.

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WALTER SEAR ... Treble  | *JOSEPH MARKS ... 5           |
| WILLIAM MEAD ... 2      | ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... 6        |
| FREDERICK STONTON ... 3 | HARRY SEAR ... 7              |
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Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

First peal on the bells since rebanging. \* First peal in the method. Specially arranged for Mr. A. E. Pegler, of Bangor, North Wales. Also for the occasion of harvest festival.

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## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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On Sunday, September 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| LEONARD NELMES ... Treble | ERNEST ALLAWAY ... 5  |
| ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 2     | JOHN W. DAVIS ... 6   |
| JOHN AUSTIN ... 3         | WILLIAM BISHOP ... 7  |
| GEORGE WILKE ... 4        | HOWARD MEER ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. F. Parnell, who has resigned the living, and preached his farewell sermon that day.

The number of changes in the peal of Kent Treble Bob at Lowestoft, the report of which was published in our last issue, was 5,152, not 5,024, as sent.

## NORTHFLEET, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                                   |                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... Treble | WILLIAM MARTIN ... 5      |
| EDWARD J. BEER ... 2              | WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6       |
| *WILLIAM J. BEER ... 3            | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7 |
| HERBERT HOLDEN ... 4              | GEORGE MORRAD ... Tenor   |

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of Grandsire Triples. W. Lewis was elected a member of the association previous to starting for the peal.

## WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                          |                                |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE PARKIN ... Treble | *BERT RAICEY ... 5             |
| SAMUEL HARRISON ... 2    | ALBERT HELLIWELL ... 6         |
| WM. A. WOOLER ... 3      | JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 7         |
| ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 4    | JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor |

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN A. BREARLEY.

\* First peal, and elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of the peal. First peal as conductor.

## HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.

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On Wednesday, September 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOSEPH BENNETT ... Treble  | SYDNEY SADLER ... 5        |
| MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 2 | GEORGE ROBINSON ... 6      |
| H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... 3  | HENRY LINDSAY ... 7        |
| WALTER WOOD ... 4          | PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor |

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## MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

|                          |                             |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *RYLAND MARCH ... Treble | †FRED WALLINGTON ... 5      |
| †JOSEPH CHESTER ... 2    | †WALTER WALLINGTON ... 6    |
| HARRY BAXTER ... 3       | ERNEST MORRIS ... 7         |
| *FRANK WALLINGTON ... 4  | C. ARTHUR MANNING ... Tenor |

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

\* First peal on tower bells. † First peal of Treble Bob.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *MRS. E. H. SPICE ... Treble | GEORGE POUND ... 5       |
| EDWARD H. SPICE ... 2        | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6  |
| WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 3    | LOUIS HEAD ... 7         |
| THOMAS JULL ... 4            | LAWRENCE HALES ... Tenor |

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

\* First peal, and first lady to ring a peal at Tunstall. Rung for the harvest thanksgiving festival. Also on the 20th anniversary of a peal of Minor in seven Surprise methods at Tunstall, in which ringers of 3rd and 4th took part. The band wish to thank Mrs. Spice, senr., for providing tea after the peal.

DARLSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| BERT HORTON ... .. Treble | THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 5   |
| SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 2     | WILLIAM FISHER... .. 6     |
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3     | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7 |
| JOHN PERRY... .. 4        | ALFRED BUYLER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| GEORGE GREEN ... .. Treble | HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 5 |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2  | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 6 |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 3   | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7  |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4     | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CARLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.  
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... Treble | ROBERT LAUGHTON ... .. 5     |
| REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 2    | ALBERT HUNTER ... .. 6       |
| GEORGE KEMBALL ... .. 3      | THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 7    |
| *WILLIAM N. PARK ... .. 4    | THOMAS METCALFE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

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

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5    |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 2     | JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6      |
| JOHN HAYES... .. 3            | REGINALD L. INCE ... .. 7   |
| SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 4      | JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

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

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... Treble | E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 2    | JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. 6     |
| ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ... 3    | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 7     |
| HERBERT LUCAS ... .. 4       | EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (69). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN J. MAWBY... .. Treble | JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 5        |
| JAMES T. WARD... .. 2      | AMOS SMART ... .. 6          |
| *LEONARD J. WYMAN ... 3    | WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7      |
| ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. 4  | *ARTHUR BELLAMY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

\* First peal in the method.

THURCASTON, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5      |
| G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 2  | J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. 6   |
| SHIRLEY BORTON... .. 3      | WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 7       |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4     | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method by all except 6th ringer, and rung at first attempt. First peal in the method in the county.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *GEORGE BURROWS ... .. Treble | ARTHUR PEAKE ... .. 5        |
| *ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. 2      | FRANK OLIVER ... .. 6        |
| †FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... 3   | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 7      |
| ROBERT G. LEWIS ... .. 4      | CHARLES H. PAGE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 6th hail from Uttoxeter; 2nd from Cheadle (Staffs); 3rd and 7th from Crewe; 5th and tenor from Stoke-on-Trent.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours & Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

HENRY JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... Treble | CHARLES WEBB ... .. 5     |
| HENRY WILLIAMS ... .. 2      | WILLIAM H. BALL ... .. 6  |
| J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 3     | THOMAS H. REEVES ... .. 7 |
| ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4       | HARRY WITHERS... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal in a Surprise method on these grand bells. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Withers. Also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Harry Williams. Both events were duly celebrated after the peal.

WEST MAILING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| *FRED A. LEASON ... .. Treble | THOMAS BEAUMONT ... .. 5  |
| GEORGE NEWMAN ... .. 2        | JAMES W. LEONARD ... .. 6 |
| GEORGE BELL ... .. 3          | CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 7  |
| LEONARD MANNERING ... 4       | LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

\* First peal of Major, and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. A. W. Daniels, who was inducted the previous Tuesday.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours & Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Treble | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5   |
| *OSWALD J. HUNT ... .. 2      | DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE... .. 6 |
| HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 3         | FRANK PERVIN ... .. 7     |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4       | JOHN MORTON ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

This composition contains 360 bobs and 98 singles. First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and for the Guild. \* 50th peal.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *CYRIL TANSELL ... .. Treble | JOSEPH LAWRENCE ... .. 5     |
| *ALBERT HARTLAND ... .. 2    | CHARLES CAMM ... .. 6        |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 3     | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 7      |
| FRANK LAWRENCE ... .. 4      | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

\* First peal, and first attempt.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 4 |
| CHARLES LUMBER ... .. 2        | THOMAS JULL ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 3        | WILLIAM NYE ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 29, 1925, 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.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHARLES E. WEBB ... .. Treble | *THOMAS BRADLEY ... .. 4      |
| THOMAS TOWNSON ... .. 2       | FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 5      |
| FREDERICK COWARD ... .. 3     | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Rung on St. Michael's Day, previous to the Restoration Jubilee service of this ancient Parish Church of St. Michael. \* First peal.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MILBURG,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES BRADLEY ... .. Treble | HERBERT JORDAN ... .. 4        |
| HARRY MIDDLETON ... .. 2    | JOHN HALL ... .. 5             |
| JAMES HEMMING ... .. 3      | JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

First peal of Minor on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being all that can be desired.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WALTER YEANDLE ... .. Treble | EDWIN THORNE ... .. 4     |
| HENRY A. PHILLIPS ... .. 2   | ISAAC FARMER ... .. 5     |
| SAM. GRABHAM ... .. 3        | EDWARD GOULD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

First peal of Minor by all the band except ringer of 2nd.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for morning service, 720 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (Spiced): W. J. Baleman 1, E. C. Hartley 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, H. C. Albrow 4, T. G. Hawkins 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *THOMAS HARTWELL ... .. Treble | TOM BARTRAM ... .. 4           |
| MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT ... .. 2  | HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 5     |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 3     | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

\* First peal.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours & Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GILBERT M. HASELL ... .. Treble | EDGAR BOURTON ... .. 4        |
| WILLIAM SHORE ... .. 2          | THOMAS B. CLARK ... .. 5      |
| HARRY PROUT ... .. 3            | WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by B. T. CLARK.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of 3,600 of Grandsire and 1,440 of Plain Bob.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *JAMES BRACKLEY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM LEGGETT ... .. 7      |
| HARRY TURNER ... .. 2         | GEORGE MILES ... .. 5         |
| †CHARLES J. BRACKLEY ... .. 3 | WILLIAM H. POOLE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY TURNER.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. Both the treble and 3rd ringers were re-elected members of the Essex Association before starting the peal. Rung before evensong for the harvest festival.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT 396, MEANWOOD ROAD, LEEDS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN AMBLER ... .. 1—2      | WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5—6      |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 3—4 | H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... .. 7—8 |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Peal No. 169, C.C. Collection.

**TWO PRESENTATIONS AT BUCKNALL.**

At Bucknall, Stoke-on-Trent, on Sept. 24th, by the kind invitation of Mr. W. Wheeldon, senr., leader of St. Mary's band, and Mrs. Wheeldon, the ringers were entertained to supper, the occasion being an 'At Home' to Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeldon, junr., also the birthday of the leader of the band.

After supper, with Mr. Chas. Preston in the chair, two interesting events took place. The first was the presentation of an eight-day clock to Mr. W. Wheeldon, junr., on the occasion of his recent marriage; the presentation was made by Mr. W. Fradley. The second was a presentation to Mr. W. Wheeldon, senr., leader of the band, and this also consisted of a clock; the gift being handed to Mr. Wheeldon by Miss Alice Preston. Both gifts were suitably acknowledged, and a vote of thanks to the host and hostess for their hospitality brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AS VICAR.**

On completing 25 years as Vicar of Elham, the Rev. A. C. de Bourbel, was presented by the parishioners on Monday, Sept. 28th, with a grandfather's clock, accompanied by an album with names of subscribers, which included members of the Free Church Denominations, as well as Church of England. After the presentation, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on the bells of the Parish Church by Messrs. S. and J. Binfield (Folkestone), the Misses Hardcastle and Chapman (Stratham), Messrs. F. Verney, T. Friend and F. and A. Castle, of the local band, conducted by S. Binfield and A. Castle.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

MELCHIOR AND CRANE.—THE NORWICH MEN'S DEBATE  
ON STEDMAN.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The board recording the Coshany peal, reads as follows:—

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, two Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all Judges of the Art to be the most Ingenious Peal that till now has been composed. The Bobs were called by Edward Crane before mentioned, and was rung and completed in 3 hours 18 minutes by us whose names are underwritten: Richard Barnham 1, Edward Crane 2, Jno. Harvey 3, Robt. Nockall 4, Wm. Pettingill 5, Thos. Crane 6, Rice Greene 7, R. Crane tenor.

The following letter from Edward Crane appeared in the 'Gazette' of December 24th, 1731:—

'WHEREAS Mr. Melchior did advertise on the 11th instant by the consent of his company, a kind of Banter upon St. Michael's Company; but not one Word of Truth unless it was that honest Tom has ears as long as an Ass. Truth indeed, but that is such asses as themselves; but that is not all. Whereas on Monday, the 6th of this instant December was rung at St. Michael's that ingenious Peal called Stedman's Triples, which contains 5,040 Changes (being the first time that ever it was rung), notwithstanding some of St. Peter's Company did employ a Bell Man to cry about the streets the following scandalous Verses, just before we began to ring, viz.:—

This is to give Notice to all Sorts of People

That the Ringers that practice at St. Michael's Steeple,  
Have craz'd their Brains, by setting forth false Pretences,  
That it is to be fear'd they have quite lost their senses.

Therefore, let 'em repair to JOHN FOSTER'S, and 'tis plain  
There's those that can help them to their senses again.

And a little before the peal was ended, they had the impudence to swear we should not ring it out; and so did fling stones up the Church Leads and against the Doors, and did cause the Boys in the Street to cry Huzzas; nay one of them was so impertinent as to open the Window of the Church to get in; but was prevented by the People that stood to hear the Peal come out, and were sent home to their Shame with Bloody Noses; all this some hundreds of People saw that stood to hear the Peal; this is good Credit for St. Peter's Ringers. Mr. Melchior was pleased to say that the Peal we rang was not Stedman Triples. I will meet him before any gentleman who is a proper judge of the Art, and belongs to neither company, and I will lay down my Peal at Length, and he shall do the same and let us dispute it out which is the properest Peal, according to Stedman's own Rule on Five Bells. Mr. Melchior you are pleased to say that in Stedman every Bell has its Course alike; but Stedman is mistaken, and so are you. These are the Names of the Men that rang the Peal on Monday, the 6th instant, aforesaid, viz.: Richard Barnham treble, Edward Crane 2nd, John Harvey 3rd, Robert Nockold 4th, William Pettingill 5, Thomas Crane 6th, Rice Green 7th, Robert Crane tenor.

Melchior's reply was as follows:—

'WHEREAS Mr. Edward Crane (not Sir Thomas) did in the public News on the 24th of December, 1731, Charge St. Peter's Ringers with many base and scandalous Actions, which they are ashamed to hear of much more to act; for I must tell you that St. Peter's Ringers Scorn to act or encourage any such thing; neither can you bring any one Person of those Hundreds that you mention, that can prove they did any one of those things you charge them withal; if you could you would have set down the Name. Perhaps you thought that Every Body had long Ears and a foul Tongue that would swear to that they knew nothing of; but you are mistaken as well as others of your company, who, pretending to justify it, heard it all denied to their faces by their own Neighbours. As for the Bell Man's being employed, you may lay that to whom you will; but the Intents of it (as I am informed) was to animate your fearful Hearts at the dreadful approach of your alterations. For who could have thought that the Sight of those dismal changes could have defeated such old Veteran ringers, and put them out 11 Times together, as you have lately been at St. Michael's; where you likewise say, you have rung 5,040 Stedman's Triples. But it was rung no otherwise than with changes alike; Witness your 4th Bell dodging Behind with the 3rd, 2nd and 7th Back Stroke, instead of 2, 4. These things are not to be found in your Peal as you prick't it, yet you all inserted your Names that you rung it: much akin to your former assertions. Likewise you say Stedman and I are mistaken by saying every Bell has a Course alike. As you accused us in Publick, it is reason you should dispute us in Publick; and in your next let me know your Opinion if these Figures in the Margin be the proper Form and Grounds of STEDMAN'S DOUBLES? And whether they, by being brought 5 times over in an expressible denomina-

tive Course do not produce 60, every Bell a Course alike? 4 5 3 1 2  
And whether your whole Peal begins from every 12th 5 4 3 2 1  
Change throughout your 5,040 as mine, and this Peal in 5 3 4 1 2  
the Margin successively do through the 120?

'THOMAS MELCHIOR.'

The controversy is now about the composition of the two peals, and before we discuss that, we had better have the two remaining letters. They are as follows:—

'WHEREAS Mr. Melchior refuseth to meet me before any Man that belongs to neither Company, and that is a judge in the Art of Ringing, but desires that I should dispute with him in Publick; as long as he can deny the Truth in the publick Prints he will go on with his base and Scandalous Actions; for he would make the World believe that he is a very great Man, and Exceeds all in that Art. But, Mr. Melchior, you call me to Account for saying STEDMAN is mistaken and so are you; but if I be right it is so. STEDMAN in page 129 says: That all the bells have a like Course: but if it be so, then tell me why there is Two Alterations in STEDMAN on FIVE BELLS? For the 2nd and 3rd Change Places, therefore, every Bell hath not a course alike; if they had, every Bell would have changed as well as they. But STEDMAN in page 130 says: Whatsoever Two Bells be dodging Behind, at the First Extream, the same Two Bells coming together again Behind is Certaine Warning for the Second Extream to be made; but I must tell you in my Peal of 5,040 when the Doubles are made the same Bells dodge Behind at the first and second Extream or Alterations, as you are pleased to call them. But to the End the Publick may not be imposed on, I have prick't the first Twelve Changes as STEDMAN did himself, and the rest by Quick Hunt; and I would have the World take Notice that the first Time Mr. Melchior makes his Two Doubles with the same Two Bells dodging as STEDMAN does on Five Bells, I will give him a Bowl of Punch of 10s. to cheer up his drooping Heart. For I design to answer no more of his base and Scandalous Advertisements, but rather advise him to keep his Money; and to give every Man his Half-Crown again that he had for his Peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES with fourteen Doubles and 21 Alterations.

'EDWARD CRANE.'

(To understand Crane's point you must remember that Stedman made his Single on the front bells in the middle of a Quick Six, and not on the back bells as has been usual for many years.)

'MR. CRANE, I expected that such an ingenious and compleat Ringer as you have stiled yourself could have found an Answer to Two such easie Questions as I proposed in my last; and not have shifted them off with a false Notion that I refuse to dispute you before any Man that belongs to neither Company; these are scandalous Actions indeed in such a Man as you, who know nothing but how to carp and cavil at another Man's Works, as at the Extream of Stedman: where you say that the 2nd and 3rd Change Places; therefore, every Bell hath not a course alike. But you are mistaken and not Stedman; for if the first 60 Changes be every Bell a like Course so have the last 60; for they do not Change Courses but only Places; for the Courses are entire Whole throughout the Peal, beginning 21354 from every 12th change, which 12 Changes are the real true Course and Grounds of the Whole Work. And Doleman, in page 46, says: "In this Peal every Bell hath one and the same Course, there being no proper Hunt or Half Hunt therein." Now if Stedman be mistaken (who was Master of a College in the University and a learned Mathematician), with Doleman and others, why need I take amiss Mr. Crane's saying I am mistaken, too? For he is a Learned Man and knows Omnia Bene in his own Conceit. However, he may look into Stedman, page 90, and he may see why there are two Alterations on five bells.

'And in pages 129 and 130, it is said: "Every Bell that Comes Behind dodge 6 Changes with one Bell, and 6 with another, and then in Course the parting Change brings it down and cuts compass; the next both not, and so by Turns successively," for which you cannot show throughout your 5,040: for at your Quarter's Peals End your Bells come thus, as in the Margin, it being your Alteration; where there are 3 Parting Changes out of 7, instead of 1 in 6. Likewise, the Treble is turn'd out of a quick Course into a slow one, which should have led a Whole Pull. By this may be seen, who is willing to impose on the Publick; not I nor you neither; for if Sir Thomas and another Gentleman had not kept up all night, you had never seen the peal with 14 Doubles, but they persuaded me to sell it; and if they had not bought it you had never known the proportionable Parts of it; for you Cannot divide the Number of your Fingers by the Rule of Arithmetick. You know you had your Bargain, but you shamefully unman yourself to cry for your money again.

'However, I will take your advice, and in a short time will send

2 1 3 5 4  
2 3 1 4 5  
3 2 4 1 5  
2 3 4 5 1  
2 4 3 1 5  
4 2 3 5 1  
4 3 2 1 5  
3 4 2 5 1  
4 3 2 1 5



you word who shall be your judge, and where I will dispute with you in private, as you desire.

' THOMAS MELCHIOR.'

P.C. 3 2 1 5 4 7 6  
3 1 2 4 5 6 7

P.C. 1 3 4 2 5 7 6  
3 1 4 5 2 6 7  
3 4 1 2 5 7 6  
4 3 2 1 5 6 7

P.C. 3 4 2 1 5 7 6

The reference to Stedman is interesting. The facts, of course, are all wrong, but notice how very near it comes to verbal accuracy. Stedman was a Cambridge man, but he belonged to the town, and not to the University. We have no grounds for calling him a 'learned Mathematician,' but his book is there to show that he was of the stuff that learned mathematicians are made of. And in 1682 he was elected Master, but it was Master of the College Youths, and not of a 'College in the University.'

Doleman was a prominent London ringer who lived during the latter part of the seventeenth century and the earlier part of the eighteenth, a later man than Stedman and older than Annable. He was a member of the Society of London Scholars, and joint author of a book on ringing, called 'Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing,' by J. D. and C. M., which was published in 1702. One or two editions of this book were printed, and a fair number of copies are still in existence. It is really little more than a revision of Stedman's Campanalogia. In his notebook Annable gives several six-bell methods as the composition of Doleman.

#### PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Peterborough Branch was held on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, at Peterborough, members and visitors attending from Chatteris, Fleet, Market Deeping, Somersham, Sawston, Yaxley, Alwalton, Surfleet, and the local band. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. T. W. A. Jones. Tea, to which 21 sat down, was provided at the Co-operative Cafe.

The business meeting was held in St. Mary's Schoolroom, the president (the Very Rev. the Dean of Peterborough) presiding, after which the bells of St. Mary and Woodston were kept going to various methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

#### ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting for the South-Eastern Division was held at Rayleigh on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. The weather being ideal, many members were present, and represented 13 towers, including the local company. The bells were kept going from 3 o'clock, and service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Fryer). Tea was kindly provided by the Rector in the Parish Room, about 30 members sitting down.—The Rector welcomed the association to Rayleigh, and hoped they would accept him as a member. He said he was pleased to see so many towers represented, and hoped there would always be as much enthusiasm in ringing as there was at the present day.

The Rector was elected an hon. member, and nine members were also elected from Rayleigh.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the service, and for the excellent tea he had provided.

Touches were afterwards rung on the handbells, and other members again visited the tower, when the methods rung included Cambridge Surprise.

The bells have been recently recast (with the exception of the fifth, which is a Pre-Reformation bell), by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. This was the first peal in the district to be put into their hands, and everyone present was pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

#### ENCOURAGEMENT OF YOUNG CONDUCTOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was pleased to read the report of the peal of Treble Bob rung at the R.C. Cathedral of St. Chad's, Birmingham, on the 23rd of September, which was conducted by Mr. George E. Large on his 20th birthday. Great credit is due to him for such a good performance, also to his brother ringers for encouraging so young a conductor.—Yours faithfully,

Burford, Oxon.

THOMAS ROND.

FRODSHAM.—For harvest festival, evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Bibby 1, T. Lightfoot 2, C. Valentine 3, J. C. Bibby 4, W. C. Collyer 5, B. Rutter 6, G. H. Randles 7, F. Bibby 8. Also a plain course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.—At St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Bottomley 1, F. Jagger 2, W. Bottomley 3, S. Jackson 4, W. Ambler (Queensbury) 5, R. Squires (Halifax St. John's), 6, J. Greenwood (conductor) 7, A. Jagger 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of the 4th and 6th.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Young Bill,' by ringing the 7th to Stedman Cinques at Bow on Saturday, Oct. 3rd, rang his twelfth twelve-bell peal, and it is an interesting fact that he has rung the bells all round, viz.: Ten peals of Cinques and two of Maximus; 1, 2, 6, 8, 9, 10 at Southwark; 3, 4, 5, 7 at Bow; 11th at Cheltenham; and tenor at Cornhill.

The bells of Carlisle Cathedral are to be dedicated by the Archbishop of York on November 12th. These bells have recently been restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London, after a silence of 180 years. This old peal of eight are not very musical, but have been especially preserved as an historical connecting link with the famous Duke of Cumberland, whose activities in the North of England led to the Old 'London Scholars' adopting a new title.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the new bells at King's Norton, on Saturday, should have been called by Mr. Percy O. Ladin, but on that day, unhappily, he had to attend his mother's funeral at Bury St. Edmunds. The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to him, and the other members of his family, including Mr. Peter Ladin, now in Toronto, in their bereavement.

The band of ringers at Sandal, Yorks, are old servants of the church. Mr. H. Robinson has been a ringer there for 55 years; Mr. W. Rayner, 50 years; J. Brewin (who recently retired), 47 years; Mr. A. Kilbury, 40 years; Mr. W. Moxon, 30 years; Mr. W. Robinson, 20 years; Mr. H. Spencer, 12 years. Such a record will be hard to beat.

In addition to his 50 years' service as a ringer, Mr. W. Rayner has also been a chorister for over 50 years. He is a life member of the Yorkshire Association, and vice-president of the Barnsley and District Association.

- It is reported that the bells of All Saints, Poplar, are to be restored. They have been in need of attention for many years.

At the harvest thanksgiving in Kington Magna Church, the 150th Psalm was sung to the accompaniment of the organ, tenor horn, violins, violoncello and handbells. The handbell part was very creditably played by four little boys—one aged eleven, the other three nine years old. It may be of interest to add that the parson (who is secretary of the Salisbury Guild) played the organ, and the clerk the tenor horn, probably a rare combination.

John Povey, who was an active member of the College Youths a century and a half ago, called 'a compleat peal of 5,040 Bob Major' at St. George's, Southwark, on Oct. 10th, 1799.

A band of parsons rang a peal for the first time, when ten clerical ringers scored a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary's Warwick, on October 11th, 1910.

Holt's ten-part, one of the classics of composition, was rung for the first time on October 12th, 1754, at Shoreditch.

On October 14th, 1872, a peal of Reversed Grandsire Triples was rung at Christ Church, West Bromwich. The bobs were made when the treble was in 2nd's place, with the bell in the hunt going up before the treble in every lead. This was the first complete peal with the bells in this position 'ever rung in this part of the country.' S. Biddlestone, who composed and conducted the peal, will be best remembered for his twelve-part bob and single peal of Grandsire.

The bells at Far Headingley, Leeds, were dedicated on Sept. 17th, 1872, and a fortnight later were utilised for a ringing contest in which fourteen sets of ringers competed for prizes. Last week we mentioned a contest at Glossop, which lasted from 9 a.m. to midnight, but what must the public near Far Headingley Church have thought of the competition at their parish church?

Ringings began about noonday, continuing throughout the night, and lasting until the following afternoon! Each party rang Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and the contest lasted 30 hours in all. 'The conduct of the ringers throughout is highly spoken of,' commented the Editor of 'Church Bells,' 'but be that as it may, we should not be true to our principles if we did not repeat our disapprobation of such a use of the bells of the church. Prizes are not necessary to make proficient in the art.'

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just completed the rehangings of the six bells at Offenham, Worcestershire, and they were rededicated on Saturday by the Rev. J. A. F. Peile (Archdeacon of Worcester). Immediately afterwards a peal in seven Minor methods was rung. The band were subsequently kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. G. H. B. and Mrs. Greening.

A visit to Wembley has been arranged by the Ladies' Guild, to take place on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Gentlemen are invited, and doubtless a goodly party will be made up.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Trowbridge during the Wiltshire tour was the first peal of Royal in the county, as stated in the report. A peal of Bob Royal was rung in October, 1923. As a matter of accuracy, a correspondent informs us that Bradford (Holy Trinity) tenor is 30 cwt. 3 qrs. 14 lbs. (not 32 cwt.), and Chippenham (St. Andrew's) 20 cwt. in E flat (not 30 cwt. in B flat).

A peal of 7,020 Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, was rung at Aston on October 14th, 1850.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

### HINTS ON 'SPLICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER. NINTH ARTICLE.

We now enter the last lap, and I wonder how many are in the running? Not many, I am afraid. Never mind, don't be discouraged, there is plenty of time to practise and pull up. I shall watch the columns of our paper, and follow the doings of those bands which take advantage of this series of articles, with no small amount of interest. Who will be the second to ring a thirty-five method peal?

The members of this seventh group or first Castle group, which we now have to consider, are 3rd's Place Delight methods, and if those of the preceding group have been thoroughly mastered, half the battle is over, for, with the exception of the odd method, we have similar work 'down' in this section.

In the work 'up' some may recognise New London Treble Bob. This is a method I have never rung myself, and the following will be a guide for those who have:—

| Work of Bells          | Work of Bells          | Resultant           |
|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Passing Treble 'up.'   | Passing Treble 'down.' | Method.             |
| New London Treble Bob. | Bogedone.              | Fotheringay Castle. |
| New London Treble Bob. | Knutsford.             | Skipton Castle.     |
| New London Treble Bob. | Wilmslow.              | Queen Victoria.     |
| New London Treble Bob. | Rotherne.              | Chenafaw Castle.    |

It will be necessary to record the work 'up,' so I will extract it from Chepstow Castle, No. 28, page 27, of the Collection. It closely resembles that of the previous group, so be careful not to confuse the two. The first item of note is, there is no second's place above treble, and the bell which snapped, works as at a 'bob' lead of the Ely group. The 2-3 bell runs through both ways. Instead of dodging after lying 6th's, the 3-4 bell returns to 3rd's; then, after making the place, runs up to dodge before lying. The 4-5 bell works in conjunction with the 1-2, i.e., as at a bob lead of Ely, and the 5-6 bell works opposite to 3-4.

The following details of the work 'up' must be recorded:—

Pass treble 1-2 up. Run out, lie and dodge.  
 Pass treble 2-3 up. Run out, lie, run in.  
 Pass treble 3-4 up. Run out, lie, make 3rd's, dodge 5-8 and lie.  
 Pass treble 4-5 up. Dodge and lie, run in (snap treble).  
 Pass treble 5-6 up. Lie and dodge, make 3rd's, run out, lie, run in (dodge treble 3-4 down).

BOB WORK

This should present no difficulty, as all the bells work as at a bob lead of the Ely group, although in this case it is those bells passing 1-2 and 4-5 which remain unaltered. To produce the extent, call tenor, 'In, Out, In,' twice repeated (or 1-2, 4-5, 1-2). The omit coming in the first lead of each part should cause no worry.

From the foregoing, it will be realised that each ringer must have his mind on the method being rung, otherwise the similarity of these two last groups will cause endless confusion.

It is now only necessary for me to state that Queen Victoria, No. 35, page 29, is produced by Wilmslow work in; Skipton Castle, No. 30, page 28, by Knutsford work in; and Fotheringay Castle by Bagedone work in. This latter method does not appear in the Collection, and is accordingly reproduced herewith.

Fotheringay Castle. No. 41

|   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
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| 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 |   |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 |   |
| 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 1 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 |   |
| 6 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 5 |   |
| 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 3 |   |
| 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 |   |
| 1 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 |   |
| 1 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 2 |   |

Dover Castle, No. 42.

|   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 |   |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 5 |   |
| 2 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 3 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 3 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 6 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 1 |   |
| 6 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 4 |   |
| 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 |   |
| 2 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 1 |   |
| 5 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 |   |
| 2 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 1 |   |
| 5 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 3 |   |
| 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 |   |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 4 |   |
| 5 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 |   |
| 2 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 4 |   |
| 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 4 |   |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 6 |   |
| 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |   |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 |   |
| 1 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 5 |   |

The four methods, Chepstow Castle, Queen Victoria, Skipton Castle and Fotheringay Castle, will splice lead for lead, and the odd method, which splices only course for course, is Dover Castle. This is another method discovered after the present Collection was published: therefore, a lead of it is given above.

Whilst the work 'up' remains the same, do not confuse the work down with Ely. Three bells are occupied with the 'slow.' That which snapped treble remains in the whole of the lead, and its work is in two parts: (a) Place-making and double dodging on; (b) double dodging off and place-making. The bell which passed treble 2-3 down, leads full, does a double dodge off, and goes to places in 3-4, whilst the 3-4 bell, makes places in 3-4, does a double dodge on the lead, leads full and passes treble 2-3 up. Those passing 4-5 and 5-6, make 3rd's and up, as in Morning Star.

Make a record of the work, and get it mastered.

DOVER CASTLE.

Work 'up,' as in Chepstow Castle.

|                               |  |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Pass treble 1—2 down.         | Lead, 2nd's, double dodge on (lead), double dodge off, 2nd's and lead. |
| Pass treble 2—3 down.         | Lead, double dodge off, 4th's and 3rd's.                               |
| Pass treble 3—4 down.         | 3rd's and 4th's, double dodge on, lead.                                |
| Pass treble 4—5 and 5—8 down. | 3rd's and out.   |

The 'bob' work, of course, remains the same

'This is all.' The whole of the thirty-five methods have been dealt with, and the peal can be rung with a group of five methods to each extent. To those of you who attempt it, I, along with my 'brother strings,' wish you every success. As with us, many set-backs will be met; do not despair, but stick to your guns. If, for instance, the attempt at a fifteen method peal fails, the next time you meet, tack on more methods, as a sort of punishment for failing. You will be surprised at the result. And remember, whilst nothing succeeds like success, success often follows a failure.

In concluding this part of the 'Hints' to those who desire to take up 'Spliced' ringing, let me state, thirty-five is not the total number of methods it is possible to ring in seven true extents, but forty-two. There is an extra odd method to each group, and only three leads of it are rung, one in each part. Not having gone into this arrangement I am not in a position to describe it in detail, although I have rung one or two six method 720's. If I remember rightly, Mr. Lewis published some figures bearing on this subject, and I will, therefore, leave this matter for other hands.

[Previous articles have appeared in our issues of Aug. 14th, 21st, 28th, Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and Oct. 2nd.]

### BELL RESTORATION AT SHIPLAKE, OXON.

The peal of eight bells at Shiplake, Oxon, have recently been rehung and the two tenors recast, and the whole peal tuned. The rededication by the Vicar took place at morning prayer on Sunday, Oct. 4th, a touch of 97 Grandsire Triples being rung by the local ringers. The Vicar, some two years ago, undertook the responsibility of collecting the sum required, nearly £300, to carry out the work, and it is gratifying to him, who is leaving the parish, to see his efforts rewarded. From all sides have come praise for the restored bells.

The oak bell cage is good, but the beams that supported them were in a dilapidated state. Iron girders now carry the weight, and the bells are hung on ball bearings, the 'go' being perfect.

The peal was out of tune, the 7th cracked in the crown, and, unfortunately, on examination at the foundry the tenor also was found to be cracked in the crown. It was a beautiful bell by Robert Patrick. To the local ringers there used to be but one bell to be proud of, the tenor, and while to-day their sentiment goes back to 'the dear old tenor,' they are justly proud of a well-balanced peal, worthy of the House of God. Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated on their good work in the restoration of the bells.

## AN OLD 'YOUTH.'

Born on the 4th of October, 'a long time ago,' Mr. W. A. Alps, who was elected a member of the Ancient College of Youths on March 17th, 1874, and who is known to his intimates as 'the man of few words,' received hearty congratulations and good wishes from a band of ringers who met at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, last Sunday to ring for his birthday, and for the harvest festival. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins.: W. H. Hewett 1, W. J. Nelder 2, R. Sanders 3, T. Walker 4, W. A. Alps (composer and conductor) 5, J. E. Davis 6, T. H. Taffender 7, A. Marsh 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined ringing practice for the Sonning Deanery was held on Saturday evening at All Saints', Wokingham, when twelve members attended from Beaconsfield, Wyford, Sandhurst, Binfield, Waltham St. Lawrence, and Wokingham. The visitors from Beaconsfield were very welcome. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major were practised.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT.

## MR. F. R. BACON'S SUDDEN DEATH.

The passing away of Mr. F. R. Bacon, of Hitchin, with somewhat tragic suddenness on Friday, Sept. 25th, has cast a gloom of sadness amongst the ringers of the county of Hertford. He joined the association in the early days of its formation, and in 1913 became district secretary for the Northern Division of the County. He took great interest in this duty, and the arrangements for the quarterly meetings were managed with a master hand, every detail receiving thought and attention. Especially did he value the opportunity of enlisting the sympathy of the incumbent in permitting a short service on these occasions, and in most cases he was successful. It was at his suggestion these quarterly services were held, for he realised

It is the house of prayer  
Wherein Thy servants meet,  
And Thou, O Lord, art there  
Thy chosen flock to greet.

In recognition of his services he was unanimously elected president at the Easter meeting of 1925, an honour which he greatly appreciated, not for himself alone, but the district he represented.

He was assiduous in his duties at St. Mary's Church, both as sidesman, and as a member of the Parochial Church Council, serving also as a member of the Finance Committee on that body.

He had been associated with Hitchin for over thirty years, being cashier and estimating clerk for a local firm of builders, who held him in the highest esteem. For about 22 years he had been a ringer at St. Mary's Church, and was very capable in ringing the standard methods. His recent ambition was the ringing of an officers' peal during his presidency.

The funeral took place at St. Mary's Church on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, the service being conducted by the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, Rector of Wigginton (an ex-president), and the Rev. L. B. Ashby, Vicar. During the service, the 90th Psalm was recited, and the hymn, 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' was sung, the organist playing the 'Dend March' at the close.

In addition to the family mourners, a great number of people were present, including the bell ringers of St. Mary's Church. The treasurer and secretary of the county association, and other officers, were unable to be present, and at the secretary's request were represented by Mr. E. W. Day, the secretary of the Hitchin band. A beautiful wreath was sent, bearing the inscription: 'A token of esteem,' from the officers and members of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers.

A half-muffled peal was rung on the bells of St. Mary's Church on Sunday evening, as a tribute of affection for a sincere colleague. The association, and the church he so faithfully served, have lost a man of high principle, and of him it could be said, 'I have set the Lord always before me,' in all his church activities.

To Mrs. Bacon the ringers extend heartfelt sympathy in her deep sorrow, and pray that God will comfort and console her in her trial.  
G. W. C.

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

## THE GENERAL SECRETARY EXPLAINS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the account in your last issue, of the meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Midland District, at which the secretary resigned, I should like to correct the impression given therein, that I have raised an objection to an hon. member being secretary of a district.

I had always been given to understand that the Midland district secretary was only carrying on until a ringing member could be found who would do the work. Moreover, at the last annual meeting of the district, the secretary expressed a wish to retire, and has since written me to this effect.

Shortly before the annual meeting at Reading, I received reports from the secretaries of districts on the work of the year, and that received from the Midland district was to the effect that the meetings were not being supported as they should be. I drew up my report accordingly, and submitted it to Mrs. Groves before the meeting. She entirely agreed with all my remarks, which were not to the effect that I objected to an hon. member being secretary, but that it was a pity there was not a ringing member sufficiently enthusiastic to take over the secretaryship from which Mrs. Groves wished to retire.

Had I any objection to an honorary member being secretary I should have brought the matter forward when the election took place in 1921.

In view of the report in 'The Ringing World,' there is not the slightest doubt that the case has been misrepresented to the members, and they were not informed by the secretary that she had seen the report before the meeting.

I much regret that it has been necessary for me to take up your valuable space in this way, but I feel some explanation should be made to correct the false impression conveyed in the report.—Yours truly,  
EDITH K. PARKER.

17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## CREWE BRANCH VISIT TO 'CATHEDRAL OF SOUTH CHESHIRE.'

The ancient and historic town of Nantwich was the venue of the monthly meeting of the Crewe Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild last Saturday, when over 30 members attended, despite the unfavourable elements. Nantwich, where the last annual meeting of the Diocesan Guild was held, is always a popular venue. Campanologists, whenever they can, make a point of visiting the 'Cathedral of South Cheshire,' a name which the old church has for so long enjoyed. It is said to be 14th century work, and, apart from any bell ringing attractions, an inspection of this decorated Gothic architecture is well worth while. It is interesting to note that a peculiarity of the tower, which is octagonal, and rises from the centre of the church, is that it is square in the lower portion, and eight-sided above the roof level.

However, turning to the meeting, all agreed that a most enjoyable day was spent. The afternoon 'session' commenced with some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. Towers represented were Crewe, Nantwich, Church Lawton, Sandbach, Acton, Tarporley, Davenham, Ightfield, Wistaston and Horton-in-Hales, while Mr. E. W. Elwell, the general secretary of the Guild, came from Capenhurst.

## YOUNG RINGERS' INTEREST.

It was pleasing to see the good muster of youngsters, who took a keen interest in the ringing and all the proceedings. Visiting members expressed their keen satisfaction with the progress the younger members are making at Nantwich, under the able tutelage of Mr. W. Sutton, who has been willingly assisted by the enthusiastic members from Crewe. Great satisfaction was also expressed at the tone and 'go' of the eight bells, which were voted as one of the finest peals in the county of Chester. Nantwich members might well be proud of the compliments paid to their sweet-toned bells.

Following the afternoon ringing, the company adjourned to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was generously provided. Mrs. Sutton, Mrs. Barnard, Mrs. Langford and Miss Ethel Davies very kindly undertook the duties of waitresses, and right well did they carry out their work. The Rector (the Rev. C. W. Montgomery Bromley) was present, and occupied the chair for the business meeting which followed the enjoyable repast.

The popular branch secretary, Mr. R. D. Langford (Crewe) gave a brief report on current happenings. He remarked that the bells at Norbury would be dedicated on November 21st, which clashed with the date of the monthly meeting at Acton. It was suggested, he said, that the Acton meeting should be held on November 14th, so that members would be able to attend the dedication at Norbury, the Acton members being quite agreeable to such a change.—In this proposal the meeting concurred.

## A REPRESENTATIVE ON DIOCESAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Mr. Elwell also addressed the meeting, and expressed his pleasure at being present. He gave a brief account of the meeting of the Central Council at Chester some four months ago. He mentioned that the question of cheap railway fares for ringers was receiving his attention. Mr. Elwell said the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. A. Clements, of Grappenhall) had been appointed by the Bishop of Chester to serve on the Diocesan Advisory Committee. He thought this was a step in the right direction, as it was most advisable that on such bodies there should be representatives with a practical knowledge of bell ringing, in order to safeguard such things as the mutilation or destruction of old bells with great historic value.

Mr. R. T. Holding (Crewe) echoed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Elwell with regard to ringers' representatives on the Diocesan Advisory Committee.—Mr. Holding moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Nantwich people for the excellent tea which had been served, to the ladies for their valued assistance, and to the Rector for the use of the bells. He said it showed how popular Nantwich was when they had such a good attendance. They certainly had in Nantwich a very fine peal of bells. Norbury were very fortunate if they had a better peal than Nantwich.

Mr. W. Holding seconded, and said Nantwich possessed the finest peal of bells on which he had ever rung.

The motion was carried with applause, and the Rector, responding, said he was extremely pleased to hear that their bells were such a fine peal. He referred to the great amount of time and trouble the Nantwich members devoted to the bells, and in keeping everything in order, and in conclusion expressed his pleasure at the visit the branch had made.

The Rector conducted service in church, and afterwards another visit was paid to the tower, where the members indulged in touches of Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Oxford Treble Bob Major, concluding a most enjoyable day.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for evensong, Sunday, Oct. 4th, in 53 mins., 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. Davies 1, W. H. Pickett 2, W. Fisher 3, A. Lintott 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, C. I. Davies 6, J. Martin 7, T. C. Larkey 8, E. Caunce 9, A. A. Griffiths 10.



## LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. CENTRAL COUNCIL'S CARD OF INSTRUCTIONS TO BE CIRCULATED.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Stow, on Saturday, Sept. 26th, and proved to be a huge success. Amongst the towers represented were the following: Bigby, Branston, Lincoln (Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches, and St. Peter-at-Gowls), Haxey, Willingham, Gainsborough, Welton (including the Rev. A. Hunt), and the local company. The ringers at Surfleet, who were having their annual outing, also honoured the branch with their presence. The bells were well utilised during the afternoon and evening in various methods, ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Minor, while rounds were also rung for the benefit of the lesser advanced members. On one of these occasions the ropes were handled by six lady members of the Guild. These members of the fair sex were, however, not by any means all beginners, as one of them is much further advanced in the art of change ringing than the writer of this report.

At the service, the Rev. J. Barber (Rector of Stow) officiated, and Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch) read the lessons. The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), who preached a most appropriate and instructive sermon, taking for his text, 1 Corinthians x. 31, 'Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'

Subsequently an excellent tea was provided and partaken of by 59 members and friends. The business meeting followed. Owing to the Rev. H. Law James having to leave early, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his excellent sermon.—In response, he expressed a hope that what he had said would be carried out by the members.

Mr. F. F. Linley presided over the meeting, supported by the Rev. H. T. Parry, Bigby (president of the Grimsby district), and members of the committee. Apologies for absence and best wishes for a good meeting were read from the Rev. G. S. Lyack, Caistor; Rev. T. Russell Warrilow, St. Andrew's, Grimsby; Rev. R. Bond, St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln; and the Rev. R. G. Fookes, Lea.

Bigby was selected as the place for the next half-yearly meeting, the arrangement of the date being left in the hands of the Rev. H. T. Parry and the hon. secretary.

Mr. F. F. Linley proposed, and Mr. C. H. Baker seconded, that the sum of £1 ls. be granted towards the rehanging of the bells of St. Peter's Church, Navenby, likewise, that the sum of £2 2s. be granted towards the rehanging of the bells at St. Peter-at-Arches Church, Lincoln.—On being put to the meeting, this was duly carried.

The next item on the agenda was a resolution in connection with ringing matters in the Sleaford district, which had been passed at a previous meeting of the Lincoln district, but, as Mr. W. H. Lloyd expressed a wish to withdraw it, stating he had been informed that there was a possibility of ringing being revived in that neighbourhood, the members acceded to his request.

The Secretary informed those present that he had recently received a copy of the card issued by the Central Council respecting the care and use of church bells. It was agreed that application be made, through the Guild secretary, for a sufficient number to enable a copy to be sent to each tower in the branch containing three bells and upwards. Should it not be possible to obtain the number required, it was suggested to make the best use of those available.

A very hearty welcome was accorded to the visitors from Surfleet, and to Mrs. F. F. Linley.

The President gave an interesting address, which was greatly appreciated by the members.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector for the use of the bells; the Stow members and friends for the excellent tea provided; and all others who had helped towards making the meeting such a success.—These were duly responded to by the Rev. J. Barber.

After the close of the meeting, further ringing took place until about 7.45 p.m., and brought to an end 'another perfect day.'

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, on Sept. 21th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Salter 1 M. Ward 2, S. Pinder 3, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. Vickers 6, G. West 7, A. R. Leader 8, was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Hawkins, who was interred in Bulwell Cemetery on the previous day.

On Monday, Sept. 21st, at Hambledon, Hants, as a last token of respect to the late Mr. Isaac Perkins (father of one of the local ringers), who was interred on that date in the local churchyard, and who for upwards of 24 years was a sidesman at the Parish Church, 780 Grandsire Doubles (being six and a half 120's), with the bells half-muffled, by T. Parker 1, W. E. Hunt 2, J. Turner 3, G. Spiller 4, R. Hasted (conductor) 5, E. Marb 6. R. Hasted hails from Farnham, Surrey, the rest belong to the local band.

## THE BROADCAST OF BIRMINGHAM BELLS REV. MAITLAND KELLY URGES EXTENSION OF 'WIRELESS' RINGING.

The bells of St. Philip's, Birmingham, when broadcast on Sunday week, were heard in many parts of the country. Writing to the Hon. Secretary of St. Martin's Guild (Mr. A. Paddon Smith), the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the veteran ex-President of the Devon Guild, said: 'In this tiny parish, so many miles distant from Birmingham, we had indeed a treat last night, as we listened with pleasure to your ringing. We could hear it quite distinctly, and the only regret was that it was too short. I wish with you that the Broadcasting Company would try and develop this part of their splendid work. I have written them a letter this morning suggesting that they should do so, and thus bring the country folk into touch with some of the famous peals in London and elsewhere, by giving them an exhibition of really good change ringing. I can understand that it will not be easy (1) to find men to undertake the ringing; (2) to obtain consent of the church authorities; (3) to select a time suitable to the public to listen. The latter point seems to me the most difficult, but on the whole Sunday seems the best day; time either 6 p.m. to 6.30 or 7.45. In most country parishes evening service is at 6.30 p.m. or 7 p.m. If the company began with the London towers and got in touch with the different ringing societies, they would surely be able to get a really good band to give illustrations... May we not also hope that one day we may have parts of peals broadcast? We cannot expect to be in touch with a whole peal, but arrangements might be made for a half-hour of it. If a breakdown occurred the band would be willing to ring a touch during the specified time.'

## AN ENTHUSIASTIC BAND.

Few bands of ringers have advanced more quickly in campanology than that at Kempston, Beds. Until about three years ago they knew nothing of the art of method ringing. Then Mr. P. Inskip joined the band, and introduced scientific change ringing into the belfry, and, with the assistance of Mr. C. W. Clarke, the company has made good progress. The following touches have been rung recently, viz.: Sunday, Sept. 27th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Waller 1, A. Dollin 2, G. Hutchings 3, C. W. Clarke 4, L. Turner (conductor) 5, P. Inskip 6. Also 720 College Exercise: C. W. Clarke 1, G. Hutchings 2, P. Inskip 3, N. Wiles 4, H. Beard 5, L. Turner (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Beard 1, A. Waller 2, L. Turner 3, A. Dollin 4, N. Wiles 5, P. Inskip (conductor); and also 360 Plain Bob Minor.

For harvest thanksgiving service, on Friday, Oct. 2nd 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: H. Beard 1, A. Waller 2, L. Turner 3, A. Dollin 4, N. Wiles 5, P. Inskip (conductor) 6.—720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Waller 1, A. Dollin 2, H. Beard 3, G. Hutchings 4, P. Inskip 5, L. Turner (conductor) 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 Bob Minor, after service.

## 'NO "MEN'S" CLATTER.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of July 24th, you publish a letter on the subject of 'Nomenclature' by Mr. Fernly, which I think is the soundest piece of common sense that has been penned on this very fatuous subject.

The Council and its committee have no right in equity to change any name, once bestowed, and their hapless floundering in the slough of 'euphony,' 'redundancy,' etc., only make one smile at their want of logic. A name is, when spoken, merely a collection of articulated sounds; and when written a collection of hieroglyphics, which distinguish one article from another. The test of euphony is useless, for the very simple reason that what sounds euphonious to one ear would only grate on the ear of another. Beauty always is in the eye (or ear) of the beholder, and, when Press ridicule is called into question, well, any collection of letters can be ridiculed, or otherwise at will.

But the thing which seems to have escaped the hon. committee's notice is the fact that they are creating a precedent. If it is in order for this Council to change the existing names to suit the tastes of this committee, then it is possible for a future generation to appoint another committee to do likewise, so what tenure is any name going to have? Ridicule 'Bluebell' and 'Tulip' if you like; they certainly remind one of horticulture, but they are, as 'A Flat' pointed out, some of our Creator's finest work. I warrant the committee won't do any better work. The whole thing reminds me of the lady who had a small son, whom she called John when a good boy, and Jack when naughty: but 'twas the same boy. If 'names for methods' is more important than the history of the Exercise and a record of compositions, then I think it is time we shut up shop on Whitsun Tuesday. Should the committee succeed in their nefarious designs on our right to bestow what name we like on 'our own as first to ring it,' I have no doubt they would have the smug complacency to accept a vote of thanks for their arduous 'labours'!—Yours sincerely,

Manchuria.

JOE. E. SYKES.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## TOWERS JOIN FORCES.

On Saturday, Sept. 5th, a party of ringers from Cheadle, Kingsley and Norton, joined forces, and paid a visit to Edgmond, in Shropshire. 'Go' was called at Cheadle at 12.15 p.m., the Kingsley and Norton friends being picked up on the way. Forton was reached about 2.15, and here a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. This was followed by 720 Cambridge Surprise, in which F. Edwards rang the treble, this being his first of Treble Bob. The Rev. E. S. Lewis came to the belfry and gave the visitors a hearty welcome, after which a move was made for Edgmond, which was reached at 5 o'clock. Here the ringers sat down to a bountiful tea, provided by Mrs. T. Mansell, sister of Mr. Carnwell, of Kingsley. Afterwards, at the church, 720 each of Duke of York and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The Vicar (the Rev. Provost Talbot) being away, the curate welcomed the ringers. The bells were then lowered in peal, and the return journey commenced, Cheadle being reached at 11.15 p.m. The ringers taking part were J. E. Wheeldon, J. Walley, S. Ryles, H. and W. Carnwell, J. and H. Beresford, A., E. and F. Edwards, and A. W. Hall.

## CARDIFF RINGERS' LONG TOUR.

On Saturday, August 29th, the ringers of St. John's Church, Cardiff, held their annual outing, for which ringing had been arranged at the Abbey Church, Tewkesbury, St. Mary's, Cheltenham, and Painswick. At 7.15 a.m. the party, accompanied by ringing friends from Llandaff, Whitchurch and Pentre, and Mr. John Clutterbuck, one of the original members of the association, and the wives and lady friends of several of the members, to the number of 25, set out by charabanc for Newport, where they were joined by Mr. J. W. Jones. Proceeding then via Caerleon, Usk, Raglan and Monmouth, a halt was called at Ross for light refreshments, and the party then proceeded via Gloucester to Tewkesbury, which was reached shortly after mid-day. Lunch was the first consideration, and all did full justice to a splendid spread at the Italian Restaurant, which adjoins the Abbey grounds. The ringers, under the guidance of Mr. Smith, next found their way to the belfry, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire Caters, a couple of touches being brought round. A short inspection of the famous old Abbey followed, and the party then moved on to Cheltenham, where Mr. Pates met them. The twelve bells were soon swinging, several of the party having their first pull on twelve bells in rounds. Afterwards, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were brought round, with Mr. Pates taking a rope in the Stedman. Next, the visitors made for Painswick, where Mr. Albert Wright was awaiting them. The bells were soon going to Grandsire Caters, and afterwards, with Mr. Wright and one of his band standing in, two courses of Cinques (conducted by Mr. Wright) were brought round. This was the first touch of Cinques for several of the party. Gloucester was the next objective, and after tea and a brief look round the city, the last stage of the journey home was commenced. To the strains of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' J. W. J. was left at Newport, and Cardiff was reached at 12.15 a.m. This ended a splendid day's outing, in which fine weather, grand scenery, and beautiful bells each contributed to the enjoyment of all members of the party, who take this opportunity to express their best thanks to Mr. Smith, of Tewkesbury; Mr. Pates, of Cheltenham; and Mr. Wright, of Painswick, for their hearty welcome, and the arrangements made for ringing.

## WALSALL RINGERS VISIT INTERESTING CHURCHES.

On Saturday, August 22nd, the ringers of St. Matthew's Church, Walsall, with their wives and friends, bringing the number up to 20, had an enjoyable outing. Starting about 2 o'clock in a luxuriant motor coach, a 20 miles' run brought in sight 'The Ladies of the Vale,' as a celebrated novelist has described the spires of Lichfield Cathedral. Passing by the Close, the villages of King's Bromley and Yoxall, each with its church and ring of six bells, were also passed, the first stop being at Hoar Cross. Although the bells were in the hands of the bell hangers, and no ringing was possible, the party were all bent on seeing this wonderful church. Built by the late Mrs. Meynell-Ingram, of the adjoining hall, in memory of her husband, the building is of a cruciform design, with a fine central tower. The writer cannot attempt to describe the wealth of sculpture, carving and paintings which this church contains. The next stop was Hanbury. It was here that the body of St. Werburgh was buried in 699 A.D., to be taken afterwards to Chester (in 874) to save it from the Danes, and also to do more honour to her memory. The church, like Chester Cathedral, is dedicated to St. Werburgh. It is situated on a hill, and is well worth a visit. There is a most beautiful font, and some very old monuments, and the view from the top of the tower well repaid those who made the climb. Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung here. Some of the bells are very 'false struck,' and were rather a trial to some of the younger members of the band. Though this and the previously named church are rather inaccessible, it was found that 'Uncle Joe,' of somewhere in Asia, had been to both of them. The next call was Burton-on-Trent, where a splendid tea was awaiting

the party at Bailey's Cafe. The next move was to the well-appointed ringing chamber of St. Paul's, where Mr. J. Swinfield and ringers from Tamworth and Ashby-de-la-Zouch were waiting for the Walsall men, and the splendid peal of ten were soon set going to Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal and Double Norwich Major. The visitors were loath to leave such an easy-going ring, and the last touch was a well-struck one of Stedman Caters, conducted by M. Swinfield. Home was reached at 10.30, after a most delightful time. The band wish to thank the Vicars of Hanbury and St. Paul's, Burton, for the use of the bells, and Mr. Deaville, of Hanbury, and Mr. J. Swinfield, of Burton, for having everything in readiness, and so kindly meeting them.

## THAT UNLUCKY 13.

## To the Editor.

Sir,—It's strange, passing strange, that I (that's Irenæus) should be the one destined to wrest supposed laurels from the brow of Edward F. Gobey, aged 13. Really it goes against the grain, and I don't at all fancy the job of depriving 'Young Falstaff' of the honour of being the youngest ringer to ring a peal on tower bells for the M.C.A. But, sir, 'Honestum Versatur in Tribuendo Suum Cuique,' which, translated into the 'Ilsonian' dialect, reads as follows: 'Honesty consists in giving each his own.' Now, sir, that's done it, and knowing what little I do know, I am duty bound to give honour where honour is due! If the person who sent in that report had put in a footnote stating that 'Young Falstaff' was believed to have the largest corporation for a youngster of that unlucky age 'Terminus Decimus' in the M.C.A., and was a budding and a most formidable rival of H. C., of 'Womanchester,' I might have 'believed' it.

Now, let's see what the daughter of William 'The Conqueror' did on Saturday, October 12th, 1912, at Quorndon. Miss Hilda Willson rang her first peal (Grandsire Triples) in 3 hours, and she was aged 13, and was presumed to be the youngest 'Girl' ringer—mark you, the feminine qualification is here—on record to accomplish a peal upon church bells. This peal was rung for the M.C.A. Hard lines, Falstaff! Keep 'following in your father's footsteps,' but for goodness' sake, lad, be careful, and cautious! When you approach 'Thacker Barn Pond,' you'll lose all trace of 'em there. I congratulate the youngest Ilsonian who has rung a peal! These flippant comments are written in kindly humour, and are not malicious! But compare the dates 1912 and 1925. There again you'll find that unlucky and dominating factor, to wit, 13. Personally, I'm not superstitious, but it's there nevertheless, 13!

IRENÆUS.

## MR. GEORGE H. CROSS' 300 PEALS.

The well-known Norwich ringer and conductor, Mr. G. H. Cross, completed his third century of peals during the North Kent tour. The following is the list of his peals:—

|   | Tower Bells.    | Handbells.      |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
|   | Rung Conducted. | Rung Conducted. |
| Minor, 1 method   | 1               |                 |
| Minor, 3 methods  | 1               |                 |
| Grandsire Triples   | 4               |                 |
| Stedman Triples   | 19              |                 |
| Stedman Caters  | 6               | 1               |
| Stedman Cinques   | 4               |                 |
| Bob Major   | 15              | 8               |
| Bob Royal   | 2               | 4               |
| Oxford T.B. Major   | 35              | 25              |
| Oxford T.B. Royal   | 2               | 1               |
| Kent T.B. Major   | 27              | 19              |
| Kent T.B. Royal   | 10              | 7               |
| Kent T.B. Maximus   | 6               | 3               |
| Double Norwich Major  | 92              | 71              |
| Double Norwich Royal  | 1               | 1               |
| St. Clement's Major   | 1               |                 |
| Double Oxford Major   | 3               | 3               |
| Superlative Surprise Major  | 15              | 6               |
| Cambridge Surprise Major  | 15              | 11              |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal  | 1               |                 |
| New Cambridge Surprise Major  | 3               | 1               |
| London Surprise Major   | 2               |                 |
| Bristol Surprise Major  | 1               |                 |
| Totals  | 226             | 173             |
| Total rung, 300; total conducted, 205; rung in 71 towers, and in 10 counties. |                 | 34 32           |

SAMLESBURY, LANCS.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. J. Armstrong 1, A. Bailey 2, J. T. Bimson 3, J. Armstrong 4, F. Harwood 5, B. A. Knights 6, E. Armstrong (conductor) 7, J. Bailey 8.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, for service, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 51 mins.: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, J. A. Trollope 3, W. Shepherd 4, W. H. Hollier 5, R. Congreve Pridgeon 6, F. Skevington 7, R. Grimwood 8, H. A. Folkard 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10. Rung on the 17th anniversary of the rededication of the tower and bells.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Robinson, junr., 1, Miss E. M. Stuart 2, W. Robinson 3, H. Hardy 4, W. Middleton 5, T. B. Newton (conductor) 6, T. F. Hewerton 7, W. Fisher 8. Arranged for Miss E. M. Stuart, of Dalton-in-Furness.

READING.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: L. Baker (first quarter-peal) 1, L. T. Osborne 2, A. Evans 3, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 4, H. Egby 5, E. Humfrey 6, A. Bailey 7, H. Osborne 8. Rung on the octave of the dedication festival.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest (thanksgiving, evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, J. Redgwell 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,285 changes): W. Enticnap 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, E. Etheridge 3, W. Chivers 4, C. Hazelden 5, W. Loader 6, G. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Thorne 10.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: C. Heath 1, S. Radford 2, E. Etheridge 3, Mrs. Hazelden 4, E. Raddon 5, W. Loader 6, G. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, J. Trethowan (first quarter-peal) 10. The above are Sunday Service ringers.

HERSEHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 27th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Edser 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, W. T. Beeson 3, F. Woodiss 4, W. A. Woodrow 5, A. Woodrow 6, F. J. Shepherd (conductor) 7, J. Gill 8.—To commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. J. Somers-Smith the 'middle quarter' of Holt's Original: A. Dodson (longest length) 1, Miss N. Shorter 2, G. Edser 3, J. Loveridge 4, W. A. Woodrow 5, J. Gill (longest inside) 6, F. J. Shepherd (conductor) 7, A. Woodrow 8.

HAMBLEDON, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for morning service, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles: T. Parker 1, W. E. Hunt 2, J. Turner 3, W. Boyes 4, R. Hasted (conductor) 5, E. Marsh 6. Also four courses of Plain Bob Doubles.—For evening service, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles: G. Spiller ringing the 4th, the rest standing as above.—On Monday, 21st Sept., at a special practice, several 120's Bob Doubles by the following ringers: R. Hasted, W. E. Hunt, J. Hooker, E. Marsh, S. Parker, R. Perkins, J. Turner and G. Spiller. First 120 of Bob Doubles by all except Messrs. Hasted, Hooker and Parker. Conducted by R. Hasted, who hails from Farnham, Surrey.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 13th, for evensong, 1,344 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. Needham 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, C. R. Belton 3, T. K. Deacon 4, G. R. Newton 5, H. Garner 6, A. Mason 7, G. P. Garner (conductor) 8.—On 'Wake' Sunday, Sept. 20th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. P. Whitehead 1, W. White 2, A. Mason 3, C. R. Belton (conductor) 4, C. H. Belton 5, H. Garner 6, G. P. Garner 7, P. Yates (longest length) 8. For evening service, 1,344 Bob Major, in 44 mins.: T. K. Deacon (Earl Shilton) 1, W. White 2, J. F. Clarke (Nuncaton) 3, W. P. Whitehead (conductor) 4, C. R. Belton 5, C. H. Briggs (Stoney Stanton) 6, W. Williams (Lutterworth) 7, G. P. Garner 8.

## A DUKE'S BIRTHDAY.

On Monday, Sept. 26th, the Duke of Newcastle's birthday was celebrated by the ringers of the Priory Church, Worksop, who extended their good wishes to him, through the medium of the bells. 'Rounds' and 'Queens' were rung, and the bells 'fired' at intervals. Also 1,036 Grandsire Triples was rung: S. Jordan (longest length) 1, G. Hardwick 2, Miss Taylor 3, A. Johnson (conductor) 4, W. Roberts 5, H. Jordan 6, T. Wilson 7, E. Clarke 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Wednesday, Sept. 30th, for the harvest festival, 1,056 Bob Major: G. Wilson 1, \*A. D. Wilson 2, \*H. C. Balls 3, J. M. Bailey 4, C. P. Bailey (conductor) 5, G. Bailey 6, L. P. Bailey 7, P. J. Smith 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service, 1,008 Bob Major: \*E. Hambling 1, F. J. Smith 2, C. F. Bailey 3, \*R. C. Kersey 4, J. M. Bailey 5, L. P. Bailey 6, C. Sampson 7, G. Wilson (conductor) 8. \* Longest length.

## NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, Horton, Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roberts, Rowbotham, Albert Walker, Winney and Young. Closing date, Thursday, Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on October 15th and 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th (6 p.m. for service), \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing from 3.15, with Heston Tower for the evening. All ringers and friends welcome. Book to Osterley Park Station (District) and a beautiful rural walk through the park.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Staplehurst on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea in the Rectory Parish Room at 5.30 at 1s. per head. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending the meeting.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., The Bungalow, Linton, Maidstone.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells at 3 p.m. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A monthly meeting will be held at Wath on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells ready early. Divine service 4.30. Preacher, Rev. C. A. L. Woolley, Vicar of Cawthorne. Tea and meeting 5. All ringers are invited to visit this tower, where, over 110 years ago, a peal consisting of 21 variations of Treble Bob Minor extents (15120 changes) was rung. For tea tickets apply to Mr. A. Panther, 25, Sandy Mount Road, Wath, Rotherham.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.



**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Litton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea and meeting 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Kingsbury Episcopi, near Martock, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Martock bells (8) available. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to F. Farrant, Dis. Sec., Martock, Somerset.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Shroton on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 (6d. for members), followed by business meeting. Towers available: Shroton, Child Okeford and Iwerne Minster (all 6 bells).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Arrangements as usual. The address at the service will be given by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves. A social will be held after the close of ringing.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill, on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m.—W. Cope, Local Hon. Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—The quarterly business meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 12th, at 8.15, when a good attendance is requested. Ringing at St. Clement Danes on Mondays, the 12th, at 6.30, and the 26th at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill (Grange Road Station) Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Vicar). Bus service from Haywards Heath or Three Bridges. Those attending please notify divisional secretary not later than Wednesday, Oct. 14th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please let me know all who require tea. Wood Green bells open from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Banbury & District Branch.—The first quarterly meeting will be held at Deddington on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than 14th.—R. R. Lewis, Branch Sec., South Bar, Banbury.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tickets obtainable from local secretaries, gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 9d. Will tower secretaries please inform Mr. G. Newton, 20, Nicholson Street, Rochdale, of the numbers who intend to be present not later than Saturday, Oct. 10th?—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available all day. Tea at 4 for all sending word by Oct. 14th. Meeting afterwards. Certificates now ready, 6d. each.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—W. Horan, Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan (Peterston Station) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John N. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) available from noon. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head, to those who notify Mr. G. Hill, Barnsley Road, Hoylandswaine, by Thursday, the 15th. Will all members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1925 try and do so at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672), NOTTINGHAM.—A practice and meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 5 to 9 p.m. Will all members please make an effort to be present?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 17. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting for business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at Black Notley, near Braintree. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea afterwards. It is hoped that ringers will make an endeavour to attend this, the first meeting, at this somewhat out of the way parish to give some encouragement to a young band of ringers.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly practice will be held at Blunsdon on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Sec., 2, Florence Street, Swindon.



**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.** — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton, Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Witney on Saturday, Oct. 17th. 3 p.m., service in the Parish Church, addressed by the Rev. C. Tristram, Rector of Ducklington. 4 p.m., tea at the Central Cafe, at 1s. per head. Business meeting to follow. Bells available during afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Central District. — A visit to Wembley is being arranged for Saturday, Oct. 24th. Meet at Wembley Park Station (Metropolitan Railway) at 2 o'clock. Tea arranged for those only who let me know by Monday, Oct. 19th. Gentlemen specially invited to join us.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Women's Institute Hut. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 21st?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

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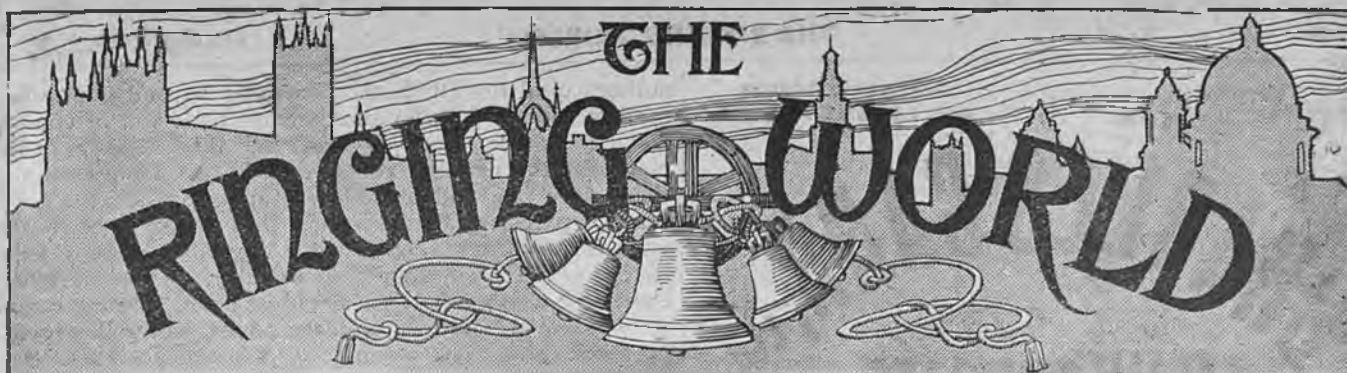
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### 'SPliced RINGING.'

With the article which appears in this issue, Mr. J. P. Fidler concludes the series of hints on the 'splicing' and ringing of Minor methods. Those who have studied them will, we think, agree that Mr. Fidler has handled the subject with great lucidity, and has shown the best and simplest manner of learning and retaining a great number of methods. Before he began there must have been many who felt that to memorise thirty-five methods, such as were rung in the Norbury peal, was a task which only super-ringers could tackle. Mr. Fidler has explained the plan adopted by himself and his Norbury colleagues in such a way that no band capable of ringing a Treble Bob method should now eschew 'spliced' ringing merely because of its complexity. Compared with the ordinary seven-method peal a 'spliced' peal will still be a difficult proposition, but the practical hints by a writer experienced in this phase of ringing have done much to indicate the surest path through the intricacies of the task, and must have disposed of much of the 'fearsomeness' of the undertaking.

The manner in which Mr. Fidler has simplified the work for the uninitiated should induce a large number of six-bell ringers to turn their attention to spliced ringing, which, at the moment, at any rate, is the highest form in which six-bell extents can be accomplished. It does not follow, of course, that all will be able, or even desire, to go on to the limit of thirty-five methods reached by the Norbury band, but even if only for a service touch, a 720 in five methods will surely be more interesting to the ringers than an extent in one method only. The whole idea of splicing gives so much greater scope to a ringer's ability and variety to his practice that no six-bell band should be satisfied until they are able to ring Minor in this way, albeit, as we have said, they have no ambition or opportunity to go to the length of thirty-five methods.

When the Central Council publish their new book of Major methods it may be that there will be among them, as there has proved to be in the Minor Collection, methods which can be spliced, if not in leads, perhaps in courses, and it is a suggestion worth considering that the methods (if any) which will so splice should be brought together in groups, and an indication given as to the extent to which they can be so dealt with. There is not, of course, the same demand for splicing on eight bells as upon six, but there is no reason why that form of ringing should not be encouraged as adding interest and a certain amount of difficulty to the ringing. Eight-bell ringers (to say nothing of those who operate on ten and twelve) are a most conservative lot of 'practitioners,' as the old

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authors used to call them. Anything beyond the 'standard methods' (and in standard methods we, of course, include Double Norwich and the three old Surprise methods) the majority refuse to look at. Only here and there does one find a band venturing outside the well-trodden paths, so that anything that can be done by the publication of text books extending knowledge beyond the present limited sphere of practice, and encouraging enterprise among ringers, should be done. But to return to the six-bell splicing, with the advent of the long evenings and the general resumption of practice nights, there ought to be a great advance made in ringing multi-method extents, and any average band, starting from the basis of Oxford Treble Bob, ought, before next Easter, to be able to score a peal consisting entirely of spliced 'seventwinties.' We wonder how many will do it?

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| JOHN THORNTON RICKMAN ... 2 | JOHN DEARLOVE ... .. 7        |
| ERNEST GOWER ... .. 3       | ROBERT J. DAWE ... .. 8       |
| FRANK BENNETT ... .. 4      | BENJAMIN HOBBS ... .. 9       |
| *ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 5  | ALFRED J. TURNER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by A. J. TURNER.

\* First peal of Royal. First peal as conductor on ten bells. This was rung as a compliment to Messrs. Dearlove, Stokes and Turner, and Miss Dawe, daughter of Mr. R. J. Dawe, their birthdays being within a day or two of each other.

## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLOS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| CHARLES GREEDY ... .. Treble | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6     |
| FRED ATWELL ... .. 2         | SIDNEY DAWE ... .. 7          |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3       | HENRY T. HOWELL ... .. 8      |
| FREDERICK J. BAILEY ... .. 4 | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 9     |
| JOHN BULLEN ... .. 5         | WILLIAM PHILLIPS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Arranged for Mr. E. Barnett, of Crayford, Kent, and also for Mr. H. Howell, of Bristol.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, September 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART NO. 6.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble | JOHN FLOWER ... .. 5        |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2       | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 6       |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3        | JAMES PAGETT ... .. 7       |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 4      | *ROBERT CURTIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE J. HARMAN ... .. Treble | JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5     |
| ERNEST J. KING ... .. 2        | LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 6     |
| STANLEY C. MOYE ... .. 3       | EDWARD D. SMITH ... .. 7    |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4      | *ROBERT MOLTON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

\* First peal.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HARRY HOLDEN ... .. Treble | CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 5      |
| WALTER MASTERS ... .. 2    | JOHN LLOYD ... .. 6          |
| WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3    | CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 7     |
| JAMES WHATMORE ... .. 4    | *THOMAS HEMMING ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

\* First peal and first attempt. All are members of the local band of service ringers, and all the band have now rung a local peal this year. The 100th peal on the bells, the 'century' having been rung in 20 methods. Arranged as a welcome to the Rev. H. H. Dibbin, for many years Rector of the parish, on the occasion of his visit for the patronal festival.

## DEPTFORD, KENT.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALFRED W. VOYSEY ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. 5 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 6  |
| JOHN GALVER ... .. 3           | THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 7  |
| *HERBERT G. PRATT ... .. 4     | DANIEL COOPER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS G. BANNISTER.

\* First peal of Triples on an inside bell. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, on his 18th birthday.

## MIDDLESBROUGH.

## CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Friday, October 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| †MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... Treble | *CECIL ROBINSON ... .. 5      |
| THOMAS MEYCALFE ... .. 2         | GERALD DUNCAN ... .. 6        |
| JOHN C. POLLARD ... .. 3         | ROBERT LAUGHTON ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... .. 4       | THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

† First peal in the method, and first attempt to ring the method.

\* First peal in the method. The conductor's 50th peal.

## WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... .. Treble | ARTHUR HARTLEY ... .. 6       |
| EDWARD B. COXHEAD ... .. 2     | COLIN SALISBURY ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM LANCASTER ... .. 3     | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. Tenor |
| ALFRED BLOGG ... .. 4          | REGINALD L. INCE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. THORPE.

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

Arranged for R. L. Ince, who hails from Farndon, Cheshire. Rung on the anniversary of the bells, and to the memory of Lieut.-Col. Crosse, to whose memory the bells were installed.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 5     |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2        | SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6     |
| JOHN HAYES ... .. 3           | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 7    |
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 4     | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT J. HUGHES.

## GREENWICH.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ISAAC GEORGE SHADE ... .. Treble | ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 5     |
| HARRY HOSKINS ... .. 2           | WILLIAM BERRY ... .. 6      |
| EDWARD E. RICHARDS ... .. 3      | FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 7 |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB ... .. 4         | THOMAS JAKEMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Specially arranged to commemorate, and rung upon, the 25th anniversary of the marriage at the Cathedral, Cape Town, of the Precentor (now Vicar of Greenwich), the Rev. Frederick James Tackley, M.A., and Mrs. Tackley. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edward E. Richards upon the attainment of his 61st year. It was also the 39th anniversary of the marriage, at this church, of the conductor.

## PONTEFRAC, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble | WILLIAM E. ASH ... .. 5      |
| HARRY WALTERS ... .. 2          | FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. 6  |
| ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 3          | FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7      |
| JOHN FRYER ... .. 4             | GEORGE W. STEEL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

## PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTFORTH ... .. Treble | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 5    |
| WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 2        | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6      |
| ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 3      | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 7 |
| ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 4      | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

## STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Treble  | HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5       |
| † CHARLES H. BRIGGS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 6       |
| REV. R. P. FARROW ... .. 3   | * E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 7   |
| SHIRLEY BORTON ... .. 4      | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

\* First peal in the method as conductor. † 50th peal. Rung after meeting short for London, and the band desire to thank the Rector for taking part at the last moment.

## PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RICHARD C. INGRAM ... .. Treble | GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5        |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2     | MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... .. 3  | FREDERICK J. RISEWORTH ... .. 7 |
| SYDNEY ELTON ... .. 4           | GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band. This was the second peal in the method by the Guild, the first having been rung at Selly Oak on November 10th, 1902.

## EDMONTON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                    |                                 |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... .. Treble | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 5        |
| CHARLES V. HARE ... .. 2           | EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... .. 6    |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 3          | WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 7        |
| JOHN THOMAS ... .. 4               | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

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## SIX BELL PEALS.

## WINSFORD, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

|                       |                         |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| H. ROWE ... .. Treble | A. STEVENS ... .. 4     |
| J. GRAYTON ... .. 2   | R. EATON ... .. 5       |
| A. BRYANT ... .. 3    | T. BENNETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. BRYANT.

## WILBY.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents differently called. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| * THOMAS NOLLER ... .. Treble | * DAVID CRACKNELL ... .. 4  |
| * CHARLES CHAMBERS ... .. 2   | † JOHN NOLLER ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM J. G. BROWN ... .. 3  | * THOMAS MOYES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. J. G. BROWN.

\* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells since recent restoration by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. All the ringers, except the conductor, are residents of Wilby.

## STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE &amp; ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. Treble | THOMAS PRICE ... .. 4     |
| ALBERT ARNOLD ... .. 2      | GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 5   |
| GEORGE LATHAM ... .. 3      | LESLIE BARRY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

## MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE OLD PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being an extent each of Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Sandal, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston and Oxford.

Tenor 14½ cwt. approx.

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... .. Treble | JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. 4        |
| JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. 2           | WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 5 |
| WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 3          | FRED HOLT ... .. Tenor          |

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

First peal on the bells since they were hung in this tower in 1815, and presumed to be the first ever rung on them. They were cast in 1731 by Abr. Rudhall, and hung in the old tower of Stockport Parish Church, before being removed to Marple. Previous attempts had failed through the bad 'go' of the bells.

## SHERIFFHALES, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... .. Treble | JOSEPH STANIER ... .. 4      |
| ALBERT WOODVINE ... .. 2       | WALTER LAGO ... .. 5         |
| JAMES L. HAYWARD ... .. 3      | * HERBERT BROWN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. SAUNDERS.

First peal on the bells. \* First peal, and proposed a member of the Guild before starting. He is captain of the local ringers. Rung in honour of Mr. J. Lovekin's 60 years as a chorister at Sheriffhales, 59 years as a ringer, and 40 years as parish clerk. Also rung to welcome home from a world tour the Rev. E. A. Giles, Vicar of Sheriffhales.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                           |        |                      |       |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| ALFRED ARTHUR LING ... .. | Treble | JAMES LING ... ..    | 4     |
| WILLIAM SMITH ... ..      | 2      | HARRY HALL ... ..    | 5     |
| JOHN HALL ... ..          | 3      | ALDERMAN LING ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by ALDERMAN LING.

A. A. Ling was elected a member of the Suffolk Guild prior to the commencement of the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hall.

**PEALS IN SUFFOLK.**

The following four peals were rung during a week's holiday, spent in Suffolk, and G. H. Cross takes this opportunity of thanking the ringers who took part in these peals, and also the unsuccessful attempts, and he desires especially to thank Mr. L. C. Wightman for making the necessary arrangements.

May the ringers who took part in the attempt for London at Helmingham (which went adrift after ringing nearly 1½ hours) be successful next time, is his best wish.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 3, 1925, in Three Hours & Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                           |        |                          |       |
|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM CLOVER ... ..     | Treble | CHARLES ROOPE ... ..     | 5     |
| CHARLES BAKER ... ..      | 2      | LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..   | 6     |
| FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... ..  | 3      | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. | 7     |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. | 4      | GEORGE H. CROSS ... ..   | Tenor |

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 5, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                           |        |                         |       |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. | Treble | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. | 5     |
| GEORGE WHITING ... ..     | 2      | GEORGE H. CROSS ... ..  | 6     |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... ..       | 3      | THOMAS W. LAST ... ..   | 7     |
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..  | 4      | LESLIE G. BRETT ... ..  | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 6, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                        |        |                           |       |
|------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| JOHN GOOCH ... ..      | Treble | GEORGE H. CROSS ... ..    | 5     |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... ..  | 2      | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... ..   | 6     |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... ..    | 3      | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. | 7     |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. | 4      | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..  | Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

100th peal of Major in the method by the ringer of the 5th.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Dexter's Variation.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |        |                        |       |
|------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... ..     | Treble | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. | 5     |
| WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... .. | 2      | THOMAS W. LAST ... ..  | 6     |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... ..    | 3      | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. | 7     |
| WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... ..   | 4      | JOHN HALL ... ..       | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

**DUDLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.**

**BISHOP OF WORCESTER TO BECOME PATRON OF DUDLEY GUILD.**

The restoration of the bells of St. Thomas's Church, Dudley, has been completed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have returned and quarter turned the bells and rehung them on ball bearings in new fittings. The work has been carried out in a highly successful manner, and in conjunction with the strengthening of the tower has cost about £350. The cost of four of the bells is being borne by members of the families of the late Mr. W. E. Russon, Mr. R. H. Wilkes, Mr. Samuel Spittle, and Mr. James Thomas Bayliss, each of whom was closely identified with the Church's activities, and to whom the improved bells will form a fitting memorial.

The dedication service was held on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 3rd. It was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Phelps), assisted by the Revs. E. R. Wallace and W. G. Wilson. The Bishop of Worcester was present to perform the dedicatory rites, and the churchwardens (Mr. Hugh Watson and Mr. J. W. Naylor) were also in attendance. A large congregation assembled. After a beautiful rendering of the anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway,' by the choir (accompanied on the organ by Mr. A. H. L. Cutler), the Bishop performed the dedicatory duties, and at the close of his utterances a short peal announced the completion of that part of the function. Afterwards, the Bishop preached an appropriate sermon, and subsequently the bells were again rung, and gave great delight to the congregation and all who heard them.

In connection with the dedication, the Dudley and District Guild held their postponed annual meeting, the members attending the service, and afterwards adjourning to the Schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in readiness. The Bishop was present, and before leaving, Mr. Churchwarden Naylor, on behalf of those present, extended to his lordship a most hearty welcome to Dudley, and sincerely thanked him for his presence that afternoon.—Mr. Churchwarden Watson seconded the vote, and the Bishop briefly replied, promising to become patron of the Guild. Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. Naylor, Miss A. S. Payne, Miss Marks and Sister Francis presided at the tables.

At the business meeting which followed, the president (Canon Phelps) occupied the chair, and was supported by the wardens and Mr. Harry Mason.—The Vicar extended a cordial welcome to the Guild, on behalf of himself, the churchwardens and the Parochial Church Council.

The Secretary read apologies from Mr. C. E. Lloyd, M.P., Mr. F. R. McDowell, Mr. A. Spittle, and others, and then read his annual report and balance sheet, which were passed.

The Vicar of Dudley (the Rev. Canon Phelps) was re-elected president, on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. James George, and the Vicar briefly thanked the members for the honour they had once again conferred on him. The following gentlemen were again elected as vice-presidents: Messrs. C. E. Lloyd, M.P., J. W. Naylor, H. Watson, H. Mason, A. Spittle, F. R. McDowell and J. McD. Tait.

Mr. John Goodman was re-elected Ringing Master; Mr. Herbert Sheppard, hon. secretary, with hearty thanks of the members for his services during the past year; Mr. S. J. Hughes, hon. treasurer; and Messrs. F. Evans and P. Justice, hon. auditors.

Several new members were added to the roll, and it was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Netherton, the date to be left with the secretary. It was also proposed to attempt the annual peal at Dudley, the arrangements to be left with the Ringing Master.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. James George, the best thanks of the Guild were given to the president for his past services to the Guild, and for the great service he had rendered them that day, for conducting the service in church, for the use of the tower and bells, also for the Schoolroom in which to hold the tea and meeting. Thanks were also accorded to Mr. A. H. Cutler (organist) and the choir for their part of the service, to the donors of the tea, to the ladies who presided at the tables, and to those who helped in preparing and serving the tea, and looking after the wants and comfort of those present.

The President then closed the proceedings with prayer, after which members made for the belfry, where they kept the bells merrily going until late in the evening to the delight of crowds of listeners round the church.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, in connection with the dedication of the bells, and the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Caters (1,260 changes) was rung in 48 mins., by B. Gough 1, S. J. Hughes 2, W. Goodman 3, J. Goodman, junr. (conductor), 4, J. Goodman, senr., 5, W. Bayliss 6, G. Guest 7, H. Sheppard 8, A. Greenfield 9, W. Meek 10.

The belfry is open for practice on Monday nights, from 7.45 p.m., and all ringers will be welcome.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## HEALING THE BREACH AT NORWICH AND WHAT CAME OF IT.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

With the publication of Melchior's last letter, the curtain falls on the drama, and, as is usual in real life, on a drama with the last act missing. We do not know who the impartial umpire was, where he came from, or what his verdict was. We do not even know if the meeting was held. We can be sure that if it were, there was much talk, that argument begat argument, and at the end each side was the more convinced that they were right, and the others wrong. Whatever the verdict was, it was disregarded, for on the peal boards (which, of course, were not put up till a little time after the peals were rung), each band restates its claim that they and they only had composed and rung the first peal of Stedman Triples. But we do know that by some means or other, then or at a later time, the breach was healed. After a few years the curtain rises on an epilogue where all is peace and harmony.

In 1736, two trebles were added to the ring at St. Peter's, and this definitely re-established it as the leading ringing tower in the city, a position it never after lost. At the same time the bells were relunged or overhauled, and other alterations made. Visitors to Mancroft will remember that one of the striking features of that noble church is the tower arch with the great west window beyond, and the stone gallery which serves as the present ringing floor, and from which also the early peals were rung. In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries men understood very little about Gothic architecture, and things were done which would have caused earlier and later generations to shudder. At St. Peter's they built a wooden gallery at the west end of the church, and put the organ on the top, completely blocking the tower arch and the west window. In that case no further harm was done when a new floor was put in the tower half-way between the stone gallery and the bells. This was done entirely for the convenience of the ringers, for, as an old description of the church I have by me states, the lower belfry was deemed too far from the bells. And I have no doubt the shorter draught of rope made ringing much easier.

In 1737, on this new floor was rung a very remarkable peal. This was one of Grandsire Caters, 12,600 changes, in 8 hours 15 minutes. Of the band, eight had rung in one or other of the two peals of Stedman, and four belonged to the Mancroft party, and four to the Coslany party. Notice the order in which they stood: Melchior of Mancroft rings the treble, Pettingall of Coslany the 2nd, Gardiner of Mancroft the 3rd, Robert Crane of Coslany the 5th, Porter of Mancroft the 6th, Blofield of Mancroft the 7th, Edward Crane of Coslany the 8th, and Booty of Mancroft the 9th. It may have been a coincidence, but the fact that there were an equal number from each tower, and that they stood alternately one from each band, does look as though it was intended to tell the whole world that the bitter dispute of six years back was all made up and forgotten. The other working bell was rung by Thomas Barrett, the tenor man in the first peal of Grandsire Triples and a Mancroft ringer. It is interesting to notice also who did not ring. Thomas Crane did not stand in. Perhaps he had not forgotten or forgiven Melchior's gibes and declined to join his brother and father in the general reconciliation. Perhaps, and likely enough, he was not considered a good enough ringer. His friend, Rice Greene, is also absent. Of the Mancroft party John Foster was gone to Coddensham, and John Webster, though he was good enough a ringer, and quite able to stand a long length, was not particularly ambitious to ring peals, and preferred to be one of the 'several ingenious ringers who were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove the certainty of the performance.'

This peal is recorded by a very fine board which was hung in the belfry on the level of the new floor, and is, now that that floor has been removed, very high up, and except in a strong light hardly readable. It reads as follows:—

On March the 8th, 1737, was rung a peal of Grandsire Caters, which for the excellency of its ringing, Harmonious Changes and ye number of them, was certainly superior to anything of its kind ever done in the World and to Remove all doubt of the truth of the performance several ingenious Ringers were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove the certainty of ye same. Thus was this great peal perfectly compleated to the entire satisfaction, surprise and amazement of thousands of hearers in the space of 8 hours 15 minutes. The number of changes were 12,600, rung by 9 men of the company, then belonging to the company. The tenor singly by a young ringer 8,000, then a second ringer rang her to the end of the peal. The persons names and the bells they rung as follows:—

Thos. Melchior 1. Wm. Pettingall 2. John Gardiner 3. Tho. Barrett 4. Robert Crane 5. Wm. Porter 6. Tho. Blofield 7. Edw. Crane 8. Christi Booty 9. James Jerom. Robt. Liddam tenor.

The rather curiously worded statement that 'the changes were rung by nine men of the company then belonging to the company,' tells us

and doubtless was intended to tell us, that not only had the old enemies become friends, but the breach was so much healed that the two rival bands were joined into one company, with its headquarters at St. Peter's. The name of neither composer nor conductor is given, but we may be sure that Melchior called the bells. He had fully vindicated his right to be considered by all as the leading ringer of the city.

The figures of the composition are lost. I imagine from the length (12,600, which is 700 leads), that it was divided into regular and equal parts, and it is pretty certain that it was on the old plan with hunts, the big bells coming home at regular intervals.

It was about this time that Benjamin Annable discovered the superiority of the titum position in Cater ringing; but the Norwich men had their own ideas about composition, and are not likely to have copied London.

When you consider that this peal was rung only twenty-two years after the first in any method you will see that it was a really fine performance. It was the sixth length of over ten thousand, the first being the 10,080 of Treble Bob at Coslany in 1727, ten years previously, and five men took part in both peals. It remained the longest ten bell peal for a hundred and fifty-one years till April 11th, 1888, when the Oxford Diocesan Guild rang 13,265 of Grandsire Caters at Appleton, J. W. Washbrook being the composer and conductor, and the Rev. F. E. Robinson ringing the fifth.

Curiously enough, though, it was only by the barest chance that Norwich kept the record so long. Only forty-one days later than the Mancroft peal, that is on April 18th, 1737, the Painswick men rang 12,006 changes in the same method. Of course, neither band knew of the other's performance, or the Painswick company would surely have added the extra six hundred changes to give them the record. Mr. Snowden seemed to think that this peal was rung by relays of ringers in the same way that Barham's peals at Leeds in 1751 and 1761 were. Twice later the Norwich record was nearly but not quite beaten, once at Painswick in 1817, when 12,312 Grandsire Caters were rung, and once at Fulham in 1837, with 12,096 of the same method. Both these latter, however, were single-handed peals.

The long peal forms a fitting climax to the first stage of known history of ringing at Norwich. The first peal of Grandsire Bob Triples was rung by a band who had to struggle hard. In 1710 they accomplished half a peal, a very great performance then. Twice they rang the whole peal, but for some reason or other neither could stand, and when at last they did succeed they probably thought they had done enough, and Garthou and his contemporaries stood aside for younger and more ambitious men. Only one man of this band rang in the first peal of Grandsire Triples in 1718, and Garthou gave way as conductor to Melchior, who, as we have seen, nobly did his part in the development of the art of ringing. And now he and his men in their turn felt that they had done enough peal ringing, and could afford to rest on their laurels.

John Webster, who succeeded as leader, was not the ambitious man his predecessors and successors were, and so nearly thirty years went by, and a new generation of ringers grew up before the next peal was scored at Norwich. This was Imperial The Third Major, at St. Giles, in 1760. It marks the beginning of the second period in the history of Norwich ringing—a period associated with the names of Lindsey, Chamberlin, Barton, Cheshunt, and others, who proved that they were fully the equals of the ringers who had gone before them. But with these men and their doings we are not at present concerned.

It would be a great mistake to judge these old ringers by the number of peals they rang. In the early part of the eighteenth century peals were much more exceptional things than they afterwards became, and very much more exceptional than they are at present. At Norwich, at any rate, the idea seems to have been that there was not much reason for going for a peal unless it was in a method that had not previously been rung anywhere, or was a longer length than had previously been accomplished. The only exception I know of was the second peal of Grandsire Triples, the one in 1719, and it is noticeable that no board was put up for that.

Something of the same idea seems to have been held about composition. When the peal of Grandsire Bob Triples was 'at last found out to the truth by JOHN GARTHON,' after it had been 'studied by the most Acute Ringers in England (but to no effect),' that was a thing worth recording. So, too, when Garthou 'perfectly discovered these intricate methods [of Grandsire Triples] which were hidden from the eyes of all ringers of England.' So, too, when Stedman Triples was 'brought to light and truth' by Edward Crane. But a 'quarter-peal' of Treble Bob Major, though it were 10,080 changes, and a peal of Grandsire Caters, though it were 12,600 changes, were much lesser things in composition. Ringers elsewhere had done as much, and the Norwich boards pass them by in silence. During the thirty-nine years that St. Peter's had ten bells only two peals are known to have been rung on them, but both were of exceptional merit. One was the long peal of Grandsire, the other the first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.



It is not surprising, therefore, that although Stedman probably continued to be practised at Norwich, that no other peal of Triples was rung there till 1839, when Samuel Thurston conducted a 5,040 of Lutes, at St. Giles. The first peal of Caters was in 1843, and the first peal of Cinques in 1844. The first peal of Stedman Triples rung outside Norwich was on May 22nd, 1799, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields by the Junior Cumberland Society, composed and conducted by John Noonan. The first peal of Caters was rung by the College Youths on May 28th, 1787, at St. John's, Horsleydown, London, composed and conducted by John Reeves, and the first peal of Cinques also by the College Youths on October 6th, 1788, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, composed and conducted by Thomas Blakemore.

### ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.

#### YOUNG BOURN RINGERS ELECTED MEMBERS.

A successful district meeting was held at Bourn on Saturday last, 30 ringers being present from Cambridge, Trumpington, Longstanton, Willingham, Great Shelford, Somersham, St. Neots, Barley, Royston, and Tottenham. A short service was held in the fine old church, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. W. Joyce, and was followed by tea and business meeting in the School, the Vicar presiding. Melbourn was selected as the place for the next meeting.

The Vicar said he would like the young Bourn ringers to join the association, and stated that if they would join he would pay their subscriptions for the first year out of a small fund which he and the churchwardens had in hand.—Advantage was taken of this offer, and seven were elected.

The Vicar was elected as an honorary member.

Mr. F. E. Haynes, a very promising young ringer at Trumpington, was also elected as a member.

The Vicar said he wished to place on record his gratitude to Mr. A. G. Rivers, of Dry Drayton, for going to Bourn once every fortnight or three weeks to teach the young Bourn ringers.

Good use was made of the bells, ringing taking place until nearly nine o'clock, ranging from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise Major.

### A SOUTH AFRICAN VISITOR.

Mr. E. Royston, of Durban, South Africa, is on a visit to this country, and on a recent Sunday evening took part in a touch of 336 Grandsire Triples at Rhyl, where he learned to ring. Although a stranger to the whole of the present band, he was, naturally, given a very hearty welcome, and expressed great pleasure in being able to ring at his old town: E. Royston 1, B. Collis 2, W. Bailey 3, J. Wilson 4, J. Evans 5, C. Egerton 6, A. S. Hughes 7, F. Bailey 8.

### HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.

#### WINNERS WHO COMPETED 33 YEARS AGO.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association were held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Six bands had entered for the competition, in which they had to ring 600 changes in any method. The judges were Mr. A. Goodhall (Earlsheaton) and Mr. W. Idle (Batley), and the ringing went on merrily during the afternoon.

An excellent tea was provided by the Sandal ringers and friends in the Parochial Hall, to which over 80 ringers and friends sat down. The meeting was held later in the hall. The president (Mr. C. E. Carrington), who occupied the chair, proposed thanks to the Vicar of Sandal (the Rev. A. A. Parry), churchwardens and helpers. — Mr. Barraclough seconded.

The Vicar, in reply, said he was sorry he could not say 'fellow bell ringers,' as he had never attained the honour yet, but he was very pleased to welcome the Association to Sandal, and hoped they would visit it again. He urged young men to take up ringing, and said that most of his ringers were whole-hearted workers. Some Vicars, he said, thought that their bells were the best, and their ringers the best, but he was proud of the Sandal ringers. One had rung for 55 years, and two others over 40. He hoped that at some future date they would hear of Sandal bells being broadcast, as tower bell ringing was richer in tone than a carillon.

A suggestion was brought forward that the next meeting and eight-bell contest, should be held at Lightcliffe, and this was accepted.

The judges then announced their decision. The following are the names of the companies, the methods rung and the number of faults:

|                                 | Faults.   | Penalties. | Total. |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|--------|
| No. 1. Shelley, Oxford ... ..   | 293       | 10         | 303    |
| No. 2. Batley, Oxford ... ..    | 96        | —          | 96     |
| No. 3. Thornhill, Oxford ... .. | Rung out. |            |        |
| No. 4. Holmfirth, Oxford ... .. | Rung out. |            |        |
| No. 5. Birstal, Kent ... ..     | 204       | 10         | 214    |
| No. 6. Meltham, Oxford ... ..   | 312       | 10         | 322    |

Batley were declared winners, and the Vicar presented the cup to Mr. Senior, the conductor.—Mr. Senior, in reply, said he rang in his first contest at Sandal 33 years ago, and three of their present ringers also rang that day. He said the only way to achieve good striking was continual practice together.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a successful meeting.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells of Doncaster parish church will not be rung again until certain ornamental stonework on the tower has been repaired and made safe. Doncaster parish church is a well-known landmark to all who travel on the main line from King's Cross to the North.

Will the ringer who is removing to the Bungalow, Glenfield Road, School Road, Ashford, Middlesex, kindly forward his name? He omitted this from his letter.

Mr. Henry F. Cooper, of Stisted, Essex, we are pleased to state, has so far recovered from his accident of Sept. 4th to be able to leave the Braintree Hospital, and is convalescent at his home. Through 'The Ringing World' he wishes to thank all who came to see him in hospital, and those who made inquiries.

When did 'Stedman' first become known by that name? The heated debate between Melchior and Crane, of which Mr. Trollope has been giving us a most interesting story, prompts the question. Melchior, in one of his letters refers to Doleman, and in an edition of what we believe to be that gentleman's 'Campanologia' (the title page of the copy inspected was missing), Stedman Doubles is given under the name of 'Crambo.' This was published in 1702. Melchior called the first peal of Stedman in 1731; when did the change occur, and to whom was it due?

At Harting, in Sussex, a new set of bell ropes is badly needed, but there are no funds to purchase them, or offers of help forthcoming. The rope of the 2nd has gone beyond repair, and this bell, therefore, is now silent. In the Parish Magazine the Rector says: 'This absence of No. 2 gives a very uneven and unsatisfactory result when ringing a peal.' Perhaps some tower could spare half a dozen second-hand ropes for Harting's peal of six, or at any rate provide one for the second bell. Doubtless, the Rector (the Rev. A. J. Roberts), as well as the ringers, would welcome an offer.

The all-important word 'not' omitted from a paragraph in this column last week made a statement about the first peal of Royal in Wiltshire convey the directly opposite meaning to that which was intended. The peal at Trowbridge during the Wiltshire tour was 'not' the first peal of Royal in the county.

There is a talk of touring the Lake District by a team from the Liverpool and London areas, at the end of the month, with a view to interesting the North of England Associations of ringers. Kendall, Ambleside, Keswick and Penrith are likely towers to be visited during the week-end trip.

A correspondent writes: 'The broken door at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was a sort of "boomerang" on the conductor, who, with a crowbar, was about to do the same when a band was ringing there some time ago, according to rumour.'

In All Saints' Church, Wakefield, there is a board recording a peal of 6,030 Grandsire Caters rung on Oct. 16th, 1820. It is additionally interesting not merely because it preserves what are apparently the part ends of the peal (in those days a part as we know it was often called a 'course'), but because of the footnote: 'This board was placed here by order of the Church Wardens in consequence of the attention and good conduct of the Ringers.'

Thomas Tolladay, a leading London ringer, and a prominent supporter of the St. James' Society, who called many peals, died on Oct. 18th, 1843.

The rivalry for the longest length of Treble Bob Royal between the College Youths and the Cumberlands, which culminated in the 12,000 by the latter in 1784, began seriously with 6,000 rung by the College Youths at Shoreditch on Oct. 19th, 1766.

The only peal of Cinques in which, so far as can be traced, John Holt took part, was rung by the Union Scholars at St. Bride's, Fleet Street. This was a 5,104 of Grandsire on Oct. 20th, 1751.

On Oct. 20th, 1776, the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5,376 Union Treble Bob at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, and on the same day, in 1794, rang a 6,720 in the same method at St. Giles', Camberwell. This latter was a memorable performance, inasmuch as it was claimed by Shipway, who took part in it, to be the first ever rung containing the 120 course ends.

The Rev. Dr. Mason, of Trinity College, Cambridge, who nearly twenty years later interested himself in the publication of Holt's broadsheet, and received that interesting letter from John Webster, of Norwich, to which Mr. Trollope has recently referred in his 'Notes by the Way,' rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Cambridge, on Oct. 22nd, 1734, with the Cambridge Youths.

London ringing societies, writes a correspondent, have none too many towers for their own members' use, without the intrusion of outsiders. It would be better if the county associations offered more opportunity and welcome to the London men to visit the suburbs of Greater London.

## MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

## HINTS ON 'SPICING' AND RINGING MINOR METHODS.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.—CONCLUDING ARTICLE.

Some day, perhaps, our mathematicians will tell us exactly how many different 5,040's (of seven methods each) it is possible to ring from thirty-five methods. Certainly enough to keep a band on the go for a year or two. At the request of the Editor, and for the benefit of those companies who, through lack of facilities, are unable to get the practice necessary to ring a large number of methods in a 5,040. I give below a few peals in less methods.

In the second article of the series, dealing with 'splicing,' I gave a seven method peal. There is no necessity to repeat it, but presuming it has been rung, let us look at Rochester, No. 5, page 9 of the Central Council's Collection. If 'Burton' has been mastered, this can be rung straight off, College Exercise being substituted for Oxford, Rochester being produced by ringing College Exercise 'up,' and Burton 'down.' Next, look at Killamarsh (No. 14, page 11). This is Kent 'up,' with a work 'down' which can easily be learned.

## PEALS IN SEVEN METHODS.

1. Killamarsh. 2. Rochester. 3. Burton. 4. Overton. 5. Sandal. 6. London Scholars' Pleasure. 7. Kingston.
1. Disley. 2. Rochester. 3. Morning Star. 4. Trowel. 5. Duke of Norfolk. 6. College Exercise. 7. Nurbury.

In this peal each method has College Exercise work above the treble. Disley is No. 27, page 27 (Third's Place Delight section).

The following peal has two new methods introduced, viz., Hull (No. 14) and Tawal (No. 15), both on page 17. The work 'down' is the same in each, Hull having Woodbine work 'up' and Tawal, Willesden in the corresponding positions. To complete the peal add either the five methods of the Woodbine Group or those of the Willesden Group. If desired, two peals could be built up.

A peal of the seven 'odd' methods would test the abilities of a band, and an attempt for this would be very useful practice. Many others can be made up from the methods dealt with in the previous articles.

## FOURTEEN METHOD PEALS.

Further useful practice could be obtained by taking two methods (which 'splice' lead for lead) from each of the seven groups, and, this having met with success, the following might be attempted.

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|--------------------------|---|
| 1. 720 Ely and Bogedone. | 2. 720 Dover Castle and Skipton Castle. |
| 2 3 4 5 6 Ely.           | 2 3 4 5 6 Dover Castle                  |
| — 2 3 5 6 4 Ely          | 4 2 6 3 5 Dover Castle                  |
| 4 5 6 2 3 Bogedone       | — 6 4 2 3 5 Dover Castle                |
| 3 6 2 4 5 Bogedone       | 3 5 4 2 6 Skipton Castle                |
| — 4 5 2 3 6 Bogedone     | — 2 6 4 3 5 Skipton Castle              |
| 6 2 3 4 5 Bogedone       | 3 5 6 4 2 Skipton Castle                |
| — 4 5 3 6 2 Bogedone     | 4 2 5 6 3 Skipton Castle                |
| 5 6 4 2 3 Ely            | — 6 3 5 4 2 Skipton Castle              |
| 6 2 5 3 4 Ely            | 5 6 2 3 4 Dover Castle                  |
| 2 3 6 4 5 Ely            | 2 5 4 6 3 Dover Castle                  |
| 3 4 2 5 6 Ely            | 4 2 3 5 6 Dover Castle                  |

Twice Repeated.

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|----------------------------------|--|
| 3. 720 Abbeyville and Combermere | 4. 720 Morning Star and Duke of Norfolk. |
| 2 3 4 5 6 Abbeyville             | 2 3 4 5 6 Morning Star                   |
| — 2 3 5 6 4 Abbeyville           | 2 3 5 6 4 Morning Star                   |
| 4 5 6 2 3 Combermere             | 4 5 6 2 3 Duke of Norfolk                |
| 3 6 2 4 5 Combermere             | — 3 6 2 4 5 Duke of Norfolk              |
| — 4 5 2 3 6 Combermere           | 4 5 2 3 6 Duke of Norfolk                |
| 6 2 3 4 5 Combermere             | — 6 2 3 4 5 Duke of Norfolk              |
| — 4 5 3 6 2 Combermere           | 4 5 3 6 2 Duke of Norfolk                |
| 5 6 4 2 3 Abbeyville             | 5 6 4 2 3 Morning Star                   |
| 6 2 5 3 4 Abbeyville             | 6 2 5 3 4 Morning Star                   |
| 2 3 6 4 5 Abbeyville             | 2 3 6 4 5 Morning Star                   |
| 3 4 2 5 6 Abbeyville             | 3 4 2 5 6 Morning Star                   |

Twice Repeated.

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5. 720 Baintree and College Bob IV. | 6. 720 Marple and Bocking. |
| 2 3 4 5 6 Baintree                  | 2 3 4 5 6 Marple           |
| — 5 6 3 4 2 Baintree                | 6 4 5 2 3 Marple           |
| 4 2 6 3 5 Baintree                  | — 2 3 5 6 4 Marple         |
| 3 5 2 6 4 Baintree                  | 4 5 2 3 6 Bocking          |
| — 6 4 2 3 5 Baintree                | 2 4 6 6 3 Bocking          |
| 5 2 3 6 4 College Bob IV.           | 6 2 3 4 5 Bocking          |
| 4 3 6 5 2 College Bob IV.           | — 3 6 5 2 4 Bocking        |
| — 2 6 4 3 5 College Bob IV.         | 4 5 3 6 2 Bocking          |
| 5 4 3 2 6 College Bob IV.           | 2 3 6 4 5 Marple           |
| 6 3 5 4 2 College Bob IV.           | 5 6 4 2 3 Marple           |
| 4 2 3 5 6 Baintree                  | 3 4 2 5 6 Marple           |

Twice Repeated.

Twice Repeated.

The figures of the seventh extent will be found in 'The Ringing World' dated August 14th, 1925, page 522, viz., 'Spliced' Oxford and Kingston.

It will be seen that these methods only 'splice' course for course, so care must be exercised in their introduction.

## TWENTY-ONE AND TWENTY-EIGHT METHOD PEALS.

Working to these figures, we can produce a twenty-one method peal. For guidance, I have commenced each 720 with the odd method of that particular group, so its introduction remains constant throughout. As seven more methods are required, take one from each group, and introduce it in the second part of the 720. For example, refer to the first 720, Ely and Bogedone, ring the first part as stated, but in the second part substitute Knutsford or other member of the group, and in the last part switch back to Bogedone, thus giving three methods per 720, or twenty-one methods in all.

Further use may be made of these figures, and a twenty-eight method peal rung. Ring the first two parts as instructed for the twenty-one method peal, but instead of returning to the original 'even' method after the first bob in the last part, make use of another member of the group.

Should this prove too difficult, there is an easier peal of this number of methods. It is obtained by cutting out the 'odd' method of each group, and using only the four methods which 'splice' lead for lead.

Those who have made themselves conversant with the subject should now experience no difficulty in building up peals to suit the standard of the band desirous of ringing peals of Minor.

Before concluding, what about the test of endurance coupled with the retention of the work of many methods? In the past we have had long lengths of Major Methods, Royal Methods, etc. Here is an opportunity for the strong six-bell men. How about thirty-five extents? Taking an average of twenty-five minutes per 720, it is only a matter of about 14 hours 35 minutes, and when you have done it, no doubt the Central Council will open a subscription list and erect an extra special Peal Board!

I close, hoping that this series of articles will create an added interest in six-bell ringing. If it does, I am rewarded.

[Previous articles have appeared in our issues of Aug. 14th, 21st, 28th, Sept. 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, Oct. 2nd and 9th.]

## THE LADIES' GUILD.

## THE MIDLAND DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I trouble you for a little space, just to state that the members of the Midland District were not misinformed with regard to what happened at Reading. To prove that, I will call a meeting, if Miss Parker will attend, asking all those who were present at the last meeting to be present, and will again repeat Miss Parker's remarks verbatim. No report was submitted to me before the meeting, or read at the meeting. As Miss Parker had either lost or forgotten it, she remarked to me before going to ring, that she had a grumble against the Midland District, it being the only district with a non-ringer secretary. I replied: 'I was quite willing to resign, but no one would take on the work.' Her reply was: 'Perhaps they will now; anyhow I have mentioned it before the meeting.' At the meeting she said she had two grumbles, one was that a district she would not name had a secretary who was a non-ringer, and she thought it time a ringer came forward and took office, the present secretary was merely carrying on until a ringer took office. I still say that after the general secretary's remark, I could not carry on any longer. With apologies and thanks for space.—Yours faithfully,

3 Malvern Road, Handsworth.

A. GROVES.

P.S.—May I add that I shall not trouble you again; if Miss Parker will not accept my offer it must be settled privately.

## SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

An enjoyable meeting of the Southern District was held at Ashstead, Surrey, on Saturday, Oct. 3rd. Ringing commenced about 3.30, and continued till 4.30, when the Guild service was held in the church, which was beautifully decorated for the harvest festival. Everyone enjoyed the service, especially the sermon preached by the Rector, who took for his text, 'She hath done what she could.'

A party of 25 sat down to tea, after which Mrs. Clark (president) extended thanks and appreciation to the Rector.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Seale on January 16th.

The belfry was revisited, and various methods rung from Grandsire to London Surprise.

Thanks are due to Mr. Wyatt for his kind help in getting everything ready and arranging for the choir and organist.

ULCEBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Thursday, Oct. 1st, for the harvest festival, at St. Nicolas' Church, touches of Grandsire Doubles: Ed. Fowler 1, Hugh Ebbatson 2, James Wareing (Barrow-on-Humber) 3, Martin Walker 4, Ed. Dannatt (Barrow-on-Humber) 5.

## NEW PEAL OF BELLS AT CLEVEDON. MAGNIFICENT GIFT TO SOMERSET CHURCH.

For the first time for a hundred years, a peal of bells rang out from Clevedon's ancient Parish Church on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, when, with quiet, but impressive ceremonial, the Archdeacon of Bath dedicated the new peal generously given by Miss Jenkins, of Clevedon.

The church originally possessed five bells. In 1825 two were sold for church repairs, and in 1827 a third passed from the church. Of the two remaining, one (which was cast by John Cockey) now rests in the body of the church, and the other, which weighs 14 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb., has been refound, and forms the tenor in the new peal of eight. It bears the inscription:—

'I to the Church the living call;  
And to the grave do summon all.'

The seven new bells have been cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the whole hung in a new steel frame.

The bells all bear appropriate inscriptions. One is inscribed in memory of the donor's sister; on another appears the name of the Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Preb. H. E. Badcock; and the names of the two churchwardens, Mr. H. C. P. Day and Mr. E. J. Hagley are inscribed upon a third one.

The splendid work of providing the new bells and strengthening the tower has cost over £1,100.

The dedication ceremony was attended by a large number of clergy and a crowded congregation. The combined choirs of the Parish Church and St. Peter's were in attendance. A shortened form of evensong was conducted by the Rev. W. E. Horsley (assistant curate), the lessons being read by the Rev. S. B. Berry (Vicar of St. Mary's, Bridgwater, and formerly assistant curate at Clevedon Parish Church), and the Rev. Preb. H. E. Badcock, R.D. (Vicar of Clevedon). The processional hymn was 'We love the place, O God.' Psalms cxlii. and xl. were chanted, and then, after another hymn, 'We give Thee but Thine own,' the Vicar and churchwardens, with the Archdeacon, proceeded to the entranceway to the tower, where the Vicar, on behalf of the donor, requested the Archdeacon 'to dedicate to the glory of God, and for the use of this parish, the peal of bells now hung in this church tower.'

The Archdeacon, after offering prayer, solemnly dedicated the bells, and the local ringers (a band of beginners) rang a few rounds, led by Mr. T. Francis.

The singing of the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' preceded the Archdeacon's sermon, which was based on the 95th Psalm, 6th verse, 'O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.'

During the singing of the hymn, 'Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven,' a collection was taken towards the cost of erecting an outside entrance to the belfry.

The singing of 'O God, our help in ages past,' closed an impressive and extremely well-ordered service.

Preb. Badcock having wished Mr. W. Gillingham to bring a band of ringers from the Chew Deanery, a quarter-peal of Grandsire was then rung: E. Goldstone (Portishead) 1, T. Wyatt (Clapton-in-Gordano) 2, R. G. Williams (Portishead) 3, J. Bishop (Wraxall) 4, G. Yeo (Long Ashton) 5, J. Nisbet (Portishead) 6, W. Gillingham (Portishead), conductor, 7, T. Francis (Clevedon) 8, after which touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, everyone agreeing that the 'go' of the bells was everything to be desired.

Amongst those who took part in the ringing were Miss Fisher (Dorking), Misses Stokes and Broad, Mrs. Edwards and Mr. G. Rowbotham (Portishead), Messrs. W. A. Cave and W. H. Thomas (Bristol), Mr. Dart (London), Mr. H. Knight (Clapton-in-Gordano), and others.

Later in the evening, the churchwardens entertained the local and invited ringers at Sweet's Restaurant, and a very pleasant evening was spent.—In replying to the toast of 'The Ringers,' Mr. Gillingham wished the young band at Clevedon every success in the branch of church work they had undertaken, and offered to assist them whenever possible.

## RINGER'S FAREWELL AT NORTON. PRESENTATIONS TO MR. COLIN OLDFIELD.

The ringers at St. James', Norton, Derbyshire, rang farewell touches on Sunday, Oct. 11th, to Mr. Colin Oldfield, one of the band, who is shortly leaving Sheffield for New York.

Mr. Oldfield has been a ringer and a church worker, as well as the company's handbell instructor, for several years, a chorister, and deputy organist.

The ringers presented him with a gold bell pendant, and the church choir gave him a handsome gold chain.

For the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was brought round, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Biggin, to mark the occasion; also as a birthday touch for the ringer of the 2nd: W. Biggin 1, Miss Elsie E. Smith 2, H. Beardshaw 3, Tom O'Hara 4, George Smith 5, T. E. Lee 6, Jas. A. Dixon 7, Colin C. Oldfield 8.

## W. ROCK SMALL'S MEMORIAL FUND.

In connection with the above fund, the following donations have been received: W. W. Worthington, 10s. 6d.; J. S. Pritchett, £1 ls. All contributions should be addressed to Mr. John B. Evans, 52 Park Lane, East Tipton, Staffs, and will be acknowledged through this paper.

## BEQUEST FOR BELLS AT GORING, OXON.

A local tradesman, of Goring, Oxon, who recently passed away, left in his will £1,000 to the parish church, and £500 for the augmentation of the ring of six bells to the complete octave. The work is to be put in hand shortly, and a handy-going ring of eight should be the result. As there is a first-class band of Minor ringers attached to this tower, eight-bell ringing should flourish here before long, which will fill a long-felt want in the district, change ringing bands being few and far between in the Thames Valley between Reading and Oxford.

## BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION. CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE B.B.C.

On the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, at Drayton, on Sept. 26th, proceedings started at 10.30 a.m., when members from Taunton, Ilminster and Midsomer Norton, together with the Vicar of Drayton, the Rev. A. Rhys James, met for a peal at Curry Rivel. The attempt, although productive of some very good ringing, ended in failure. Later, the band were the guests at lunch of the Rev. and Mrs. Rhys James. The Rev. T. H. Scott, Mr. Eastment (churchwarden) and Miss Eastment were present.

Ringing then took place on Drayton bells, members from Langport, Yeovil, West Pennard, Minehead, Curry Rivel, Wilton, Milverton, Shepton Mallett and Street, being present. A welcome visitor was Mr. A. B. Peck, of London, who, however, could not stay long.

At evensong, the Rev. A. Rhys James officiated, the Rev. E. S. G. Lock (Master) read the lesson, and the Rev. T. H. Scott, M.A., gave the address. Tea and the business meeting followed.

Routine business having been transacted, Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster) gave an interesting account of correspondence he had had with the Director of Programmes of the B.B.C. Mr. Taylor said that he had written to express appreciation of the broadcasting of the ringing at St. Philip's, Birmingham. He had gone on to give a lengthy explanation of the difference between ringing and chiming, and had strongly deprecated the latter, as being liable to give a totally erroneous impression of bell ringing. He had further suggested that ringing from some of the London towers should be broadcast, and had given to the Director of Programmes the address of the secretary of the College Youths.

The B.B.C. had replied sympathetically, saying that they welcomed constructive criticism, and had filed Mr. Taylor's remarks for further reference.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. A. Rhys James, Miss Eastment, and all who had helped to make the meeting a success, were then passed. Further ringing, consisting of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise and Kent Treble Bob Minor, concluded the evening.

## ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting was held at Kingsway Episcopi, on Saturday last, when the peal of six bells was kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The service was conducted and an address given by the Vicar (the Rev. E. R. Tuxford).

A short meeting followed tea in the Church Room. In the absence of both president and vice-president, the Vicar of Kingsbury kindly presided.

The local ringers decided to join the association as probationers, and Mr. G. Jeanes, of Langport, was made a full member.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Gale, seconded by Mr. J. E. Baker, that the annual meeting be held at Martock.

The secretary (Mr. F. Farran) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his very kind welcome, his excellent address, and for making all arrangements. He regretted there was only a small attendance, and especially the unavoidable absence of the officers, the Revs. G. W. Saunders, A. Rhys James and Mr. D. G. Taylor, president, vice-president and Ringing Master, respectively. He also thanked Miss Bradford for presiding at the organ, and the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea.

Rev. E. R. Tuxford suitably responded, saying he was glad the secretary had not forgotten the ladies who had provided tea, as theirs had been the most arduous task, his had been quite a pleasure.

There were ringers present from Langport, Milverton, Street, Yeovil and Martock, and the local men.



**THE CHEAPER FARES MOVEMENT.****NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION'S APPLICATION.**

In support of the movement to secure cheaper railway fares for ringers, the following letter, which incidentally illustrates the handicap under which some societies labour, has been sent to the Chief Superintendent of the L.M. and S. Railway at Derby, and the G.W.R. Superintendent at Oswestry.

Dear Sir,—I have been requested by members of the North Wales Change Ringers Association to make application to you for reduced fares for our members when attending meetings in connection with the association of bell ringers. I would like to point out to you our association includes Flintshire, Denbighshire, Carnarvonshire, Merionethshire and Montgomery, and meetings are held in various towns in these counties, but, owing to lack of cheap fares, our members are unable to attend these meetings as regularly as they would like to do so. For instance, a meeting was held in Barmouth a few days ago, and owing to the heavy railway fare from Rhyl to Barmouth not one member was able to attend, but had a reduced fare been available, such as fishermen and golf players participate in, I think I could safely say seven-eighths of the members from Rhyl would have attended this meeting. And the same applies to members from Wrexham, Buckley, Ruthin bell ringers' societies and other societies in the North Wales Association. Then, again, various members of this society would often like to travel to visit bellries to ring peals, but owing to the lack of a reduced fare for bell ringers this cannot be done.

Our association consists of about 200 members, and if reduced fares were granted to members of bell ringers' societies going on bell ringers' business, I am sure many more would use the train service, to the mutual benefit of both parties.

I am given to understand various associations in Great Britain are applying for a special reduction in fares for use of bell ringers, and are forwarding their application to headquarters in their district. I trust you will give this application your consideration and that we may have a favourable reply granting us conditions of reduced fares, as enjoyed by other clubs and societies.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.****NORTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT THIRSK.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Thirsk on Saturday, Sept. 26th, when ringers attended from Leeds, Bradford, Hull, Middlesboro', Thornaby, Helmsley, Pickering and Thirsk.

In the afternoon a service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. H. G. Metcalfe (Vicar of Felixkirk, near Thirsk), who also gave an interesting address on the history of bell ringing.

During the afternoon, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Grandsire Triples were rung.

Tea was enjoyed at the Three Tuns Hotel, and was followed by a brief business meeting. The Rev. H. G. Metcalfe presided, and in expressing his pleasure at so doing, thanked the ringers' for the kind reception they had given him.—The Secretary read a letter from the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president), expressing regret at his inability to be present.

It was decided to hold the February, 1926, meeting at Kirby Moorside.

Mr. Metcalfe extended a cordial invitation to the ringers to hold a summer meeting at Felixkirk.—Thanks was expressed to Mr. Metcalfe by Mr. J. H. Blakiston (Middlesboro'), who suggested that the Felixkirk ringers should become members of the association, and that Mr. Metcalfe himself should become a honorary member.

Mr. J. Sinclair (Thornaby) thanked the Vicar of Thirsk for the use of the tower; Mr. J. Stolt (captain), and the local ringers for the arrangements made for the comfort and enjoyment of the ringers.

During the evening, Stedman Triples, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung. The ringers from Leeds and Bradford stayed the night at Thirsk, and on Sunday morning joined with the local ringers in ringing a very enjoyable touch for morning service.

**FIRST DERBYSHIRE LADY PEAL RINGER.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry to have to reply again to the above subject, after having answered a like controversy some six months ago—in all probability from the same source of inquiry.

I venture through your generosity, after seeing the inquiry again in the 'Ringing World' of Sept. 11, to give the following particulars due to the performances of Miss Elsie E. Smith, a native of Norton, Derbyshire: Peal No. 2,971, March 10th, Midland Counties report, 5,376 Bob Major (1923). Also a peal for the Yorkshire Association at 'St. James', Norton, Derbyshire (Bob Major), in 1920. Miss Smith, being a native of Derbyshire, claims the title.—Yours faithfully,

T. E. LEE.

31, Hartshorn Road, Woodseats, Sheffield.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****JOINT DISTRICT MEETING AT RYDE.**

The first of a proposed series of joint meetings between the Portsmouth and Isle of Wight districts was held on Saturday week at All Saints', Ryde, when beautiful weather prevailed. About 30 ringers were present from Alverstoke, Bournemouth, Carisbrooke, Fareham, Hambledon, Newport, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde, Swanmore, Whitwell and Wickham; also Mr. J. Parker (Edmonton).

Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and some good practice was indulged in for two hours, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. The ringers then adjourned to tea, at a close-by institute, and this was followed by handbell ringing until 6.30 p.m.

Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth district secretary) pointed out how pleased they were to come to the island to meet their old friends, and hoped that they would make such meetings a regular feature between the districts.—In reply, Mr. H. Barton said that he was quite justified when he thought that the idea of holding such meetings would tend to improve the social as well as the practical side of ringing, as was seen by the large attendance.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. B. J. Snow (Ryde), who had kindly undertaken the catering arrangements, and also to those responsible for the meeting. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Portsmouth.

During the afternoon, 252 Stedman Triples was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Fred Mabey, eldest son of Mr. A. Mabey, of East Ashley, I.O.W., and Dorothy M. Rolf, of Watford, who were married at St. Mary's, Watford, on that day: H. Barton (conductor) 1, H. Phillips 2, A. G. Bennett 3, F. A. Burnett 4, A. D. Callaway 5, J. B. Williamson 6, A. R. Ward 7, F. S. Bayley 8.—Mr. Barton proposed health and happiness to the bridal pair.

**GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.****SWINDON BRANCH MEETING.**

A quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Chippenham on Saturday, Sept. 26th. After ringing in the afternoon, tea was partaken of at the Waverley Hotel. The Rev. — Wood, Vicar of St. Andrew's, Chippenham, was voted to the chair for the subsequent business meeting, when the secretary read the list of subscriptions to the Washbrook Memorial Fund, amounting to £1 3s.

Towers for the two monthly practices were selected, viz., Brinkworth in October, and Blunsdon in November, and it was decided to advertise these meetings in 'The Ringing World,' as it is hoped to see a larger attendance at these practices.

The annual branch meeting is to be held at Swindon in January.

The Vicar of St. Andrew's was elected an hon. member, and given a hearty welcome, to which he suitably replied. A return to the tower was then made, and Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were practised until 8 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal. The following towers were represented: Chippenham, Melksham, Trowbridge, Swindon and Wootton Bassett.

Owing to Brinkworth bells not being available on the 17th October, two monthly meetings referred to above, will be reversed, as advertised in the notice column of this paper.

**HAPPY GATHERING AT WEST BROMWICH.**

After the peal at West Bromwich last Saturday, recorded in this number, the band and a number of other friends were entertained to a substantial meat tea by Mr. Reuben Hall, in commemoration of his 73rd birthday.

Mr. Paddon Smith, in proposing the health of Mr. Hall, congratulated him on the way he rang the tenor to the peal on the eve of reaching his 73rd year. The speaker referred to Mr. Hall's genial manner, and hoped he would be spared to live among them for many years, so that they might continue to enjoy his ready wit.

The health of Mr. Hall was drunk with musical honours.

On behalf of the Oldbury handbell ringers, Mr. Hall was presented with a very comfortable pair of slippers. He was also the recipient of a bottle of 'John Begg.' All this (including the bottle) was very much appreciated by Mr. Hall.

The rest of the evening was spent with tunes by the Oldbury handbell ringers, songs, etc.

Mr. Hall, who is the oldest ringer to take part in a peal in this part of the Midlands, is a native of Bourton-on-the-Water, Gloucestershire, but except for a few years spent in the back woods of America, he has lived the major portion of his life in West Bromwich.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—At All Saints' Church, on Thursday, Oct. 8th, for harvest festival, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Day 1, T. Ford 2, J. W. Jones 3, A. E. Morgan 4, H. Morgan 5, F. Chapman 6, J. Hammond (conductor) 7, H. Forbes 8.

### BERKSHIRE TOWER'S NEW BELL.

On Sunday, October 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Shaw-cum-Donnington, Berks, a new treble bell was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. W. Kingsley Kefford) in the course of the morning service. The augmentation has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, and the bells now make a very nice ring of six.

After the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, was rung by the following members of the Oxford Guild, in 43 mins.: H. W. Curtis (conductor) 1, E. W. Smith 2, C. Poole 3, E. Crocker 4, T. Curtis (first quarter on an inside bell) 5, F. Owen (first quarter) 6.

### THE STEDMAN CINQUES AT SHREWSBURY

The stopping of the peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Chad's calls to mind an incident of about 110 years ago, writes a correspondent.

About this time, the famous Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, anxious to ring a peal of Stedman Cinques, took a band from various parts of the country to make an attempt at Shrewsbury. After ringing some considerable time, it was brought to an end under peculiar circumstances.

It appears a sweep was engaged to sweep the vestry chimney, the top of the vestry being on a level with the belfry window. The sweep had—as they did in those days—to climb up the inside of the chimney, and just as he popped his head out of the top he heard someone call 'Bob.' His name being Bob Roberts, he went to inquire what they wanted with him; another bob was called, and he jumped inside!

Lawrence never rang his peal of Stedman Cinques.

### A PROUD RECORD.

Sixty years as chorister, 50 years as ringer, and 40 years as parish clerk, is the proud, and we should imagine, unsurpassed record of Mr. J. Lovekins, of Sherifhales, Salop. A peal in his honour was rung on Saturday, and it was also a 'welcome home' to the Vicar, the Rev. R. A. Giles; after a world tour. The Vicar, churchwardens and ringers, after the peal, sat down to a meat tea, splendidly served by local ladies, in the Parish Hall, and the visitors would like to take this opportunity of thanking all who helped to make their visit most enjoyable.

### CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION'S MEETING AT MIDDLEHAM

The little village of Middleham was the venue for the September meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association, and the members from Ripon, Thirsk, Richmond, Darlington, Middlesbrough, Ormesby and Saltburn, who journeyed there, were entranced with its beauty. The splendid peal of eight were soon running, and excellent touches of Double Norwich, Kent, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were obtained, the striking being a most praiseworthy point.

Forty-one members and friends, including the local ringers, sat down to tea, the business meeting following, under the chairmanship of Mr. Young, the newly-appointed Vicar.

After nine new members had been elected to the association, the meeting debated their president's notice of motion as to the change of the date for the annual meeting. An amendment to the notice substituting Easter Monday for the second Saturday in September was moved and seconded, and it was decided to further discuss the matter at the Easter meeting.

The association decided to support the Gloucester and Bristol Association in their endeavour to obtain cheaper railway facilities, and the secretary was requested to write to the London and North-Eastern Railway Company on the matter.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower once more, and further touches were rung. The arrival of the bus for the last train home, however, brought the meeting to a close, and the members dispersed, after a most enjoyable day.

### THAT UNLUCKY 13.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read Irenæus' pithy notes with pleasure on every occasion, but must just make a small correction as to the youngest M.C.A. ringer to score a 5,000. On December 20th, 1919, I had the happiness to call a peal in which my brother, G. Stedman Morris, rang. This was on his 12th birthday, but was on handbells. On July 6th, 1920, however, I called a peal at Kirby Muxloe, in which F. J. Bowley, junr., rang the treble, he being then only 11 years 4 months old, and, therefore, claims the record.

I had already written to Mr. Gobey pointing this out, and, like Irenæus, want both he and 'Young Falstaff' to take this as written, in a kindly spirit, and accept our hearty congratulations. May the latter go on with the good work, and keep 'growing greater' every day. The best of luck to him.—Yours faithfully.

Leicester.

ERNEST MORRIS.

### RINGERS' OUTINGS.

#### KETTERING RINGERS AT LEICESTER.

On Saturday, Sept. 12th, the Kettering ringers and friends had a very pleasant outing. Leaving Kettering at 1 p.m., they reached Kibworth, in Leicestershire, after a very interesting drive. Permission had been given to ring on the fine peal of eight bells, and the party were met at the tower by Mr. F. Staniforth. A good touch each of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise were brought round. The next tower on the list was St. Saviour's, Leicester, where the visitors found the bells up, and the steeplekeeper (Mr. J. S. Needham) engaged in putting everything in apple-pie order. On this fine peal of eight (tenor 27 cwt.), Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise were successfully brought round, but Double Norwich for some reason would not 'go.' The bells were lowered in peal, and the party escorted by Mr. Ernest Morris to a cafe in Belgrave Road, where a substantial tea was enjoyed. By special permission, the party was very kindly allowed to ring for a short time on the beautiful peal of twelve bells at St. Margaret's. After a course of Stedman Caters had been brought round, an attempt was made for a course of Cambridge Royal, which ended unsuccessfully. A large number of Leicester ringers had by this time arrived, and, with their very able assistance, some of the party were able to ring their first course of Stedman Cinques. At the Black Boy Hotel a social evening was afterwards spent. Messrs. W. Willson, H. Poole and E. Morris delighted the company with some excellent tunes on the handbells, while Mr. Josiah Morris and Mr. J. S. Needham contributed songs. Several courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung 'in hand' on some very old cup handbells (kindly lent by Mr. J. S. Needham), which were cast at Kettering by Thomas Garry, the bell founder. Thanks of the visitors are due to the very great kindness of Mr. F. Staniforth, of Kibworth; Mr. Ernest Morris and Mr. J. S. Needham, of Leicester, for their arrangements for the comfort of the party, and to all those Leicester ringers who met them and gave them such a warm welcome. The Kettering men extend their warmest thanks, and trust in the future to have the pleasure of welcoming them to Kettering. D. J. N.

#### WALTHAMSTOW RINGERS IN SUSSEX.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 19th and 20th, members of the St. Saviour's Society, Walthamstow, had a most enjoyable outing to Lindfield and Cuckfield. Ringing at Cuckfield on Saturday afternoon, with the help of some of the local ringers, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, were brought round. At Lindfield in the evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were the methods rung: for service in the morning Grandsire and Plain Bob; and for evening service, Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Lindfield and Cuckfield for so readily granting them permission to ring, and Messrs. A. Tomsett and F. R. Hounsell for making the necessary arrangements on their behalf.

#### VISIT TO LOUGHBOROUGH.

On Saturday, August 29th, the ringers of Sawley Church, with the two churchwardens, held their annual outing. Travelling by motor, they first called at Shephed, but owing to illness were not able to ring, so they proceeded to Whitwick, and enjoyed about an hour's ringing. The journey was then continued to Woodhouse Eaves, where tea was served, and afterwards the visitors had a short ring on the parish church bells. They next went to the bell foundry at Loughborough, where a good time was spent. Through the medium of the 'Ringing World' the ringers wish to thank the respective Vicars and the local ringers for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Taylor for the use of the bells at Loughborough. The methods rung during the afternoon were Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, and Bob Doubles.

#### WOODFORD AND LOUGHTON RINGERS IN MID-ESSEX.

On Saturday, August 22nd, the above ringers and friends set off for the day by charabanc into Mid-Essex. Leaving Loughton at 8 a.m., Epping Town was reached, where a number of touches were brought round. After a nice run, Writtle was their next stopping place, and here a few more touches were successfully rung. Kelvedon was the next stop, where lunch (catered for by Mr. and Mrs. C. Rycraft, of High Street) was greatly appreciated by the company. The next halts were at Feering and Braintree, touches being rung on both these peals. A pleasant run then brought the party to Brentwood, where an excellent tea was provided by one of the ringers; this also was greatly appreciated by all. A move was made to the tower, where ringing was indulged in for about an hour and a half, home being reached about 9.30 p.m., the day having been greatly enjoyed. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars and steeplekeepers, especially Mr. W. Keeble, of Feering, for recommending the lunch headquarters, and Mr. F. Ringe, of Brentwood, for arranging tea.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1,260 changes (from Thurstans' Four-part), in 47 mins.: James George 1, G. E. Large 2, L. Griffiths 3, St. Grove 4, F. Price 5, C. Dale 6, B. W. Wiltchell (conductor) 7, W. Gee 8. Rung in honour of the christening of the son and heir of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A. (Vicar of this church), and Mrs. Badger; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Badger and Mrs. Gelling, the last-named lady being the wife of the donor of the bells. In consequence of illness near the church a full three hours' peal for these auspicious events was impossible.

**UTTOXETER, STAFFS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'): F. Oliver 1, E. Roberts 2, G. Elliott 3, F. Richardson 4, G. Lewis 5, G. Burrows (first quarter of Stedman) 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Green 8.

**HAGBOURNE, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. W. Cox 1, W. V. Webb 2, A. H. Webb 3, H. K. White 4, T. East (conductor) 5, B. Corderoy 6, R. G. Rice 7, H. C. Mulford 8.

**MARKET DEEPING.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 10th, for harvest festival, evensong, 720 of Cambridge Surprise and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob: F. Otter 1, W. A. Day 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, H. Holmes 4, Jos. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

**DEPTFORD, KENT.**—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (with the second out): A. F. Bennington 1, E. J. Pannett 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, E. B. Crowder 5, T. A. Easterby 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 8.—For evensong: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, W. A. Martin 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, T. A. Easterby 6, T. Jakeman 7, A. F. Bennington 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, at Old Headington Parish Church, after the evening service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Brigham 1, G. Collett 2, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 3, H. G. Field 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. Finch 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

**GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest thanksgiving services, for Matins, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Bob Minor, in 42 mins.: B. Lucas 1, W. Chester (first quarter and first attempt in the method) 2, A. Booth 3, W. Wise 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6. Also 144 Oxford Treble Bob.—For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Wise 1, A. Booth 2, A. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

**OXFORD.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for the 10.15 Choral Communion, at St. Mary Magdalen, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Brigham 1, W. Finch 2, F. A. H. Wilkins 3, G. Collett 4, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 5, F. Clinkard 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.—For evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. H. B. Wilkins 1, H. G. Field 2, G. Stace 3, G. Collett 4, H. G. Bungay 5, F. Clinkard (conductor) 6.

**PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service and harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Rockall 1, G. Howard 2, P. Asplin 3, J. W. Haynes 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5, J. Monk 6.

**CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for the evening harvest thanksgiving service, a 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Pritchard 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, R. Lewis 3, C. Bowers 4, D. Horne 5, G. Jordan 6.

## TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

## BRANCH MEETING AT KENWYN.

A quarterly meeting of the Truro District Branch of the Diocesan Guild was held at Kenwyn Church, Truro, on Friday, Sept. 25th, this being the occasion of the harvest thanksgiving. The attendance was somewhat small, owing to the wretched weather, only about 15 ringers attending, representing the Cathedral, Kea and Kenwyn bands. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung.

The Vicar, the Rev. F. Thomas, provided tea for the ringers, and afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples were practised. Before the thanksgiving service, 336 Grandsire Triples were brought round by W. E. Minors (Cathedral) 1, P. Harfoot (Kea) 2, W. Arthur (Cathedral) 3, A. F. Knight (Kenwyn) 4, E. C. Friend (Kenwyn) 5, A. S. Roberts (Cathedral) 6, W. H. Sleeman (Cathedral) 7, F. M. Roberts (Cathedral) 8. After the service, the bells were kept going for about 45 minutes, with short touches of Grandsire Triples and rounds.

## THE LATE MR. F. R. BACON.

At the funeral of the late Mr. F. R. Bacon, of Hitchin, president of the Hertford County Association, the local ringers were represented by Messrs. E. W. Day, J. F. Foster, H. Day, C. Cannon, J. Hare and L. Fidler, and the band sent a floral tribute, fashioned in the shape of a bell.

Mr. Bacon, who resided at Elv before going to Hitchin, had rung several peals for the Herts and Ely Associations.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, Horton, Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roberts, Rowbotham, Albert Walker, Winney and Young. Closing date, Thursday, Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on October 29th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th (6 p.m. for service), \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 20th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 22nd (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Central Division.—Meeting at Turner's Hill (Grange Road Station) Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea 5 (by kind invitation of the Vicar). Bus service from Haywards Heath or Three Bridges.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—South District.—A business meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Lewisham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—Next meeting at Hornsey on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service, tea and meeting as usual. Please let me know all who require tea. Wood Green bells open from 7 to 8 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tickets obtainable from local secretaries, gentlemen 2s., ladies 1s. 6d.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pendoylan (Peterston Station) on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.



**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—Quarterly meeting at Ufford on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells available all day. Tea at 4. Meeting afterwards. Certificates now ready, 6d. each.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Bromham on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Southern Division.—A meeting will be held at Penistone on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) available from noon. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all members who have not yet paid their subscriptions for 1925 try and do so at this meeting?—F. Clark, Hon. Dis. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672), **NOTTINGHAM.**—A practice and meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Tower open from 5 to 9 p.m. Will all members please make an effort to be present?—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham (8 bells) on Saturday, Oct. 17. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting for business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 17th, at Black Notley, near Braintree. Service in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea afterwards. It is hoped that ringers will make an endeavour to attend this, the first meeting, at this somewhat out of the way parish to give some encouragement to a young band of ringers.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. A. Fenton Gen. Hon. Sec., 42, Bennett Street, Rugby.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Godmanchester on Oct. 17th. Service 4.15. Tea in the Parish Room at 5, followed by business. Bells: Godmanchester (8) and St. Mary, Huntingdon (8).—H. B. Woolley, Dis. Sec.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Presteign on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea free to those who notify me not later than Monday, Oct. 19th.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Len Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembrokeshire.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By invitation of the Rev. E. P. Stanley, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton Courtenay on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me not later than Oct. 20th, how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—A visit to Wembley is being arranged for Saturday, Oct. 24th. Meet at Wembley Park Station (Metropolitan Railway) at 2 o'clock. Tea arranged for those only who let me know by Monday, Oct. 19th. Gentlemen specially invited to join us.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Women's Institute Hut. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 21st?—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Address by the Rector. A tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify the local secretary, Mr. G. L. Webb, The Valley, Lyminge, by Wednesday, Oct. 21st? Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—Edwin G. Bresden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Practice meeting, Bushey, Saturday, Oct. 24th, 4.30 p.m. Methods: Double Norwich, Cambridge, Norfolk, etc.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The quarterly business meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**—Dedication of the new ring of eight bells on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Chester. Permission for visitors to ring on this occasion cannot be promised, but on Saturday, October 31st. The bells will be available for visitors from 11 a.m. Tea provided, at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Those requiring same must inform William Fernley, 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Cheshire, by Tuesday, Oct. 27th. A short service will be held at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Guild.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (6) on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 20th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room (kindly provided by the church authorities), and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. It is imperative that all who require tea should let me know not later than Monday, Oct. 26th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.



**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Michael's Church, Mottram. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. The association service will be held in the Church at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, at the Co-operative Cafe, New Road, will be provided for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, the 28th inst. The business meeting will be held after tea, and the Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman J. A. Axcell, J.P.) will take the chair. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Expecting a good number of members to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 48th Annual Festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, October 31st. Included in the business is the proposed alteration to Rules 6, 9 and 10. Further particulars next week.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec.

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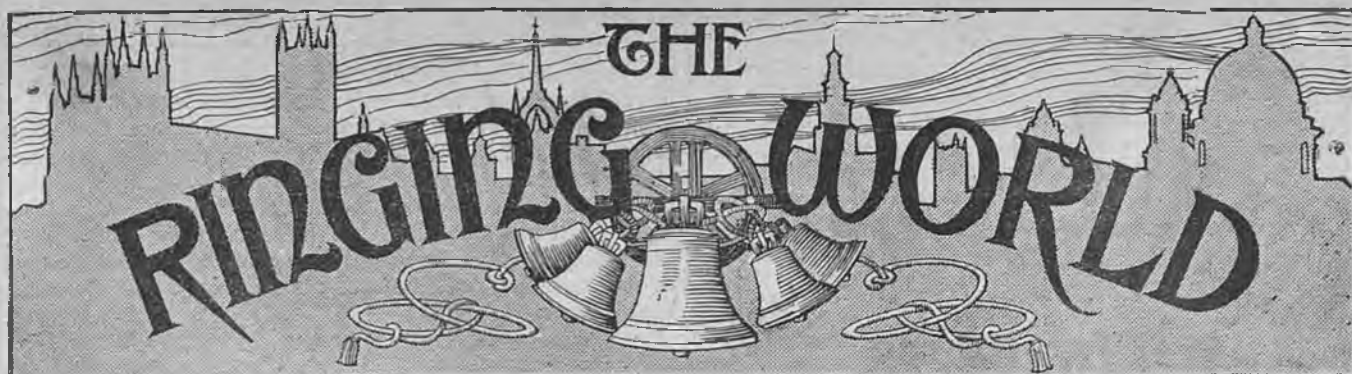
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And to-day there is still the striving there is still the strife. We all applaud the former; some who are spectators are inclined to look askance at those who engage in the latter. But striving and strife have through all time marked the progress of mankind, and without them there would have been less progress in the world. Ringers to-day owe most of their knowledge to the men who, in the past, have striven to master the mysteries of the Art, and have not shirked the strife which competitive claims have precipitated. We are not alluding now to the petty jealousies which arise in small-minded people, who can see nothing for praise except in their own doings, and have no honour for he who excels except it be himself; nor do we refer to those rather empty quarrels of which we hear from time to time arising out of personal feelings. Jealousy on the part of one or both of the Norwich antagonists doubtless led to their dispute, and similar feelings have constantly found vent in unseemly quarrels all through the history of ringing—for ringers, after all, are quite ordinary human beings. But what we are tempted to suggest is that out of many of the rivalries and resultant 'strife' a great deal of the advance in ringing has come. It is this spirit of seeking to score over one's neighbours which has led to some of the best compositions being produced; which has resulted in many

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| †JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 2      | *HARRY A. FARLOW ... .. 8    |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3        | †JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 9      |
| *JOHN PERRY ... .. 4           | †THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 10   |
| *CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5    | *WILLIAM A. COOPER ... .. 11 |
| WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6        | †THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

\* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Bob Maximus. ‡ First peal of Maximus, and first in the method. First peal of Maximus as conductor.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Treble | †FREDERICK SAWFOOT ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 2      | *FRED HOPPER ... .. 7         |
| SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 3      | CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 8      |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 4   | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 9        |
| HAROLD J. POOLE ... .. 5     | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

Rung to celebrate the home-coming of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales from his African and South American tour. The ringers of 1st, 4th and tenor were made members of the association before starting the peal. This was the first peal of Cambridge Royal for the Guild. \* First peal of Cambridge Royal on a working bell. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble   | WILLIAM GOODMAN ... .. 6    |
| SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 2       | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 3   | GILBERT GUEST ... .. 8      |
| HERBERT SHEPPARD ... .. 4   | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. 9 |
| JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... .. 5 | BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ... Tenor |

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

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung and returned by Messrs. Taylor. Rung on the eve of the birthday of Mr. Sheppard. Mr. Gough has now rung each bell in this tower in a peal.

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TO SUPPORT

# THE RINGING WORLD

BY  
TAKING  
A COPY  
EVERY  
WEEK



LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALFRED WINCH ... .. Treble | AMOS CLARK... .. 6             |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 2  | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7        |
| GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3   | JOHN HOYLE... .. 8             |
| ALBERT HARMAN... .. 4      | ARTHUR DEAN ... .. 9           |
| EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 5     | FREDERICK G. MILES... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. HALEY (1858). Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

Rung as a 'welcome home' to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; also a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Dean.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-EVANGELIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. 18 lb.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ROBERT A. FOSDIKE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES... .. 5     |
| FRANK FRASER ... .. 2           | JIM HURRELL ... .. 6            |
| JACK DAPTERS ... .. 3           | ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM A. MARTIN ... .. 4      | HERBERT G. GOODWIN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Alan Thomas, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Easterby, who was buried the same day.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

C. MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| *LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble | J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 5       |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2 | EDGAR C. SHEPHERD... .. 6        |
| EDGAR VALLANCE ... .. 3      | †ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 7           |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... .. 4  | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise 'inside,' and first attempt.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| J. FREDERICK MILNER... .. Treble | ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 5          |
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2    | J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. 6     |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. 3     | ARTHUR CUTTELL ... .. 7        |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... .. 4     | *THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, STREATHAM S.W.,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MISS FRED A. ORR ... .. Treble   | JOHN LEE ... .. 5              |
| MISS ELLEN E. HARGREAVE ... .. 2 | JAMES W. CHAPMAN ... .. 6      |
| MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... .. 3   | LEONARD E. PITSTOW... .. 7     |
| LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 4           | HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. HURDARD.

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

The ringers of the 7th and 8th were elected members of the above association before commencing the peal.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

|                           |                                 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble | *JACK BRAY ... .. 5             |
| HAROLD EASTOE... .. 2     | GEORGE BLANCHARD... .. 6        |
| *ANYON PEART ... .. 3     | †MARTIN WALKER ... .. 7         |
| CHARLES BIRD ... .. 4     | ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

\* First peal on eight bells. First peal, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the 168 Barton men who fell in the war, 17 of whom fell at the Battle of Loos, Oct. 13th, 1915.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble | ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... .. 5 |
| T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 2 | ALFRED G. RIVERS ... .. 6  |
| JAMES FLEURY ... .. 3      | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4 | WALTER ARNOLD... .. Tenor  |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *HARRY WINCOYE ... .. Tenor  | J. WILLIAM FRUIN ... .. 5       |
| FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW... .. 2 | ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... .. 6     |
| *MISS RUBY HAWKESWORTH 3     | WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES A. BROWN ... .. 4    | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

Central Council Collection, 157. \* First peal of Plain Bob Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Hollier, wife of the secretary of the South and West District of the above Association.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDGAR RIVERS ... .. Treble | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5      |
| CHARLES MEE ... .. 2       | T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 6  |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 3  | ALFRED G. RIVERS ... .. 7   |
| *WILLIAM CHALK ... .. 4    | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First Surprise peal. This and the peal of Earls Colne were arranged for Messrs. E. G. Hibbins, T. R. Dennis and A. G. Rivers, of Cambridge, who were spending a holiday in the district. E. Rivers and C. Mee belong to Sproughton, Suffolk.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| C. H. LATHEY ... .. Treble | F. E. BROOKS ... .. 5          |
| T. HERVEY BEAMS ... .. 2   | P. H. BEAMS ... .. 6           |
| J. W. ZEALLEY ... .. 3     | F. BOGLER ... .. 7             |
| A. T. GUNNING ... .. 4     | W. S. B. NORTHOVER... .. Tenor |

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

This is the first occasion on which a peal of Triples has been rung by an entirely resident band. Ringers of 4th, 5th, 7th, belong to Beaminster; of 1st, 2nd, 6th to Bradpole; and 3rd and 8th to Bridport.

## NUNEATON.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *MISS PATTIE CLARKE ... .. Treble | ABRAM WILKERSON ... .. 5       |
| MISS GLADYS DODDS ... .. 2        | *EDWIN MARTIN ... .. 6         |
| HARRY ARGYLE ... .. 3             | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 7     |
| ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... .. 4        | DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

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

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... .. Treble | JOHN HOLMAN ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 2     | CHARLES MASON ... .. 6     |
| JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 3       | JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 7 |
| ARTHUR CRAVEN ... .. 4       | JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Wm. Lambert.

## LINTON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

## A PEAL OF CAM TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LOUIS HEAD ... .. Treble   | LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... .. 2 | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... .. 6  |
| LEONARD MANNERING ... .. 3 | CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 7    |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 4  | THOMAS E. SONE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

First peal of Cam Treble Bob by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. The conductor's 90th peal.

## KNARESBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN AMBLER ... .. Treble     | WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5     |
| SYDNEY SADLER ... .. 2        | ARTHUR M. C. FIELD ... .. 6 |
| *STANLEY H. ROBINSON ... .. 3 | PERCY J. JOHNSON ... .. 7   |
| *ERNEST C. FIELD ... .. 4     | †FRED SMITH ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

\* First peal in the method. First peal, and elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of the peal. First peal on the bells since 1903.

## BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb in F sharp.

|                                  |                              |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. Treble | D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 5   |
| GEORGE PULLINGER ... .. 2        | Mrs. VICTOR JARRETT, R.E. 6  |
| REGINALD BROWN ... .. 3          | FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... .. 7 |
| FREDERICK BURNETT ... .. 4       | GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

† First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for ringer of the 6th, who hails from Chatham. Also as a wedding anniversary peal to the conductor. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. G. Pullinger.

HILLINGDON WEST.—On Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Lucas (first quarter-peal) 1, K. Hancox 2, J. Lucas 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, P. E. Jones 5, F. Corke (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphries 8.

## KINGHAM, OXON.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| A. LARGE ... .. Treble  | *W. CLAYTON ... .. 5     |
| *B. PHILLIPS ... .. 2   | F. E. DAVIS ... .. 6     |
| *C. WESTMACOTT ... .. 3 | W. LARGE ... .. 7        |
| J. C. ACOCK ... .. 4    | C. W. LOCKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. LARGE.

\* First peal. First peal of triples on the bells.

## WYKARDISBURY, BUCKS.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble | CHAS. W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. 5 |
| J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... .. 2   | JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 6     |
| CECIL V. EBBERTSON ... .. 3    | *FRANK CORKE ... .. 7         |
| WILLIAM H. HOLIER ... .. 4     | WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by WILLIAM WILSON. Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

\* First peal in the method. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Holier.

## WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Treble   | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5    |
| *MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. 2 | WILLIAM H. FOSSELL ... .. 6 |
| HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 3        | ARTHUR MARTIN ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE MARTIN ... .. 4         | WILLIAM HENLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

\* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells, and first peal of Cambridge Surprise as conductor.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, 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 14½ cwt.

|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| FRED HUTTON ... .. Treble | ALBERT PICKLES ... .. 5  |
| THOMAS SENIOR ... .. 2    | EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 6  |
| CLIFFORD ELLISON ... .. 3 | WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 7  |
| HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 4    | CECIL DRAKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

First peal in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

## BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

## THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HEREFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. Treble | *THOMAS E. TAYSON ... .. 5   |
| ALLAN E. GWYNNE ... .. 2      | WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... .. 6 |
| *GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... .. 3  | WALTER TAYLOR ... .. 7       |
| *ALEC TAYLOR ... .. 4         | ARTHUR W. DAVIS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* First peal in the method. First peal in the method rung in the county by all resident members.

## POPULAR.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;  
Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM MILLER ... .. 5     |
| *MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2     | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN... 6 |
| ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 3        | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 7    |
| GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4         | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor    |

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. F. Deal.

## HEADINGLEY, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20½ cwt. |                            |
| CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble                             | WILLIAM E. ASH ... .. 5    |
| MISS OLIVE L. LUNLEY ... .. 2                               | FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 6 |
| GEORGE ROBINSON ... .. 3                                    | FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7    |
| ARTHUR WALKER... .. 4                                       | HENRY SMITH ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a welcome to the Prince of Wales.

## BISLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE DOWDESWELL ... .. Treble | BASIL LATHAM ... .. 5         |
| THOMAS PRICE ... .. 2           | ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 6        |
| GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 3         | JOHN BALLING ... .. 7         |
| LESLIE BARRY ... .. 4           | *ARTHUR CLISSOLD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a farewell peal to L. Barry, who is joining the Marines.  
\* First peal.

## WASHINGBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *EDWARD J. SHARP ... .. Treble | *WALTER CLARK... .. 5         |
| *HERBERT KNOTT ... .. 2        | JOHN A. FREEMAN ... .. 6      |
| *TOM KENT ... .. 3             | JOHN WALDEN ... .. 7          |
| GEORGE FLINTHAM ... .. 4       | *CHARLES CLAYDON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

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

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;  
Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 5  |
| HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 2          | ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 6   |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 3         | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 7      |
| ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 4       | EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge in Bolton.

At St. Mary's Church, Over, Cambs, on Wednesday, Sept. 30th, a 720 Minor, with 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th fully muffled, and tenor open: C. Robinson 1, F. C. Ginn 2, B. Wayman 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, A. J. Ginn 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Rung as a token of respect to Mr. Wm. Webster, warden at the above church for about 30 years, whose funeral took place the same day.

## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S TEN-PART NO. 7. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble | MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 5   |
| PERCY TATE ... .. 2             | CHARLES SMITH ... .. 6       |
| GEORGE FREEBREY ... .. 3        | ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... .. 7 |
| FRANK OLIVER ... .. 4           | JOHN CURTIS... .. Tenor      |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Oliver and Smith, of Uttoxeter, and was their first peal of Stedman.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## TITMSBURY, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| R. THOMAS CLARK ... .. Treble | WILLIAM SHORE ... .. 4    |
| EDGAR BOURTON ... .. 2        | WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 5 |
| *GILBERT HASELL, ... .. 3     | HARRY PROUT ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

\* First peal away from treble.

## THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| W. ARTHUR SKINNER... .. Treble | ROWLAND BARROW ... .. 4   |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 2          | GEORGE T. WALKER ... .. 5 |
| ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... .. 3   | WALTER WRIGHT... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD.

Specially arranged for the ringer of the treble, as his first peal. He was elected a member of the Association before starting the peal.

## MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury, York, London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST E. BARBER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4  |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2       | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 5   |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3     | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

## GLOUCESTER.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At THE PARISH CHURCH, BROCKWORTH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;  
Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. Treble | JOHN C. TAYLOR ... .. 4     |
| FRANCIS H. HAYWARD ... .. 2  | ALBERT MARTIN ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM H. HARRIS ... .. 3   | WILLIAM WASLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT MARTIN.

## A DATE TOUCH.

At Rainford Parish Church, Lanes, on Saturday, Oct. 17th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1,925 changes), composed by G. R. Newton: W. Hesketh 1, H. Hesketh 2, Reg. Huyton 3, G. Saint 4, W. Bagley 5, Saml. Cadwallender 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, P. Shaw 8.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MATTHIAS HOBBS... .. Treble | THOMAS GARLEY... .. 4       |
| FRANK LEWIN... .. 2         | JOHN R. MAIN... .. 5        |
| HARRY BAXTER... .. 3        | ROBERT G. BLACK... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

CAMPION, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 17, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES.

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob with ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| * WALLACE G. CHURCH... .. Treble | JOSEPH CHURCH... .. 3     |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 2        | HERBERT J. HARLOW... .. 4 |
| HENRY STAPLETON... .. Tenor      |                           |

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

\* First peal, and first attempt. First peal on the bells which have been recast and a treble added by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. The 'go' of the bells is excellent. The ringers thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal, and the captain of the local ringers for having everything ready.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SOUTH OXON AND MID-BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held on Saturday, October 3rd, at Great Haselley, Oxon. At the service an excellent address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of Oxford Guild). Tea was kindly provided in the Village Institute by Lady Muirhead, of Little Haselley Court, and was heartily appreciated.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. J. T. Fox was re-elected chairman of the branch, and the Rev. — Bown, of Haselley, was appointed secretary, the late secretary, Mr. P. Wilson, resigning owing to the probability of his leaving the district, much to the regret of the members.

Mr. F. W. Woodward was re-elected assistant secretary and representative on the General Guild Committee.

The spring meeting was voted to take place at Great Milton on Sunday, May 16th, 1926; service at 3 p.m. As most of the branch meetings are not very well attended on Saturdays, especially in the football season, Sunday was selected as an experiment.

The tower was again visited in the evening, when rounds and Grandsire Doubles were rung for the beginners; and a well-struck 360 of Bob Minor was brought round by P. Wilson 1, H. Tucker 2, E. Naish 3, F. W. Woodward 4, W. Hutton 5, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (conductor) 6. This brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting was held at Wath on Saturday, October 10th, members being present from Anston, Barnsley, Darfield, Crofton, Cawthorne, Horbury, Sandal, Rotherham, Shelley, Royston, Rawmarsh, and the local company.

Ringings commenced early in the afternoon. Service was held at which the Vicar of Wath (the Rev. F. B. Gunning) was assisted by the Rev. C. A. L. Woolley, Vicar of Cawthorne, who gave an admirable address, commending the great mysteries of change ringing, and the wonderful influence of ringers, through the skilful handling of bells, on other people. He especially pleaded for ringers to maintain their societies and their art in great repute.

Tea followed in a local cafe, and the Vicar and the Rev. C. A. L. Woolley were specially thanked for their kind help. Correspondence was read from the Railway Clearing House, London, declining to give cheaper fares for individual ringers.

There was competition for the next place of meeting, viz., Sandal, Royston and Crofton. Sandal received the majority of the votes, so the next meeting is to be held there on Saturday, November 14th.

Further ringing followed the meeting, a closing feature being some splicing of Minor methods, well and truly done.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 12th, to celebrate the official opening of the new Parish Hall 1,008 Bob Major: Reg. Curtis 1, Mus. V. A. Jarrett, R.E., 2, J. W. Faithfull 3, F. Mursell 4, P. White 5, H. Reeves 6, F. Cole 7, George Williams (conductor) 8. Longest length for ringers of treble and 5th.

THE BELLS OF MARPLE, CHESHIRE.

THE FIRST PEAL ON AN ANCIENT RING.

The fine toned, but heavy going, ring of bells at Marple, for over a century, defied the efforts of peal ringers. The attempts have been numerous, but the result was always the same, the ringers had to give up. It was decided to have one more shot, and this was made on October 10th, happily with success, but no one was sorry when the conductor called 'This is all.'

A brief account of these interesting bells which formerly hung in Stockport will not be out of place at this juncture.

The first account of the bells of the Stockport Parish Church is supplied by the report of the commissioners appointed in the reign of Henry VIII. to inquire into the Church property of the Macclesfield Hundred. Their return, dated 1548, shows that, at that time, Stockport had a ring of iiij (4) bells, a number not exceeded by any church in the Hundred, except Northenden, which had five.

An inventory of the property belonging to the Parish Church of Stockport, made in 1683, states there were then 'five bells in the steeple, and one small bell at ye east end of ye church.' The latter was possibly the 'Sancto Bell,' the small bell that was rung in pre-Reformation times on the elevation of the Host during the service of High Mass (an example of a 'Sancto Bell,' and its position may still be seen at Prestbury).

In the year 1731, the five bells were exchanged for a ring of six by Rudhalls, of Gloucester (tenor 14½ cwt.), the Rev. Harry Style being Rector at that time. The following entries respecting them appear in the Churchwardens' accounts for that year:—

|  |          |
|--|----------|
| Decr. Paid the Carters for carriage of ye bells to Salop | £ s d.   |
| and back   | 17 2 3½  |
| Pd. Francis Ringley, ye bell hanger his bill             | 8 1 4    |
| Pd. Mr. Rudhall, ye founder for ye exchange of ye bells  | 139 19 6 |
| Pd. for six new clappers                                 | 3 9 3    |
| Pd. for six new baldrings                                | 0 15 0   |

About the commencement of the 19th century, a portion of the tower gave way, and some rude buttresses were erected to support it. However, in 1805, the bells having been rung for several days in succession, in celebration of Nelson's great victory of Trafalgar, the old tower was so shaken that it became dangerous, so, therefore, the bells were seldom rung afterwards, and the last time they pealed from that tower was on 13th October, 1809, at the Jubilee 'when George III. was King.'

The following year, the tower was taken down, and the bells stowed away, some in an old mill in Portwood, and some in the Hearsa House, where they were allowed to remain for several years. The trustees for the building of the new tower being of the opinion that the ring of six was too small for the new tower, resolved that a new ring of eight be erected. These new bells were supplied by John Rudhall at a cost of £1,087, and they were rung for the first time on August 24th, 1817. In honour of this event, four prizes of fourteen, eight, six and four guineas, respectively, were offered 'for the best peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5,040 changes,' and on September 11th and 12th, 1817, the Ashton, Chester, Manchester, Mottram Seniors, Mottram Juniors and Oldham ringers competed. Mottram Seniors, who rang the peal in 2 hrs. 46 minutes, were awarded the first prize. Oldham came second, Manchester third, and Mottram Juniors fourth.

The old six lying dormant, called forth the following amusing rhyme:—

'A Remonstrance from the Bells of St. Mary's Church, Stockport, addressed to the Churchwardens and Trustees of that building.'

Torn from the Tower where long we hung,

And borne on sledge away,

Our tuneful voices all unstrung

We've linger'd many a day.

No more with cheerful, solemn sound,

The Sabbath we declare,

Nor call the pious folk around

To fill 'the House of Prayer.'

No more resounding through the vale,

On summer's evening sweet,

Our wandering changes swell the gale

With harmony replete.

When Lubin weds his Susan dear,

And all around is joy,

They long one merry peal to hear,

Yet here, alas! we lie.

Ah, when shall our glad notes again

Salute the new-made Mayor,

As in procession with his train

He walks at Stockport fair?



Full oft when Nelson on the main,  
The British Thunderer bore,  
Our pleasing notes have caught the strain,  
And echoed to the roar.

When Wellington, whose matchless fame,  
Brings glory to our Isle,  
How can our notes his praise proclaim,  
Pent up in durance vile?

Oh, ye who took the work in hand,  
Church Wardens and Trustees,  
Why do ye thus inactive stand  
And linger at your ease?

If bells, as ancient records say,  
Have 'toll'd, untouched, unring,  
Beware, lest at your long delay,  
We, too, shall find a tongue.

And, therefore, we beseech you all,  
Consider well our case,  
And let us in a steeple tall  
Most quickly find a place!

Then shall the joy inspiring peal,  
Or sweetly soothing chimes,  
Your spirits raise, your sorrows heal,  
In these disastrous times.

Stockport, March 17th, 1814.

God save the King.

Mr. Rudhall, who made the new ring of eight, offered £400 for the old six, but there were many people who did not wish them to leave the district on account of their exceptionally fine tone. The trustees at a large meeting in March, 1816, unanimously resolved that the Township of Marple should have the option to purchase at the price offered by Mr. Rudhall. The following appeal resulted:—

'To the inhabitants of the Marple and its vicinity. The trustees appointed by Act of Parliament for the taking down and rebuilding of the Parish Church of Stockport having made the Township of Marple an offer of the peal of bells belonging to the former edifice, it is earnestly hoped that a subscription may be raised equal to the purchase of them. The sum required is four hundred pounds, being the price at which Mr. Rudhall, of Gloucester, a descendant of the original founder, has offered to take them from the trustees. Little, it is hoped, need be urged upon the inhabitants of Marple not to

suffer these bells to be conveyed away from amongst them for ever. The real excellence of their tone must be well remembered by them, and scarcely an individual is there that has not listened to them with feelings such as few but would wish to experience again.

The site of the chapel is a consideration that ought to have its weight. On an eminence that commands an extensive view of the bold swelling hills of Derbyshire, as of the more fertile plains of Cheshire, no situation could be better adapted to give full effect to their uncommonly fine tone. From this hill the sound of them will go forth far and wide; and it cannot be doubted but that the inhabitants of the other townships, when they hear them, will rejoice that their neighbours did not suffer them to be removed for ever out of the parish, and will applaud both the spirit and the liberality of the Township of Marple.—March 28th, 1816.'

The appeal had such an effect that Samuel Oldknow, Esq., Nathaniel Wright, Esq., together with the Curate of Marple, the Rev. C. K. Prescott, concluded the bargain, and became personally responsible for the amount. On April 29th, Mr. Oldknow sent his dray for the treble and tenor, and Mr. Wright sent two carts for the remaining four. They were opened on June 30th, which was celebrated as a gala day, and prizes given which were competed for by the ringers of the district.

The cost was as follows: The bells, £407; hanging, etc., £324 13s., making a total of £731 13s. The first list of subscriptions amounted to £528 17s. 6d.

In 1886, the bells were rehung, and were reopened on Easter Day of that year by the Hayfield ringers.

The inscriptions on the second and tenor have been effaced, the former has only a floral wreath, and the latter merely A.R. 1731, with the figure of a bell between the initials.

Treble.—'Prosperity to the Town and Parish, A.R. 1731' (with the figure of a bell between the initials).

3rd.—'ABR. Rudhall of Gloucester, cast us all 1731.'

4th.—'Harry Style, Rector, A.R. 1731.'

5th.—'Thomas Robinson, Robert Lingard, George Whittaker, James Sellars, Church Wardens.'

JOHN P. FIDLER.

ERINDSBURY, KENT.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Oct. 11th being harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,286 changes), in 42 mins.: W. Stockley 1, P. C. Springham 2, C. Winsor 3, S. T. Jarrett 4, W. Evans 5, T. Beaumont 6, W. Beaumont 7, E. A. G. Allen (conductor) 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It was reported at a meeting of the Barnsley and District Association that the Railway Clearing House had declined to grant cheap railway travelling facilities to individual ringers.

The composition of the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Leatherhead on Saturday was composed by Henry Haley, and first rung at St. James', Bermondsey, in January, 1858. It is believed to be one of the first compositions ever obtained on the half tittum and half handstroke plan, and has the treble in 2nd's place and the sixth in fifth's throughout.

Robert Catlin, the London bell founder, who in 1748 cast the fourth bell at Thakeham, Sussex, and got his inscription badly mixed up, as a report in another column of the restoration of Thakeham bells shows, was a practical ringer, and was admitted a member of the College Youths in 1722.

Visitors to Southampton should note the change in the times of ringing, announced in our notice columns, at St. Mary's Church.

At last! After years and years of uphill work, a 'local' peal has been accomplished at Bradpole, Dorset. Only Grandsire, some will say, but to achieve even this has required more effort than to ring Surprise peals with bands meeting regularly, and where change ringing is the only ringing attempted. Congratulations to the band, and especially to Mr. T. Hervey Beams, the conductor.

The bells at St. John's, Waterloo Road, London, where in past days peal ringing used to be done on an extensive scale are, we believe, hors de combat, if the phrase can be applied to inanimate things. The first peal on the bells was rung 101 years ago to-morrow. It was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by the College Youths.

The peal of Grandsire Caters rung at Newport, reported in our last issue, and arranged for Mr. E. Barnett, senr., was Mr. Barnett's second peal in the county of Monmouth, nearly 40 years having elapsed since he rang his first there, and that, incidentally, was his first peal as conductor. In June, 1885, he rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Monmouth. This was the second peal to be rung in the county, the first having been rung at Chepstow many years before. To accomplish this required some courage, as he had to teach every one of the band right from the beginning—from handling the bell to the peal—some job!

The bells of Croyland Abbey, Lincs. are to be broadcast on Sunday. It was here that a peal of bells was first supposed to have been hung in England. There is a ring of six, and some time ago we gave details of them in our columns.

Holt's Original was rung in St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Oct. 23rd, 1791, and until a few years ago this was believed to be the first occasion that it had been called by a conductor taking part in the ringing. It is only in comparatively recent times that it has been found that the peal was similarly called at an earlier date, among the places where this had been done being Saffron Walden in 1753. When the Original was first rung John Holt called it from manuscript.

A peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, on Oct. 24th, 1807, in 8 hrs. 46 mins.

The first peal of Stedman Triples—of which, with its sequel, Mr. Trollope has been giving such an interesting account in our columns—was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Oct. 25th, 1731.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung out of London for the first time on Oct. 25th, 1790. This was 5,292 at St. Philip's, Birmingham, in which Samuel Lawrence rang the 9th.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung on Oct. 26th, 1822, at All Saints', Wakefield, the band being composed of nine members of the local society, with Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds. It was composed and conducted by William Woodhead, and the board erected in the belfry is one of the few records of its kind whereon the composition of the peal is preserved.

On Oct. 26th, 1837, Thomas Tolladay conducted a peal of 7,325 Grandsire Cinques at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, rung by the St. James's Society.

At Holbeck, Leeds, a peal of 9,120 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 5 hrs. 15 mins., on October 8th, 1876.

Through a printer's error, the time of the peal of Bob Royal, at Southover, Lewes, published last week, was given as 2 hrs. 26 mins., instead of 3 hrs. 26 mins. The tenorman on that occasion is, we know, 'hot stuff,' but he would have been more than hot could he have accomplished the job in the time published.

## A NEW BAND AT DUNEDIN, NEW ZEALAND

A 'brand new' band is being started at Dunedin, New Zealand, and a beginning in change ringing has been made. On Tuesday, Sept. 1st, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor was rung by James Kerop, recently of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and of Leeds, 1—2, Jas. N. Wilde 3, Jas. S. Wilde 4—5, Chas. Wilde 6. First 720 by ringers of 3rd and 6th.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE NORWICH PEALS OF STEDMAN.—WERE THE COMPOSITIONS TRUE?

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

And now comes the interesting question: Was either or both the peals of Stedman Triples true? The general opinion of the Exercise has long been that both were false. Shipway summed up the views of London ringers when he wrote in 1816 that the 'Norwich peals are entirely discredited'; Mr. J. W. Snowdon says that the 'claim made by the second performance to be the first true peal must be accepted as a strong reason for condemning the previous peal as false, but we have no means of deciding whether this latter peal was itself correct'; Mr. Rees, an indefatigable collector of records of the doings of old ringers, roundly called the Mancroft peal false; and every other person who has referred to them has done so in similar terms. The peals have been judged, and the verdict is always either 'guilty' or 'not proven, with a strong presumption of guilt.'

When we seek for the reasons on which these judgments are based, we find that (apart from the fact that if the second peal was the first true one, the first peal must have been false) they amount to these: The peals are very early ones; the figures of the compositions have perished; the first peal believed to be true was not rung until 1799; the first peal definitely known to be true was not rung until 1803; and the first peal on what Shipway calls the 'proper plan' was not rung until 1846. Men were entirely ignorant of everything connected with the Norwich peals, and took their ignorance as a proof that they could not possibly be true. We know a good deal more about them than did Shipway or Snowdon or Rees, and can, I think, arrive at a definite conclusion on the matter.

For a peal to be true there must be two things: The composition must be true, and the actual ringing must be correct. The ringing of both peals was sharply challenged at the time. Let us see what the charges amount to. The main objection to the Mancroft peal rested on Thomas Crane's sworn testimony that he had counted the changes, and they were 180 short of the full number. I think we can dismiss that without any trouble, as being altogether too fantastic and untrustworthy. Tom was honest enough, and believed what he swore, but it is far likelier that his count was wrong than the peal was short. It was, of course, quite easy for Melchior to make a mistake in calling, but if he had it is hardly likely that the bells would have come round.

The other objection was made when John Webster was under cross-examination before the justice. 'We asked him how many times their five bells struck together, and he owned four times. Then, how could the peal be rung without bells out of course?' This is an admission that there was one bad place in the striking, but it is hardly more. It is always a fine point how far a bad patch in a peal invalidates it. In this case, it must be remembered that the critics were bitterly hostile, and I do not think that anything they proved is sufficient to prevent the peal standing. That is, of course, so far as the actual ringing goes. This answers Mr. Snowdon's objection. Incidentally, it means that we cannot allow the Coslany party's claim that they had rung the first true peal.

The objections to the ringing in the St. Michael's peal are still less serious. Melchior said it 'was rung no otherwise than with changes alike, witness your 4th Bell dodging Behind with the 2nd instead of 2-4.' But Melchior was anything but a friendly critic; he was outside the tower, and had to depend on his ears. He does not say that 2-4 shifted for any length of time. Perhaps, the two bells were not quite sure which way each was dodging. Such things do happen in peals that find their way into the columns of 'The Ringing World,' and even on to peal boards.

It is very remarkable that though each band was criticising the other's peal and trying to find any and every fault there was, that neither was able to say that the other composition was false. And yet that would have settled the dispute without further question. There would have been no need for Tom Crane to take oaths about the number of changes rung. He only need to have said, 'Here are your figures. At such and such a place is a change, and here at quite another part of the peal is the same change.' Nor would Melchior have needed to make jokes about Crane's 'alteration,' or argue as to what was 'proper' Stedman if he could have shown that the peal contained repetitions. Moreover, there was money to be made. Each side had laid a wager, and the other had but to show the composition was false and claim the money. That neither could do this is, I think, good proof that the peals were not obviously incorrect.

Shipway and the London ringers rejected every one of the early Norwich peals. He says (this was in 1813), 'It is remarkable that of three peals, viz., Bob Triples in 1715; Grandsire Triples in 1718; and Stedman Triples in 1731; said to have been rung at St. Peter's Mancroft not one can be found to ascertain the truth.' But three years later, when in 1816 he wrote the general preface to his complete book, he himself answered this objection. He is pointing out that if people keep their peals to themselves they will be forgotten and superseded, and he goes on, 'He who publishes his productions will obtain

all the honour, while the other will either be discredited or consigned to oblivion. The difference between Mr. Holt's peals and those said to be attained at Norwich are an illustration of this. Mr. Holt's peals are still admired by the best judges of the Art, while the Norwich, not being demonstrable, are entirely discredited.' That is just the point. The Norwich men did not print and publish, and they have suffered accordingly. Moreover, whether true or false, these peals were all on a very early plan. They were rung before the correct bobs and singles of the various methods had been settled by a process of evolution; and in any case they would not have survived except as curiosities. In this thing, Holt's peals are altogether superior. Yet even here we may see a similar law at work. Time was when the Ten-Part was the standard peal of Grandsire Triples. Now it is more and more dropping out of use, and its place is being taken by Mr. J. J. Parker's clever 12-part composition. And this not because the latter is, as a composition, in any way superior to the other (for it is not), but because the Exercise looks (and rightly looks) on Holt's singles as something abnormal, not to be used unless absolutely necessary.

And it is remarkable (to use Shipway's word) that such evidence as we have is all in favour of the Norwich peals being true. Shipway could just as easily have written, that of the peals said to have been rung at St. Peter Mancroft not one can be found to be definitely false. The 1718 Grandsire Triples is true. We have the figures, and can see why it has been superseded, and has dropped out of use. If Henry Hubbard's surmise as to the figures of the long peal of Treble Bob is correct (and I think it was correct), then that peal was true also. Circumstantial evidence tells us a great deal about the composition of the Bob Triples of 1715, and there is no reason to suppose that it was false. Of the long peal of Grandsire Caters we know nothing, but it is a fair supposition that men who were clever enough to ring the peal at that early time were clever enough to know if it were true or not. The next Norwich peal of which we have any figures, Lindsey's 6,048 of Imperial, is true, but that belongs to a later generation, and is hardly good evidence.

As for the Stedman peals, it is fair argument that since the Norwich men had led the Exercise in so many other things they may in this, too, have been in advance of ringers elsewhere. But Stedman's composition is not quite the same thing as the composition of Plain Bob, or Grandsire, or even Treble Bob. It has difficulties and pitfalls that required very much knowledge and ability to overcome. The peals of Stedman Triples we ring to-day are not one man's composition. It took many years and much hard work by a succession of clever men before the way was made clear. Thurstons did but put the final touch to work that Shipway and Hudson and Lates had done before him. It would have been wonderful indeed if one man so early as 1730 had already achieved this task. More wonderful still if two had done it. But there is no question whatever that the Norwich peals were not what would now pass as 'proper' Stedman. Their only hope of being true lies in the fact that they were constructed by means which we should consider illegitimate.

That is the external evidence as to the truth of the peals. It is very strong both for and against. If it concerned any other method but Stedman Triples, I think we could conclude that the peals were true; being Stedman Triples, we will suspend judgment. We now come to the evidence contained in the newspaper letters.

And first as to Melchior's qualifications as a composer. He was a clever man, with a good intellect, and not without education. He knew Stedman's book thoroughly, and the theory of the composition of the old Plain Changes. And, since that theory had developed change ringing out of the 'sixes' into full method ringing, the knowledge was an important thing. He was also the pupil of John Garthorn, who is entitled to rank as one of the great composers of the Exercise. Possibly, even probably, he knew something about the internal falseness of Treble Bob composition, though the London men were ignorant of it until nearly forty years later. Altogether he was not ill equipped as a composer. We know definitely that in composing his peal he modelled it very closely on Stedman Doubles. He found the chief characteristic in Doleman's statement, that 'in this peal every bell hath one and the same course, there being no proper Hunt (or Half Hunt) therein.' This ruled out the use of the plan on which peals of Grandsire and Plain Bob had been composed. But all turned on what 'one and the same course' exactly meant. Crane pointed out that it is not strictly true even of Stedman Doubles, for there the two bells which make the single do something which the others do not, and, therefore, 'Stedman was mistaken.' But Stedman was not mistaken in what he really meant, as Melchior clearly saw. Melchior argued something like this: The division of Stedman Doubles which corresponds to the lead of Grandsire or Plain Bob is the first twelve changes. One of these rung five times gives the plain course, in which every bell does the same work, the contradistinction being to such methods as Grandsire, where the treble does something different to the other bells. But a course consists of only sixty rows, and we want two to make the whole one hundred and twenty. Therefore, we join them together with a single.

Now the corresponding course on seven bells contains eighty-four changes, and so to get our whole peal we must have sixty of them,

How did he join them together? He certainly did not use the modern bob at the parting of the sixes. He certainly kept his divisions of twelve rows intact, and almost certainly his courses of eighty-four rows. What alterations he made were at the course ends in the middle of a quick six. Crane taunted him with 'taking to himself a peal of five bells and flying to Stedman for assistance.' Exactly what he meant is obscure, but I will hazard a conjecture which is worth what it is worth. Stedman, in his 'Tintinnalogia,' explains how Grandsire Bob on six bells (i.e., the 'old' 720 of Bob Minor) was got from Grandsire Doubles. And he points out that if you write out the lead ends (hand and back) only, you have a six score of Grandsire Doubles written out backwards. Now, Melchior had sixty courses to join together just as Richard Rock, the composer of Grandsire Bob, had sixty plain leads. If he could make five of his bells work a six score of Doubles at the course ends he would have done his job, and fulfilled all the conditions he laid down. And in no other way could he, I think, fulfil these conditions. If this conjecture is right, of course, the peal was false. Unfortunately for him Stedman Triples will not divide into sixty true courses. His singles were made half-way and end as follows:—

1 3 2 5 4 7 6  
1 2 3 4 5 7 6

This, I think, in itself is sufficient to cast very grave doubts on the truth of the peal. I do not say that with no sort of bob, under no conditions, could such a peal be true, but it is very doubtful, especially if, as is likely, both halves were called alike.

### KNARESBOROUGH BELLS.

The first peal on the bells at Knareborough, Yorks, since they have been hung in a new iron frame, quarter turned and the two trebles recast, with ball bearings fitted to all the bells, was rung on Saturday. As a matter of fact no peal had been rung on them for 22 years. The bells now go admirably, and reflect great credit on the excellent work of the bell hangers, Messrs. J. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough.

The band who rang the peal, take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Knareborough and his parishioners for the very kind provision of tea prior to commencing the peal, and for supper at the termination.

### KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Staplehurst on Saturday, October 10th, members coming from Barming, Bearsted, Benenden, Boxley, Canterbury, Frittenden, Hunton, Lamberhurst, Linton, Maidstone, Paddockwood, Rolvenden, and Ten-Terden. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Clementson), the Association Form being used. Tea was partaken at the Rectory Room.

At the business meeting the Rector presided, and it was decided to hold the January meeting at Aylesford, and the annual district meeting at Maidstone.

It was also decided to hold meetings for combined practice.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until 9 o'clock.

### VETERAN LANCASHIRE RINGER.

#### SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. THOMAS TURNER.

A remarkable demonstration of sympathy was witnessed on Saturday week at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, at the funeral service of the late Mr. Thos. E. Turner, of Marshfield, Chorley New Road, Lostock, who was for over half a century a ringer at the Parish Church. The deceased was foreman of the roller department at Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's Bradley Fold Works, and had a 28 years' connection with the firm. Mr. Turner died suddenly earlier in the week.

The pathway from the street to the door was lined by 300 of the workmen from Bradley Fold as the coffin was borne into the church, and at the close of the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Canon Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association, of which deceased was a life member, and the Rev. G. A. Deakin, B.Sc., the workmen reassembled and walked in procession, preceding the cortege from the church to Tonge Cemetery, where the interment took place.

Amongst the mourners were Messrs. J. Lever (general manager), and H. Hill (assistant general manager), representing the Kay Street branch of Messrs. Dobson and Barlow's, and Mr. Ryce, manager at Bradley Fold. Messrs. J. H. Pickup, W. Turpie, J. Smethurst, J. Wilson and T. Williams attended as a joint deputation of foremen, and Messrs. C. Brownlow, J. Fielding, J. Johnson, J. Ormrod, J. Gee, J. Keighley, Hy. Lomax and T. Priece (workmen), acted as bearers.

After the service, the bells at Holy Trinity Church were rung half-muffled, and the following rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Morris 1, G. Pincott 2, E. Webster 3, A. Heywood 4, A. Hill 5, Ernest Cuttsforth (conductor) 6, A. Sewart 7, Peter Crook 8.

### SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

#### PRESENTATION AT BOLSOVER.

Mr. William Lambert, of Bolsover, celebrated his 70th birthday on October 15th. 'Old Bill,' as he is usually called, was born in Northamptonshire, and commenced to ring at 10 years of age. Coming to Derbyshire when still quite young, he joined the Parish Church ringers at Shirland, where there was a peal of five bells, and later emigrated to Treeton, and afterwards to Wath-on-Dearne, South Yorkshire. Twenty-three years ago he was induced to come to Bolsover to join the progressive band (there at that time). He has been one of the pioneers in the Chesterfield and Bolsover district for the advancement of the higher methods, and assisted in ringing the first peals of Double Norwich Major, Cutlers and Royal, Superlative, Cambridge, New Cambridge, Peterborough, London, Bristol, Yorkshire, Rutland and Pudsey Surprise; also Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge on handbells. Always a keen striker, he has a great knowledge of ringing generally.

On Sunday last the Vicar, on behalf of the local band, presented him with a black ebony walking stick, as a birthday gift, and in recognition of his long service as a ringer. The gift came as a surprise, and Mr. Lambert suitably replied.

Mr. Lambert has rung over 100 peals on the Bolsover Parish Church bells.

Long may he be spared to assist in calling others to worship in the House of God.

### COALBROOKDALE'S PEAL OF TEN.

#### WORK NEARING COMPLETION.

Ringers and friends will be pleased to know that Coalbrookdale bells are fast nearing completion at the Whitechapel Foundry, where the old octave were cast in the year 1852. No effort on the firm's part is being spared to make the old eight into a fine peal of ten, by adding two new trebles. The new cast-iron frame for ten, all on one level, has been erected at the foundry, and stands on a specially constructed platform of steel girders. Two visitors to the foundry, one of them the heavy-bell man, from Bangor, North Wales, have reported that it is a very fine, strong and neat job. The ten bells are to be erected and hung in their respective pits, before leaving the foundry.

Of the eight bells, only the fifth was found to have an old crack in the crown. This bell had for years been looked upon as the faulty one of the peal. On the advice of the bell foundry who agreed to bear half the cost of recasting this bell, rather than have any defect in the whole of the work when complete, the committee decided to have same recast, and it now bears the names of the late patron, Mr. Alfred E. W. Darby, J.P., D.L., the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, M.A., R.D., Vicar, and Herbert Hughes and Frederick Johnson, churchwardens. The complete restoration of the old eight is being carried out to the memory of the late Mr. Darby, who died suddenly since the order for the restoration and augmentation was placed. One of his last letters to the Rev. C. B. Crowe was to sanction the two new trebles being given as a memorial to his son, Lieut. Maurice A. A. Darby, Grenadier Guards, who gave his life for King and country in the great war. The two new bells will have a suitable inscription cast on them. This has been approved by his mother, Mrs. E. L. J. Darby, and sister, Mrs. M. Cope-Darby, and will conclude with the two following lines:—

'Who stands if freedom fall,  
Who dies if England live.'

The girders and framework will leave London very soon, and the bells, complete, will follow at an early date. They will be sent to Ironbridge Station, to arrive there on a Saturday morning. A procession, etc., headed by the Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge Silver Band, will be arranged to welcome the bells back to the parish.

The whole cost of the scheme is being borne by public subscription, and a further £200 is still required to complete the work. The Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe, the committee, and the Coalbrookdale ringers, the latter having made a tremendous effort and sacrifice, have spared no pains to secure one of the best jobs of modern times, and to leave the Dale bells better than they found them. They are all most anxious that about Christmas time, or early in the new year, the bells shall ring out, a grand peal of ten, free of debt.

Will any ringer or friends who have 1/- stamp collecting books, kindly send in any money they have collected to William Saunders, Institution House, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire; or direct to the Coalbrookdale 'Bells Restoration Fund Account,' Lloyds Bank, Ironbridge, Shropshire.

### PRESENTATION TO FOLKINGHAM RINGER.

At Folkingham, Lincs, for Sunday evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hammond (first 720) 1, W. Wilson 2, J. Musson (first 'inside') 3, A. King 4, C. Bradley (conductor) 5, G. Rouse 6. Rung as a 'welcome home' touch to the Prince of Wales; also as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Wilkinson, a member of the band, who was presented with a silver bell inkstand from the remainder of the local company.



## LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT PENDOYLAN.

A quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association was held at Pendoylan on Saturday last, and proved a huge success, not only from the number who put in an appearance, well representative of both dioceses, but from the fact that the object for which associations are formed was well met, the local young band of ringers, who ring rounds extremely well, all joining the association with the object of advancing to change ringing. Thus another tower is brought into the fold.

The bells were raised early in the afternoon, amongst the first to arrive being the champion of enthusiasts and ever welcome 'J. H. S.' of Swindon, who was quickly able to tell those that did not already know that the bells are Carr's, with a tenor about 8 cwt. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. C. Gower Williams). A lady ringer, the wife of the Vicar of St. Athan, very ably presided at the organ, and amongst the congregation was Canon David, of Llantwit Major, who had specially come to attend the meeting to champion the cause of teaching change ringing at his tower. The Vicar's fine address described the history of the church from early times, but at the outset he heartily welcomed the association to his parish. He pointed out that throughout the length and breadth of the land there was no body of church workers more deserving of praise than the ringers. Not only did they do their part for those actually attending church, but administered to all within the sound of the bells, and gave them room for thought. Following the service, tea, which had been very generously provided, was served.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. Instructors' reports were presented, and excellent reports of recent and forthcoming restorations and augmentations were made.

Instruction was promised at Llantwit Major and Pendoylan, and new members elected.

The place for the next quarterly meeting was left to be decided at the annual meeting, and after the usual vote of thanks, the bells were kept going until late, bringing to a close a splendid and enjoyable meeting.

## DEATH OF A SHROPSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Frederick Darrall, of Little Wenlock, Salop, who passed away, after a long and patiently borne illness, on September 27th, at the age of 39 years. 'Fred,' as he was best known to all his friends, maintained his affectionate and lovable disposition right to the end. Those who were able and privileged to visit him at his parents' home, will long remember the tender and loving care and nursing that was bestowed upon him. Although he suffered greatly, he wore his happy look right to the last, with never a murmur or complaint.

The funeral took place at Little Wenlock, on Oct. 1st. His grave is under the shadow of the tower, in which hangs a very pretty peal of five bells, on which he learnt to ring. The Rev. E. Howell (Rector) conducted the service, the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe (Vicar of Coalbrookdale) read the lesson, and one of the deceased's favourite hymns were sung in the church. Six of his old friends, five of them being his village ringing colleagues and two of them ex-churchwardens, carried him from the church to the grave. The organist (Mr. Shepherd) played the Dead March, and four old ringing friends rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside on Mr. Leslie Hayward's hand-bells. Many beautiful wreaths were sent, including one from Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hewitt, and one from the Coalbrookdale ringers.

Immediately after the funeral, the tower bells rang out half-muffled their last token of respect. Several 24's were rung by the local men, after which the visitors rang several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

The deceased was a ringing member of the Stafford and Salop Guilds. He rang several good peals on from eight to twelve bells. One of his favourite excursions was to visit and take part in the ringing at Coalbrookdale, he having been born and lived at a spot where 'The Dale' bells could be heard at their best. His aged father and mother and sisters will miss him, as will all his colleagues.

## HARD LUCK!

At St. George's Church, Wilton, Somerset, on October 14th, for practice, 1,680 changes of Surprise Minor, being 240 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge: W. H. Coles 1, A. J. Wyatt 2, A. H. Hayward 3, G. Coles 4, P. Merson 5, J. Hunt (cond.) 6.—On Saturday last, a peal in the above method was attempted by the same band, but after ringing in good form to within 120 changes of the end a lapse on the part of the conductor brought the ringing to an untimely end. First 720 of Durham, Surfleet and Beverley by the ringers of the 5th and 6th. The conductor expresses his sincere regret to the band, but it may be taken for granted, we think, that he is forgiven.

## AFTER THIRTY YEARS. THAKEHAM BELLS RING AGAIN.

For the first time for 30 years the bells at Thakeham, Sussex, were rung on Sunday, Sept. 27th. The occasion was also the parish harvest festival, and the church was very effectively decorated.

The five bells have been recast and rehung on ball bearings in a steel frame, and have been tuned on the 'five-tone Simpson principle.' The frame provides for an additional bell which, it is hoped, may be added in the near future.

The Storrington band of ringers, under Mr. F. Blunden, were invited to ring the bells for the first time, and after the service Grandsire Doubles were rung by visiting ringers, including Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington (Cranleigh), Messrs. P. H. Doick and C. Greenfield (Pulborough), and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry. It was agreed unanimously that the tone of the bells was particularly sweet and mellow, and that the work had been most expeditiously and satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whom it had been entrusted.

The tenor weighs 9½ cwt., and the total weight of the peal is 28½ cwt. The first four bells were originally cast in the middle of the eighteenth century, and the tenor in the early nineteenth century. The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the new bells. That on No. 4 bell is rather quaint, as the mediæval bell founder got the names of the churchwardens curiously mixed up with the inscription proper, with the following result:—

'I will be glad and much rejoyce on the .

Richard Soutter Richard Richardson Lond. Souttar .

O God most hie and make my songs extol thy name  
above the starry skie.' 1748.

Mr. George Nicholls, the only survivor of the old company of ringers, has undertaken the arduous task of teaching a new band. The parishioners are delighted with the bells, which now constitute the best peal of five in the district.

## MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at Hornsey, when some 40 members and friends attended. Ringing commenced a few minutes after 3 p.m., with a touch of Bob Minor, which was followed by various methods until 5.30, when the usual short service was held. The Rector (the Rev. B. Spink), having welcomed the association to Hornsey, proceeded to give a really interesting discourse on bells, which was much appreciated.

An excellent tea was served at the Great Northern Hotel, after which the business meeting took place. Two new members were elected, and St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, chosen as the venue for the next meeting on December 5th.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his address at the service and for the use of the bells; to the Rev. C. G. Midwinter, Vicar of Wood Green, for permission to ring at that church; to the organist for providing some excellent music; and to Messrs. C. Ross, G. W. and H. Blee, for their successful endeavours to make the meeting an enjoyable one. An expression of sympathy to Mr. G. W. Blee at his illness was added, coupled with a hope of his speedy recovery. Messrs. Ross and H. Blee replied, stating their pleasure at the success of the meeting, and hoping that it would not be long before the society again visited Hornsey.

Wood Green was afterwards visited, and at that church and Hornsey several touches in various methods were rung, including Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Penistone on Saturday. The attendance was very small, the towers represented being All Saints', Sheffield, Barnsley, Arksey, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Wortley and Worksop. A substantial tea was provided by the local company in the schools, and the business meeting was held in the same room, the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Carleton) being voted to the chair.

Mr. G. Parkin, of Wortley, was elected a ringing member, and the Vicar an hon. member of the association.

No invitation being forthcoming for the next meeting, this was left to the secretary and committee to arrange.

Replying to votes of thanks for the use of the bells, etc., the Vicar said how very pleased he was to welcome the association to his church. He was sorry there were not more present, but he hoped they would come again before long.

A word of praise was due to Mr. G. Hill, of Hoylandswaine, for the work he is doing in training a young band at the church, and he has threatened to send the secretary a list of ten new members for the association before long. 'The best of luck' to him and his pupils is the sincere wish of all members of the Southern Division.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, by the St. Clement Youths, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. M. Bryant 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, F. G. Symonds 4, E. F. Pike 5, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 6, J. Lee 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8, H. A. Folkard 9, F. W. H. Sergison 10. This was arranged and rung for a special musical service, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Pennington-Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clements.

**OXHEY, HERTS.**—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the local society on Sunday, Oct. 18th: H. Hodgetts 1, L. Simmons 2, H. Cashmore 3, C. Leman 4, A. W. Dix 5, H. Dix 6, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 7, G. Kazer 8. A birthday compliment to H. Hodgetts.

**EDENBRIDGE.**—On Saturday, Oct. 10th, for harvest festivals, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Jenner 1, E. Leigh 2, W. Leigh 3, G. Malyan 4, E. Collison 5, G. Edwards (Penshurst) 6, J. Heasman 7, E. J. Jenner 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Jenner 1, E. Leigh 2, W. Leigh, senr., 3, E. J. Jenner 4, E. Collison 5, G. Malyan 6, J. Heasman (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, junr. (first quarter) 8. First quarter in method with a working bell by the 4th ringer, who had only started 'Stedman' two weeks previously; and for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. J. Jenner 1, J. Heasman (conductor) 2, W. Leigh, senr., 3, R. Jenner 4, E. Collison 5, E. Seal (Hever) 6, E. Leigh 7, G. Malyan 8.

**SYSTON, LEICESTER.**—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 8th, for harvest thanksgiving, evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins. H. Lewin 1, F. H. Payne 2, T. Payne 3, A. H. Mansfield 4, G. Walker 5, H. Humphrey 6, E. Payne 7, W. Wright 8. Also on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for festival evensong, a quarter-peal by the same band, in 43 minutes. Both quarter-peals were conducted by A. H. Mansfield: H. Lewin 1, F. H. Payne 2, T. Payne 3, A. H. Mansfield 4, G. Walker 5, H. Humphrey 6, E. Payne 7, W. Wright 8.

**BURSLER.**—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, for morning service, 720 of Treble Bob, being 240 each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine.—For afternoon service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 of Treble Bob, being 240 each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine. The ringers taking part were T. Hilditch, T. Hurd, E. Gater, H. Box, P. Kelsall, H. Whitfield, A. Brammer, E. Carlidge. Conductors, T. Hurd and E. Gater.

**SWINDON, WILTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 384 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, W. Trueman 5, H. A. Hearl 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, at the Church of All Saints, 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, H. Morgan 2, H. T. Howell 3, T. Ford 4, F. Chapman 5, E. Barnett, senr., 6, J. Hammond (conductor) 7, A. Williams 8.

**CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss M. Attwell 1, R. Hayes (Haslemere) 2, T. Attwell 3, J. P. Pelloe 4, F. White (Haslemere) 5, W. G. Brockhurst 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, G. Luff 8.

**LOWER BEEDING, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, evening service, 720 St. Simon's Doubles, in 25 mins.: H. Wade 1, R. Langridge 2, W. Watts (conductor) 3, F. Hindes 4, G. Feist 5, C. Feist 6.

**LONDON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival evening service, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, Marylebone, W., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Dyas 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, C. F. Winney 4, F. Skevington 5, L. H. Baybutt 6, J. R. Gammon 7, R. F. Deal 8.

**BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), Whittle's Variation of Carter's 12-part: W. Powers 1, W. White 2, C. R. Belton (conductor) 3, W. R. Whitehead 4, C. H. Belton 5, H. Garner 6, G. P. Garner 7, A. Mason 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Titley, mother of the present Rector.

**ARKSEY, DONCASTER.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Garner 1, H. Arrand 2, G. Clark 3, H. Woodhouse 4, H. Trout 5, E. Arrand 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, T. Revell 8.

**HASLEMERE, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for dedication festival evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Overy 1, J. McDermott 2, W. Eldridge 3, G. Goodchild 4, F. Bowden 5, J. H. B. Hesse 6.

**SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.**—At St. Mary Magdalene's Church, for morning service, on Oct. 11th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Ginever 1, R. Partridge 2, W. Allin, junr., 3, C. J. Partridge 4, C. Beckley 5, G. E. Allin (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for Mr. S. Hickingbottom, late sexton of the parish, who passed away on Oct. 6th.

**STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, at the Church of St. Giles, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: G. M. Peasley 1, W. Clarke 2, E. Yates 3, E. C. Lambert 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, H. Tompkins 6, W. M. Peasley 7, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major by ringers of 1st and 2nd. Rung for the dedication festival.

**WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, W. Leggett 2, G. Clarke 3, A. Ives 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, C. Bower 6.

**HIGHCLERE, HANTS.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, after evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: H. Balaam 1, H. J. Balcombe 2, J. Scott 3, F. Knapp 4, E. W. Smith 5, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 6. First 720 for ringers of 3rd and 4th. Ringers of 1st and 3rd hail from Woolton Hill; 2nd and 4th from Highclere; 5th and 6th from Newbury.

**COLESHILL.**—On Sunday, October 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Clayton 1, R. Davis 2, T. Goldby 3, C. Dale 4, J. Fifield 5, J. Bayliss 6. 9 bobs and 8 singles.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure: E. Morris 1, T. Davis 2, T. Goldby 3, F. Clayton 4, C. Dale 5, J. Bayliss 6. Both conducted by F. Clayton. This is the first 720 in the method on the bells, by all the band except 4th and 6th ringers, and was rung at first attempt.

**BRABOURNE, KENT.**—For harvest festival, Sept. 20th, 270 Plain Bob: E. Cheesman 1, L. Finn 2, S. Finn 3, W. Cheesman 4, P. Pierce 5, A. Castle (Elham), conductor, 6.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District held a very successful business meeting at Lewisham on Saturday. Ringing commenced at four o'clock, with a course of Cambridge, followed by touches of Stedman, Double Norwich, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob. After tea, the business meeting was held, at which one lady member was elected. The other usual business formalities were gone through, and, after some of the ringers had given a tune on the handbells, a move was made to the church again, where some further ringing was done on the fine peal of bells.

The customary hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar, and Mr. Warnett, for the use of the bells, and for making all the necessary arrangements.

## WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Sutton Coldfield on Saturday last. About 30 ringers attended, and during the afternoon touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were brought round, but a course of London was unsuccessful.

After tea, which was arranged by Mr. B. Witchell, the business meeting was presided over by the Ringing Master (Mr. T. W. Chapman). Chilvers Coton was fixed for the next quarterly meeting in January, and after a further visit to the belfry, the proceedings were brought to a successful close.

## RINGING IN BELFAST.

On the occasion of the Governor of Northern Ireland taking up residence in the Castle, at Hillsborough, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, ten ringers from St. Thomas', Belfast, rang the bells of the Parish Church.

The church is a fine old building, dating from 1663, and the bells are by A. Rudhall, 1774 (tenor 20 cwt.). With the exception of two of the small bells, which were recast about 1885, the ring comprises the original bells, frames and wheels, and the old-fashioned 'slider' arrangement is still there.

Only call changes were rung, and everybody had a pull during the afternoon. The following were the ringers: N. Robinson, W. Bruce, P. G. Elliott, N. Matson, D. Ireland, T. Waring, W. Long, R. W. Adamson, J. Bruce and A. Abraham.

Little progress has been made with change ringing in Belfast, and the band would be glad if any ringer who is visiting that city would call at the belfry, Lisburn Road, or upon Mr. Richmond W. Adamson, 71, Tate's Avenue.

## NOTICE.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Kings-thorpe on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those who require tea notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 27th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## PAIGNTON RINGERS VISIT LAUNCESTON.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the Paignton Parish Church ringers had their annual outing, and, together with their wives and friends, made a party of upwards of 40. A start was made at 8.30 a.m. in two cars for Launceston via Ashburton, Dartmeet, Two Bridges, Princelown and Tavistock. A truly delightful route was somewhat spoilt by a deluge of rain, but it did not damp the jovial spirits of the party. Launceston was reached at 12.45 p.m. The ringers made straight for the Parish Church, and rang some touches on the light peal of eight bells. The rest of the company made their headquarters at the White Hart Hotel, where Host Miller had a splendid large room and a huge fire in readiness, which was much appreciated by all after the very wet journey. When ringing was over, all sat down to luncheon, following which Mr. F. T. Gover proposed the health of 'Our Captain,' Mr. O. Drew. He remarked how sorry they all were Mr. Drew could not be with them that day, because although unable to take an active part in ringing, he still took a very keen interest in the welfare of his band.

Mr. Drew's health was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. H. J. Hole proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ringers' friends who had joined them and so helped to make the outing more enjoyable, and he hoped the same good-fellowship would continue for years to come (applause).—Mr. F. J. Laxton proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. H. J. Hole, sub-captain, for making the arrangements for the outing, which he said had gone off splendidly in spite of the weather, which the sub-captain could not be blamed for, and again 'For he's a jolly good fellow' rang out.

St. Stephen's tower was next visited, and here a nice toned peal of eight was found, and some capital touches of Grandsire Triples rung.

The sun now shone out beautifully, and a start was made for Kelly, where the party was met by the Rev. Maitland Kelly and the Misses Kelly, the former conducting the ringers to the belfry, where touches of Grandsires were rung. The reverend gentleman took part in spite of his 84 years. He also drew the ringers' attention to a tablet in the belfry which recorded the first three six-scores of Grandsire Doubles rung in Devonshire by all Devonshire ringers, in 1865. The Rev. Kelly was one of the band, and there is one other member still alive.

The Misses Kelly very kindly entertained the party at Kelly House, where light refreshments and fruit were served, and very much appreciated. They also escorted the party over the beautiful grounds, gardens, etc., pointing out many items of historical interest. Time was now rolling on too fast, so the order to start had to be given, and Plymouth was the next stop. Here an hour was spent, and home was reached at 9.40 p.m., all thoroughly satisfied with the day's outing in spite of the wet morning. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having all in readiness.

## CHESHIRE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

Six members of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, A. E. Richards, W. Thomas, G. Jones and J. W. Clarke, had a delightful outing on Saturday, Sept. 12th. The 'meet' was at Chester at 9 a.m., and the run was made by car and motor-cycle. The beautiful church of Hartford was reached at 9.45, and the opening touch was 240 Bob Minor, followed by 720 of Thelwall Minor and 120 Stedman Doubles. The next place on the list was Weaverham. The bells here were found to be very noisy, and some of the ropes rather awkwardly placed, but a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round before a move was made towards Northwich for lunch. The name 'Beeton' over a cafe suggested that it ought to be a good place, so the band (all exceptionally hungry) boldly entered, and soon found that the place lived up to its good name! After lunch, feeling like lions refreshed, they viewed the sights (P) of Northwich, and there made for Davenham. The bells were heavy going (especially after lunch!) but the band managed to pull off a good 720 of Double Oxford Minor and a touch of Kent. The next call was at Witton Parish Church, and in the tower of this massive structure a 720 of Kent Minor was rung on the back six, as well as a touch of Oxford. The company then made for 'Beeton's' again, where they were served with an excellent tea, and spent some time over a quiet smoke and a friendly chat. The last place on the list was 720 of Double Bob and Plain Bob (Spliced) concluded the ringing programme of the day. It is interesting to note that at both Witton and Over the bells are hung so that the ropes are anti-clockwise instead of clockwise, as is usual. At both places the bells have been recast within recent years, but the old frames have been retained. Home was reached shortly before 10 p.m., after a really 'tin-top' day. The company wish to express their sincere thanks to the incumbents and towerkeepers of the various churches for their kind co-operation.

## NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, Horton, Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roberts, Rowbotham, Albert Walker, Winney and Young. Closing date, Thursday, Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, SOUTHAMPTON.—Ringing takes place on Sundays at 10.30 a.m. and 6 p.m., except third and fifth Sundays in month, when morning ringing starts at 10 a.m. Practice: Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. All visitors welcome.—J. W. Faithfull, 22, South Front, Southampton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on Oct. 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Presteign on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) available at 4 p.m. Service at 5.—Jabez Preece, Dis. Sec., Lea Lodge, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—By invitation of the Rev. E. P. Stanley, the next quarterly meeting will be held at Wootton Courtenay on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Schoolroom at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Central District.—A visit to Wembley is being arranged for Saturday, Oct. 24th. Meet at Wembley Park Station (Metropolitan Railway) at 2 o'clock. Gentlemen specially invited to join us.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Springfield on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow in Women's Institute Hut.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy C. Veo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Lyminge on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Address by the Rector. A tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The quarterly business meeting of the above will be held at Heanor on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Tower open 2.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.**—Dedication of the new ring of eight bells on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3.30 p.m., by the Lord Bishop of Chester. Permission for visitors to ring on this occasion cannot be promised, but on Saturday, October 31st. The bells will be available for visitors from 11 a.m. Tea provided, at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Those requiring same must inform William Fernley, 1, Grove Street, Hazel Grove, Cheshire, by Tuesday, Oct. 27th. A short service will be held at 7 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Guild.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—A combined ringing practice between the East Berks and South Bucks branch and the South Oxford and Mid-Bucks branch has been arranged at Thame on Saturday, Oct. 24th, at 3 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Urchfont on Saturday, Oct. 24th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting follows tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—This is a special meeting, and all members are requested to attend.—James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Norton Fitzwarren on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 'The Club,' and business after. Will those who require tea please advise me by the previous Tuesday?—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at Teignmouth. Bells (8) St. Michael's and (8) St. James' available 3 p.m. Short service at St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those who intend coming please notify me by Wednesday, 28th inst.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify Mr. G. Dudley, Sketchfey Lane, Burbage, by Thursday, Oct. 29th.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 27th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

**LADIES GUILD.**—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those wanting tea please inform me by Tuesday, Oct. 27th?—S. Thursfield, Cranford Rectory, Kettering.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at 5.30, at The Grange, meeting to follow. All will be welcomed.—E. W. Day, 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Oct. 31st, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. A short service will be held in church. Tea, 1s. each, will be prepared opposite. All members and non-members and all ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those attending kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 28th?—W. J. Beniams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, New Street, Ludlow, Salop.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room (kindly provided by the church authorities), and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested. It is imperative that all who require tea should let me know not later than Monday, Oct. 26th.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY** will hold their quarterly meeting on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at St. Michael's Church, Mottram. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. prompt.—F. Althorp, Hon. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. The association service will be held in the Church at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, at the Co-operative Cafe, New Road, will be provided for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, the 28th inst. The business meeting will be held after tea, and the Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman J. A. Axcell, J.P.) will take the chair. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells 3 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea and meeting to follow.—F. D. Rickards, Hon. Branch Sec., 14, Victoria Grove, Shepton Mallet.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Stoke Bishop bells available in the afternoon from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Church Institute, Westbury-on-Trym, 5 o'clock. Ringing to follow. Please notify me by Oct. 26th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.



**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Expecting a good number of members to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 48th Annual Festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Service in St. Nicholas Church at 1 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon W. Bothamley. Committee meeting at 12 noon and dinner at 2 p.m. at the Royal County Hotel. The bells of St. Nicholas (6) and St. Oswald's (6) are open all day. Included in the business is the proposed alteration of Rules 6, 9 and 10. Dinner 2/6 to members, 3/6 to non-members. Those who intend being present at dinner please advise me by Wednesday, Oct. 28th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 9th and 23rd, at 7.30. St. Mary's, Lambeth (next to Palace), Tuesday, the 3rd, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Victoria, Monday, the 16th, at 7.30. Members are urged to help to make these additional meetings a success.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Free. Please notify me not later than Nov. 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston) at the Vicarage, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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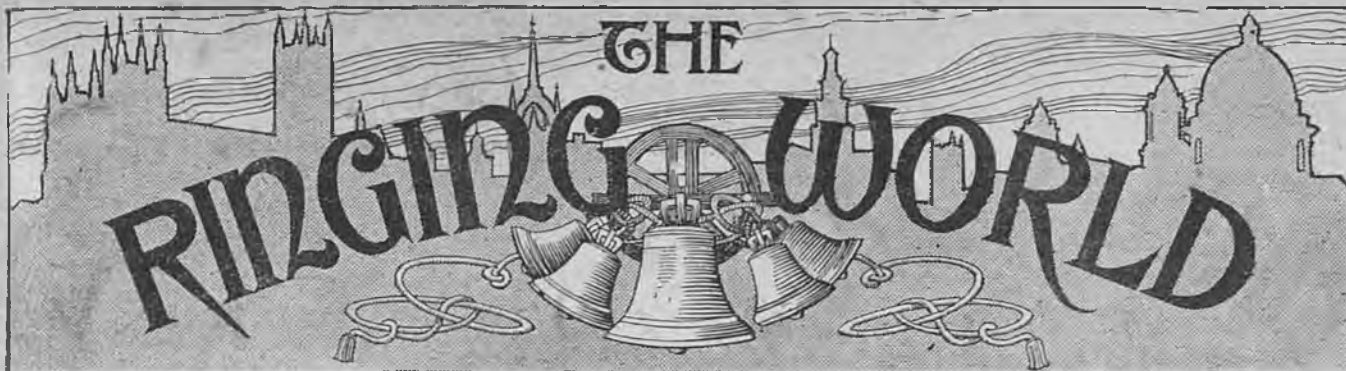
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### VIGILANCE AND ACTION NEEDED.

Parliament, in the midst of its minor diversions, is shortly, we learn, to be confronted with an issue of really vital importance to the nation, before which the industrial situation, the coal crisis and the agitations of the 'Reds,' to say nothing of Pacts and tariffs, will pale into insignificance. A Bill, entitled 'The Bell Ringing (Restriction) Bill,' is to be introduced, having for its object the suppression of church bell ringing, and it is to be promoted on behalf of the 'Society for the Prevention of Public Nuisances.' At present the Society seems to be rather a vague affair, but we are promised in the near future 'a long list of influential and well-known people who are on the governing committee, or who have promised financial and moral support to the organisation.' At the moment all we know about it is that the secretary (pro tem.) is Mr. J. D. Lewis, of Penarth, and that the society will shortly secure a London office. Other 'nuisances' (at present unnamed), beside bell ringing, are to be tackled later, but the bells are to come first. It is something of a compliment to the acknowledged standing of bell ringing in its relation to the Church and its deeply established position in the national life, that a London office, a Press and public campaign and an Act of Parliament are deemed necessary to combat it. Mr. Lewis and his friends obviously do not imagine that they have a walk-over in front of them, and if their campaign really develops they will find that bell ringing will not be easily killed.

The 'anti-this' and 'anti-that' people, even though they be few in numbers, can very easily make a big noise, and presumably Mr. Lewis hopes to persuade Members of Parliament that, in the case of his society, the clamour of the few represents the views of the many. We may hear more of this society, but there is at present nothing to go into hysterics about. At the same time it is well that the Exercise should prepare for eventualities. There is always the risk that by backdoor methods, and without those chiefly concerned having any knowledge of what is happening until it is too late, some clause or Bill may be smuggled through Parliament which would jeopardise the right of the Church to the use of and control over its bells. Not only is it necessary, therefore, that the Central Council should, especially under the present threat, keep an extremely vigilant look out for any Parliamentary attempt to suppress the ringing of church bells, but should get into order and ready for immediate action an efficiently organised counter attack. The present Press Committee might be strengthened for the purpose, and we hope that, as the 'antis' have definitely announced their

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intention of getting busy, the committee will also get down to the task of preparing plans for the counterblast. In doing so they will probably not overlook the valuable machinery which they have at hand for reaching the people who will count through the clergy and the church organisations, by which a vast public opinion can be influenced.

### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,*

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 53 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. NODDS ... .. Treble | RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. 7       |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2       | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 8        |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3         | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 9       |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 4      | WILLIAM PYE ... .. 10          |
| ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... .. 5    | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 11 |
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 6      | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor      |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

### TEN BELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,*

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HARRY BAXTER ... .. Treble | GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 6        |
| WALTER PERKINS ... .. 2    | CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 7       |
| *MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3 | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. 8       |
| MATTHIAS HOBBS ... .. 4    | C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 9     |
| TOM TEBBOTT ... .. 5       | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. J. TUCKER Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

First peal of Bob Royal for the Guild, and by all the band, with the exception of the ringers of 5th and 6th, and the first on the bells. First peal as conductor on ten bells. \* First peal on ten bells, and first attempt.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
(BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS)

*On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALBERT STOWELL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. PARKER ... .. 6 |
| REGINALD G. GILBERT ... 2    | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 7    |
| E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 3      | JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... .. 8 |
| ALFRED PEARCE ... .. 4       | JOSEPH GOULD ... .. 9      |
| WILLIAM ABRAHAMS ... .. 5    | URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by EDGAR GUISE.

Conducted by E. G. TREW.

This was the annual peal for the Bristol United Guilds and a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. G. Jefferies.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;**

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE LATHAM ... .. Treble | THOMAS PRICE ... .. 6          |
| HUBERT SCRIVENS ... .. 2    | CHARLES GARDINER ... .. 7      |
| BASIL LATHAM ... .. 3       | GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 8        |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 4      | JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 9        |
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. 5     | CHARLES BARNFIELD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a silver wedding peal to Mr. G. Orchard. It was also his 50th peal.



**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

MEASHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JAMES PAGET ... .. Treble | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5         |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 2 | JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6          |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 3 | E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 7    |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4   | GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

WORSLEY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21½ cwt.

|                              |                                   |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| *JAMES HOWARTH ... .. Treble | FRED GRUNDY ... .. 5              |
| STANLEY HARRISSON ... .. 2   | WILLIAM JONES ... .. 6            |
| JOHN FREEMAN ... .. 3        | JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... .. 7        |
| SIDNEY JAMES ... .. 4        | PERCY H. DERREYSHIRE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

\* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the 21st birthday of the ringer of the 3rd. The 4th ringer hails from Swinton, the rest belong to the local company.

PIMLICO, LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HARRY DYAS ... .. Treble     | *CHARLES J. CHOOET ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. 2 | FRANCIS E. DAWE ... .. 6       |
| JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 3     | HARRY MANOE, SEN. ... .. 7     |
| ERNEST BRETT ... .. 4        | JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRANK MORRIS ... .. Treble | HARRY FLETCHER ... .. 5   |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2    | ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 6 |
| *EDWARD WEBSTER ... .. 3   | PETER CROOK ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 4    | JOHN NUTTALL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

\* First peal. The ringer of the 5th hails from Derby, and was elected a member before the peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Pincott.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Three Hours,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *JAMES DRAYCOTT ... .. Treble    | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 5     |
| MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... .. 2    | *HARRY W. WRIGHT ... .. 6      |
| *MISS MAY V. GODDERIDGE ... .. 3 | JOHN E. S. MORETON ... .. 7    |
| CHARLES E. RAYSON ... .. 4       | ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mr. T. C. Neath, sidesman, and for five years churchwarden at this church, who was interred the previous day. \* First peal, and first attempt for Major. First peal as conductor. All except Mr. T. W. Chapman, of the Nunanton Society, are members of the local band.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6080 CHANGES;**

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK RAINEBIRD ... .. Treble | ERNEST J. BUTLER ... .. 5    |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2           | GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 6       |
| ALFRED PYE ... .. 3               | WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. 7 |
| *FRANCIS W. COSTER ... .. 4       | WILLIAM LEGGATT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

\* First peal.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| *RONALD CURTIS ... .. Treble | †LEONARD TIDY ... .. 5           |
| *CHARLES TAYLOR ... .. 2     | HENRY J. SELBY ... .. 6          |
| PERCY J. SPICE ... .. 3      | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... .. 7 |
| †GEORGE A. S. SELBY ... .. 4 | ARTHUR J. LEWIS ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

\* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th hail from Bromley, Limsfield Chart and Chislehurst, respectively; the rest belong to the local band. Rung on the 120th anniversary of the battle of Trafalgar.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,  
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... .. 5   |
| EDWARD G. TOMLINSON ... .. 2  | HARRY MILLER ... .. 6        |
| JOHN E. MILLER ... .. 3       | NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... .. 7 |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 4     | ALFRED G. CRANE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by NORMAN A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHOUT,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in E.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM BIBBY ... .. 5      |
| *CYRIL VALENTINE ... .. 2    | FRANCIS BIBBY ... .. 6      |
| HENRY C. COLLYER ... .. 3    | JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7       |
| JOHN E. BIBBY ... .. 4       | HENRY W. WILDE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 6). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

\* First peal of Surprise 'inside.' H. W. Wilde has now completed the circle in this tower, this being the fourth belfry in which he has done so.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. W. DAVIES' TRANPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5        |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 2        | JOHN F. SHARPE ... .. 6        |
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 3     | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 7       |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4      | WILLIAM HIGGINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. John F. Sharpe, who sails for India at the end of the month. G. R. Jones has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

## SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in F.

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... .. Treble | ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 5        |
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... .. 2     | *ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 6 |
| J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 3      | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7    |
| WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 4        | JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor      |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal in the method.

## BISHOPSTONE, WILTS.

## GLOUCESTER AND BISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5049 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALFRED LAWRENCE ... .. Treble | HERBERT W. BISHOP ... .. 5 |
| ALBERT W. BOND ... .. 2       | WALTER TRIDEMAN ... .. 6   |
| ROBERT W. HYNTER ... .. 3     | THOMAS TOWNSEND ... .. 7   |
| HARRY A. HEARL ... .. 4       | *JOHN DURHAM ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by ROBERT W. HYNTER.

\* First peal.

## LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. Treble | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5       |
| JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 2        | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 3       | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 7      |
| *WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 4      | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. \* 50th peal.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM COLEY ... .. Treble | *ERIC FORREST ... .. 5      |
| *FRANK KLETTE ... .. 2      | VICTOR WHITE ... .. 6       |
| †THOMAS GREENSHALL ... .. 3 | WILLIAM H. WEBB ... .. 7    |
| *ALBERT HARRIS ... .. 4     | ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM COLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal in method. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. R. B. Deakin and Miss E. M. Brogden; and also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. M. Hackett and W. H. Webb, local ringers. The ringer of the 2nd is 16 years of age, and the peal was rung by an entirely local band.

## CALVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| PRATT CORDINGLEY ... .. Treble | *EDWIN HUDSON ... .. 5    |
| *WALTER POPPLEWELL ... .. 2    | JOHN WM. CORDINGLEY ... 6 |
| *THOMAS LATIMER ... .. 3       | *CHARLES PRATT ... .. 7   |
| SAMUEL WARD ... .. 4           | HARRY WARD ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by HARRY WARD.

\* First peal of Superlative. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung in honour of Mr. T. Maude's birthday. Ringers of treble, 4th, 6th and tenor are from Pudsey; 3rd from Bramley; the rest are members of the local company.

## LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 3½ cwt.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Treble | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 2      | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 6 |
| JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 3      | THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. 7  |
| SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 4       | JOHN BASS ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HERBERT MARKWELL ... .. Treble | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5      |
| FREDERICK WHITE ... .. 2       | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 6        |
| WILLIAM LATTER ... .. 3        | *ARTHUR R. MILES ... .. 7      |
| BERNARD V. COLLISON ... .. 4   | STAFFORD H. GREEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

\* First in the method.

## HORSFHAM, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. (approx.)

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| WALTER CHARMAN ... .. Treble | JOHN COOK ... .. 5           |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 2        | WILLIAM STANFORD ... 6       |
| WILLIAM WATTS ... .. 3       | ALBERT ELLIS ... .. 7        |
| ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 4      | OLIVER SIFFETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIFFETTS.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## PENN, BUCKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 18, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt. (approx.)

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JESSIE W. HARRISON ... .. Treble | *HARRY WINGROVE ... .. 4    |
| *PHYLLIS M. MOORE ... .. 2       | JAMES BLACKMORE ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3       | CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.

\* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. First peal of Minor as conductor. First peal of Surprise Minor by all the band.

## SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, New London, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN H. MYHILL ... .. Treble | ERNEST CLARKE ... .. 4         |
| EDWARD KEMP ... .. 2         | ISAAC T. POBLTON ... .. 5      |
| HARRY BRADLEY ... .. 3       | EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor |

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

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SPROUGHTON, Nr. IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Kent, two 720's Oxford, 720 Double Court and two 720's Plain Bob.

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| ALBERT GYNN ... .. Treble | HARRY MEE ... .. 4        |
| GEORGE MEE ... .. 2       | CHARLES F. MEE ... .. 5   |
| LESLIE E. RIVERS ... .. 3 | EDGAR RIVERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Leslie E. Rivers.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 21 six-scores each of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.  
Tenor 9 cwt.

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| WILLIAM SHORE ... .. Treble | HARRY PROUT ... .. 4          |
| FREDERICK BROWN ... .. 2    | R. THOMAS CLARK ... .. 5      |
| WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... .. 3   | ALBERT SHERBORNE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

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| CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... .. Treble | HARRY ARGENT ... .. 4          |
| FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... .. 2  | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 5 |
| JOHN BURLES ... .. 3            | GEORGE MORRAD ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Specially arranged and rung on the 25th anniversary of the induction of the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., as Rector of this parish, who baptized three and administered the first Communion to four of the above ringers, all of whom are members of the local band.

WOULDHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.  
Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

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| CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... .. Treble | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... .. 4     |
| FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... .. 2  | HARRY ARGENT ... .. 5              |
| JOHN BURLES ... .. 3            | C.S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT.

First peal on the bells, four of which were cast by Hatch 301 years ago, and two added by Mears in 1899. Five of the band are from Milton-next-Gravesend, with C.S.M. Bennett from Chatham.

YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edburgha,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's called differently. Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

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| ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... .. Treble | GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 4     |
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 2         | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... .. 5 |
| *ERNEST MANSELL ... .. 3         | *JOHN NEAL ... .. Tenor         |

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

\* First peal of Minor. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells, which, with the exception of the treble, all date back to the early seventeenth century.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 14 cwt.

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| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. Treble | SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2        | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 5  |
| GEOFFREY LEWIS ... .. 3         | CHARLES CAMM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM RANFORD.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt.

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| *CLIFFORD CHAMBERS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM SHARP ... .. 4       |
| HERBERT ROBINSON ... .. 2        | WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 5       |
| HENRY W. GAYTON ... .. 3         | ALFRED ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

\* First peal.

REDBOURNE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

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| CHARLES JEFFES ... .. Treble | BEN JARMAN ... .. 4          |
| JOHN MALYAN ... .. 2         | H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... .. 5 |
| JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 3     | WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor     |

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the wedding day of the treble ringer, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. L. Whiteman, of St. Albans Abbey. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th belong to St. Albans; 3rd to Hatfield; 4th to Harpenden; and tenor to Leverstock Green. Conductor's 100th peal on tower bells, rung in 50 towers.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. (approx.)

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| *THOMAS VBZEY ... .. Treble | *ARTHUR KINGSTON ... .. 4     |
| *GEORGE BISHOP ... .. 2     | FRANKLIN D. RICKARDS ... .. 5 |
| ERNEST LANE ... .. 3        | *HERBERT COLLINS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. D. RICKARDS.

\* First peal. The conductor's first peal of Doubles. The ringer of the treble is a local man; the 2nd and 5th hail from Shepton Mallet; the 3rd and 4th from Douling; and the tenor from Croscombe.

STON EASTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 8 six-scores of Old Doubles, 12 of Plain Bob and 22 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

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| THOMAS SNELL ... .. Treble | HARRY PROUT ... .. 3        |
| REGINALD BECK ... .. 2     | RONALD BECK ... .. 4        |
| JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 3    | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Jennings 1, F. E. Haynes 2, W. A. Tack 3, Miss K. Willers 4, A. E. Austin 5, R. Howard 6. First attempt for 720 Cambridge by F. E. Haynes, who is from Trumpington. Also plain courses of London Surprise by the same band.

# NOTES BY THE WAY.

## CRANE'S PEAL OF STEDMAN.—HOW THE OLD COMPOSERS WORKED.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Edward Crane's peal is easier to understand. He was a lesser man than Melchior; lesser in knowledge; lesser in abilities; lesser in imagination. He argued that what was right for Plain Bob and Grandsire must necessarily be right for Stedman. The traditional form of composition was by hunts. By them the sixes were invented; by them the plain changes were rung; by them cross peals were developed; by them Garthorn had composed his extents of Bob Triples and Grandsire Triples. 'Then, I pray, let any man that is a judge in this art tell me, why Stedman on seven bells should not work as Grandsire on seven bells, and bring their great bells home at their quarter, half, three-quarter and whole peals' end?' True, Stedman said that 'every bell has a course alike'; and Doleman said that 'there is no proper hunt or half-hunt therein'; but 'Stedman is mistaken, and so are you,' and 'if I be right so it is.' Therefore, Crane composed his peal with hunts.

If you want to understand what hunts are, a good plan is to study Annable's peal of Bob Triples. It was composed somewhere about this time, and first rung in December, 1730, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on the old ring of eight.

Observe the behaviour of the different bells.

First the Treble completes her whole work and comes home once in every lead. She is the whole hunt.

Next the seventh completes her whole work, and comes home once in every course of six leads. She is the half-hunt.

Then the sixth completes her whole work, and comes home once in every five courses. She is the quarter-hunt.

Lastly, the fifth completes her whole work, and comes home once in every ten courses. She is the half-quarter hunt. The other bells are extreme bells.

In each lead the treble occupies each position once and once only at handstroke, and once and once only at backstroke.

In each course the treble and seventh occupy every possible combination of positions, once and once only at handstroke, and once and once only at backstroke.

In each block of five courses, the treble, seventh and sixth occupy every possible combination of positions, once and once only at handstroke, and once and once only at backstroke.

In each part of the peal (consisting of ten courses), the treble, seventh, sixth and fifth occupy every possible combination of positions once and once only, whether at handstroke or at backstroke.

The extreme bells work their full combinations at the part ends.

You will easily see what an excellent plan this is for producing extents. The whole peal falls into regular and equal parts; the part ends are easily recognised; the calling is easy, and there are observations for every bob throughout; and the conductor can, without difficulty, know what each bell is doing all through the peal.

This was the plan used almost universally in the seventeenth century. It is the plan of Annable's peal of Bob Major and Holt's peals of Bob Major and Triples. It is the plan of the three-lead-course peals of Grandsire Triples. By its use, John Reeves obtained the full extent of Plain Bob on eight bells, and Harrison the full extent of Double Norwich Major. Mr. Earle Bulwer used it to get the extent of Duffield without moving the sixth, and by its means I produced the extent of Bob Maximus 479 million odd changes, as you may see in the Central Council Collection.

This was the plan Crane used, and he aimed to get in Stedman what Annable had so perfectly got in Bob Triples. It was not Annable's peal, however, that he took for his model, but John Garthorn's peal of Grandsire. Garthorn was the first man to compose a true peal of Triples, and when we try and understand his peals we must realise the conditions under which he worked.

His first peal was the 1,715 Bob Triples, the figures of which are lost. When he set to work to compose this, what he aimed at was not merely to get what would now pass as a peal of Plain Bob on seven bells. He had to extend the method known as Grandsire Bob on six bells to seven bells. Now, Grandsire Bob is not just Bob Minor, it is a particular 720 of Bob Minor—the one we usually call the 'old' 720. It is constructed by a whole hunt (the treble), a half-hunt (the sixth), and a quarter-hunt (the fifth). What Garthorn had to do was to extend the whole thing; calling and method alike. While in the absence of the figures, we cannot be quite sure what the peal was, one or two things are quite clear. The bobs used were the present bobs. The treble, of course, was the whole hunt; the seventh was the half-hunt, and not affected by the bobs; the sixth was the quarter-hunt, and must have worked in a similar way to the sixth in Annable's peal. It is doubtful how he managed the fifth. He may have made

her a half-quarter hunt, and so his peal would be practically the same thing as Annable's; or he may have composed the whole in four quarters, with or without special calls. In any case, he followed the 120 of Minor very closely, and there is no reason to suppose that the peal was anything but true.

When he got to Grandsire Triples he had a much harder task, but one similar in all essentials. It was to extend the 120 of Grandsire Doubles (method and calling) to seven bells. We know how he did it, for we have the figures, and we know that it is true. It is usual to say that Annable's and Vicars' and Taylor's peals are improvements on Garthorn's, and Holt's very great improvements. But I fancy Garthorn himself would not have thought so. 'What!' he would have said, 'call them improvements when they take forty-six Doubles to do what I did with only two! As for Holt's peals they are, no doubt, very clever, but they are not Grandsire at all. Proper Grandsire should have hunts.'

In the same way, Melchior held that Crane's peal could not be 'proper' Stedman, because in Stedman 'every bell hath a course alike, and there is no proper hunt or half-hunt therein.' We should not be so particular. If Crane could have got a true peal with hunts it would pass muster with us. Indeed, in Thurstons' peal the seventh is a whole hunt and the sixth a half-hunt. But in the full sense that Crane understood the term, Stedman does not lend itself to composition by hunts. He, just as Melchior no doubt did, missed the fact that you cannot get sixty true separate courses of Stedman Triples. And apart from that he was not happy in his arrangement of his hunts. What bobs he used we do not know. He may have used the modern bob, more likely an adaptation of the Grandsire bob. He followed Garthorn's Grandsire Triples closely by composing his peal in four quarters. Then came the job of putting these quarters together. Half-way and end he had two Doubles, following the precedent set by Garthorn, and followed by Melchior also, but unlike the latter, he 'makes his two Doubles with the same two bells, dodging as Stedman does on five bells.' To get the bells into the positions he wanted at the quarter-peal end, he had to introduce his 'alterations,' those 'dismal changes,' as Melchior called them. Melchior gave us the figures of these alterations, and, though I am not quite sure I have given them correctly, we can tell pretty well what they were. And it is almost certain that the peal that contained them must be false. The work of the hunts is interfered with, and that is nearly sure to be fatal; and there are parts of Q-sets which cannot well have been completed elsewhere in the peal.

I am rather sorry that both peals must be put down as false. The Norwich men had done so much that it is a pity they failed in this. After all, success would have been almost a miracle, and when we remember that they had rung the first true peal in any method, the first true peal of Grandsire Triples, the first ten thousand and the first thirteen thousand, we can fully acknowledge that they made an honourable place for themselves in the history of ringing, even if they just missed ringing the first true peal of Stedman Triples as well.

We were talking a week or two ago about the possibility of writing a full history of change ringing. I wrote this sketch of the Norwich ringers as an experiment in what could be done if one had but the material to work on. There is no fact that I have used which has not, I think, been published before. All I have done is to bring it together, supply the local colour, weigh the circumstantial evidence, and make a narrative of it. There must be more material for a sketch of Annable and the early London ringers, or of the Birmingham men, but where can one put one's hand on it?

## MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Peter's Church, Nottingham, on Sept. 24th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Salter 1, M. Ward 2, S. Pinder 3, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. Vickers 6, G. West 7, A. R. Leader 8, was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Hawkins, who was interred in Bulwell Cemetery on the previous day.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 6th, at Boxley, Kent, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. F. M. Roper, who was interred on that date in the Parish Churchyard, and who, for a great many years, was a most devoted and untiring worker in the church and parish, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by A. Gower 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, G. Voules 3, V. Smith 4, H. Fuller 5, E. Voules 6.

At Broughton Astley, Leicestershire, on Monday evening, October 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Doubles, being 240 Canterbury Doubles, 240 Plain Bob Doubles and 240 Grandsire Doubles: R. Turrell 1, J. Brunt 2, A. Woodden 3, F. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. Charles W. Berridge, of the Mill House, Broughton Astley, who was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day. The deceased gentleman had taken a lifelong interest in the church, and for nearly 40 years most assiduously carried out the duties of churchwarden.



### ESSEX ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL PROPAGANDA MEETING.

A meeting of the Northern District was held on October 17th at Black Notley, near Braintree. This meeting was held in order to give encouragement to a band of young ringers, who are struggling to grasp the details of change ringing, under the leadership of Mr. Pratt, who had worked very hard to keep the bells going for the Sunday services for the past two years without a break.

The church, dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul, is isolated from the small village, standing away in the midst of the fields. Parts of the church were built in the first half of the 12th century. Perhaps the parish is best known as the birthplace of John Ray, M.A., F.R.S., the entry of whose baptism may still be deciphered in the parish register, June 29th, 1628. He was the son of a poor blacksmith, but grew up to be the foremost naturalist of his age, and became mathematical lecturer and humanity reader to the University of Cambridge. Ray was a great friend of Sloane, the renowned London physician, to whom we are indebted for the British Museum.

The usual ringers' office was said by the Rector, and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) read the lesson.

After the service, the ringers and a few friends sat down to tea, presided over by the Rector, in the Parish Room, 21 being present, representing Black Notley, Braintree, Maldon, Rayne and Great Bardfield. At the subsequent business meeting, with the District Master (Mr. L. Wiffen) in the chair, four of the Notley band were elected as change ringing members and two as probationers. One member from Rayne was also elected.—Major B. Allen, of Notley Lodge, was elected an hon. member.

Votes of thanks were proposed by Mr. Howard, and seconded by the district secretary, and unanimously accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells and holding the service; to the organist and choir, Major Allen, and Mrs. Johnson, a lady parishioner, who had taken considerable interest in the meeting.

After some touches on the handbells, the ringers adjourned to the tower for ringing, the methods being Bob Doubles, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles.

The meeting, arranged for propagandist purposes, created a great amount of interest. Every effort was made to help the beginners in the art. Two little lads from Rayne, of 14 years or under, cycled over three miles to the meeting, and rang the treble, having to stand on a box to reach the rope at the back stroke.

### FIRST QUARTER-PEAL OF TRIPLES IN NATAL DURBAN BAND'S PERFORMANCE.

The band at Durban, Natal, which includes ladies, is already making good progress with the introduction into the company of two or three ringers from England, and on Tuesday, Sept. 22nd, they rang the first quarter-peal of Triples in Natal. This was at St. Mary's Church, Greyville, and consisted of Collinson's 1,260 Grandsire, rung in 50 minutes: Miss Olive Clements 1, Miss Daisy Clarkson 2, Fred G. May 3, Tom Nash 4, Rev. Canon Ridout 5, John Prickett (conductor) 6, T. Ewart Prickett 7, C. Clarkson 8.

The quarter-peal was arranged for the Rev. Canon Ridout, of Johannesburg, who was spending a holiday in Durban. It was also the 20th birthday of Miss Daisy Clarkson, and the 30th anniversary of the wedding of the conductor. By this performance the ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th 7th and tenor, scored their first quarter-peal of Triples.

We look forward to an early peal success by the Durban ringers.

### A WELL-EARNED PEAL.

The peal at Wouldham, Kent, recorded elsewhere, was truly well earned, as before the attempt could be made the band had to spend nearly two hours among the bells to get them ringable. It must have been months since the bells were raised; birds' nests were well in evidence and had to be removed; ropes spliced and generally repaired; bells oiled; and two of the band, with the C.S.M. as foreman, turned themselves into blacksmiths pro tem, to fix up defective hammers to allow the bells to swing. Anyway, 'all's well that ends well,' as, after some hard ringing, the first peal was rung on the bells, four of which were cast by Hatch in 1624, and two were added by Mears in 1899. It is believed that many unsuccessful attempts have been made to ring a peal on these bells, and it is pleasing to record the first, after such devotion before the attempt, and such a glorious display of blisters—and dirt—afterwards; even the invalid of the band was glad he did not stay at home.

### WEDDING BELLS.

At Ringwood, Hants, on Wednesday, Oct. 21st, on the occasion of the wedding of Lady Amy Agar and the Hon. Michael Biddulph, 910 Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, E. Green 3, R. Jenkins 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is every prospect of the annual dinner of the College Youths on Saturday week equalling the success of former years. There has been a big demand for tickets, and those intending to be present are reminded that the closing date for applications is Thursday next.

This is a festival week at Norbury, Cheshire, in connection with the restoration of the bells and church. The dedication of the bells and the consecration of the new chancel took place on Saturday, and on each day this week special services have been held, and special preachers have taken part. The latter have included the Archdeacons of Macclesfield and Chester, the Dean of Chester, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston. To-morrow, which will be an open ringing day, the preacher will be the Master of the Chester Guild, the Rev. C. A. Clements.

The broadcast of the bells at Croyland Abbey on Sunday was made quite a feature of the B.B.C. programme that evening. The bells were plainly heard in every part of the country, and we could have wished that for such an occasion the striking had been better. The main interest in the bells is the fact that it was at Croyland that the first ring was hung in England.

Capt. F. S. Yorke, R.A., through whose investigations the original engraving of the College Youths certificate was traced to the great Bartolozzi, has been promoted to Major, and is off to Bagdad. He took farewell of his colleagues of the College Youths at their meeting last week, and expects to be absent from England for three years.

The first peal rung on handbells was scored on Oct. 30th, 1811, by a band of Sheffield ringers. It was Oxford Treble Bob Major, and exactly a hundred years later, the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley, whose grandfather took part in the early performance, organised a commemoration peal in the same method, which was timed by the same clock that ticked off the minutes a century before.

The two hundredth anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples at the Church of St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, occurs on Thursday next. One may almost assume, we think, that this was the first peal on the bells. At this period there was a change ringing band maintained at this church for some years, for some of the ringers in the first peal took part in another in 1734.

In view of the bicentenary, the record of this peal, from the Osborne MSS., in the British Museum, is worth quoting: 'St. Mary-the-Great, Cambridge, Nov. 5th, 1725, was rung by the Cambridge Youths a complete peal of 5,040 Grandsire Triples in three hours and a half: Henry Milliner 1, Thomas Seare 2, Hewes Carter 3, John Tuck 4, John Mite 5, Wm. Anderson 6, Robert Barber 7, Thomas Cornwell 8.'

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung on Nov. 5th, 1821, at St. Peter's, Huddersfield.

Curiously enough, it was on Nov. 5th also that what was claimed as the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung. This was at St. Peter's, Sheffield (now the Cathedral), in 1787, when, according to the record, 'was rung on eight bells at this church a peal of 5,048 changes of that intricate method called Cambridge Surprise in 4 hours and 18 minutes . . . The above is the first peal of this method ever rung in the country.' The composition is lost, but it may be taken for granted it was false. But that does not detract from the fine performance of the eight Sheffield men. The weight of the tenor is given as 33 cwt.

The record of this peal does not give the name either of the composer or conductor, but the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley once saw a manuscript relating to it, which shows the conductor to have been George Wilde, who rang the second. That in itself was a remarkable performance for those days.

The bells upon which this peal was rung was a ring by Daniel Hedderly, of Nottingham, cast in 1745. The augmentation to ten, and then to twelve came later.

The bells of St. Paul's Cathedral were opened on Nov. 1st, 1878.

'The first peal ever rung on any bells by any society, the members being all of one name,' was performed at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on November 3rd, 1796, by eleven members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, who rang a peal of Grandsire Caters. They all bore the Christian name of William, and the peal was called by William Shipway.

The name of the ringer of the tenor bell in the peal of Erin Triples at Nuneaton should have read 'John Thompson,' not John Morton. Will the Warwickshire Guild secretary please note?

In one of his concluding articles on method splicing, Mr. J. P. Fidler suggested that one of our mathematicians could perhaps tell us in how many ways a peal may be made up from the 35 methods, with which he had been dealing.

Mr. E. H. Lewis supplies the information, and the variety obtained will doubtless stagger some people, and, at any rate, give the enthusiasts something to get on with.

From 35 methods, seven can be selected in 8,811,440 ways. If the order of ringing the extents be also taken into account, this number must be multiplied by 5,040, and becomes 44,409,657,600. To get any further variety (if required) different callings must be introduced, but without it, at eight peals per day, it would keep a band going for rather more than 15 million years!

## THE SUPPRESSION OF CHURCH BELL RINGING! A SUGGESTED ACT OF PARLIAMENT.

From time to time church bell ringing is threatened with extinction by sundry folk who have taken a dislike to the sound of bells, but devotees of the art may now consider that their 'number is up.' Mr. J. D. Lewis, of Stanwell Road, Penarth, secretary pro tem. of 'the newly-formed society for the suppression of public nuisances,' is announcing to the world at large that bell ringing is the first subject to be tackled by his society, and 'prominent Members of Parliament are already being approached with a view to bringing forward a measure entitled "The Bell Ringing (Restriction) Bill," which has for its object the suppression of so-called change ringing except on national occasions, and then at reasonable hours. One bell only to be allowed for worship, and this to be tolled for five minutes only before a service.' Mr. Lewis also tells us that 'funds are now being gathered for a Press and public campaign, but nothing should yet be sent until the society have secured a London office, which will be very shortly.'

So now we know what to expect.

In putting forward his case, Mr. Lewis, of course, indulges in the kind of tirade which one expects from those who imagine they have a grievance against a section of their fellow-men, and in his enthusiasm for a new-found outlet for his energy he assumes, what so many engaged in similar hopeless causes have assumed, that he has only to put his view before the public to carry everything before him. He will probably find that he and his society have a long way to go before they can convince the British public that their church bells (and note particularly it is only those upon which change ringing is done that are the real object of the attack) should be suppressed.

Like other men with a bee in their bonnet, Mr. Lewis is not particular as to his facts. He speaks of the 'banging and clanging of London bells, which disturb the sleep of hundreds of thousands who go to bed on Saturday night hoping for a real rest which they are unable to obtain all the week,' and adds that 'a hopeless minority make a hideous din of the Sabbath.' These statements he makes, apparently, on the authority of a London daily paper, but, in the interests of truth, Mr. Lewis might take the precaution, before going into print, of confirming the 'facts' upon which he would rely.

Those who know anything about ringing in London are aware that bells rung in the city on a Saturday night do not reach the ears of one thousand residents, much less of hundreds of thousands, for they cannot be heard above the din of the traffic more than a hundred yards away from a tower, and in the whole square mile of the city there are only 28,000 people who sleep there at night. Moreover, in the city, ringing does not take place every Saturday night, and ringing, in the vast area which is generally included in London and the suburbs, takes place on Saturdays even less occasionally, in proportion to the size of the district. And again, ringing in London ceases at ten o'clock or earlier, and whoever heard of Londoners making a practice of going to bed before 10 p.m.? Why, they are only just beginning to wake up! Perhaps in distant Penarth the inhabitants go to bed earlier, but Mr. Lewis does not even allege that Penarth bells have disturbed his sleep on a Saturday night.

And then the 'hideous din of the Sabbath.' What does Mr. Lewis know of this? We would suggest he should make a little personal investigation, and that his inquiries should not be limited to those who suffer from 'nerves.' Exaggeration is easy in an attempt to bolster up an empty cause, and Mr. Lewis falls into this common error. We only refer to these two things because they are the only two definite 'reasons' for the suppression of ringing which Mr. Lewis has apparently yet been able to advance.

We notice that funds are being gathered for the campaign, and we notice also that Mr. Lewis does not sign as 'honorary' secretary. Maybe he is going to throw himself into this campaign for purging the country of the first, and presumably, therefore, the greatest, of public nuisances, in a voluntary capacity. If he is, we hope he has plenty of leisure, for he will need it by the time he has convinced the country that its church bells are a public nuisance. We are afraid, if he carries this campaign to a successful issue, he will have to leave the 'other public nuisances which are to be tackled in a similar manner' to look after themselves, and it is as well, perhaps, that at the moment he does not enumerate them. At the same time, we are glad of the information that a busybody is going to try to interfere with the existing state of things. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

We shall await with interest Mr. Lewis's promised 'full report of the formation of this society, together with the long list of influential and well-known people who are on the governing committee, or who have promised financial and moral support to the organisation.'

## W. R. SMALL'S MEMORIAL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £1 11s. 6d.; Miss Smith, 2s. All donations should be addressed to Mr. J. B. Evans, at 52, Park Lane East, Tip-ton, Staffs, and will be acknowledged through this paper.

## SPliced-METHOD RINGING.

### MR. FIDLER'S ARTICLES TO BE PUBLISHED AS A BOOKLET.

The series of articles by Mr. John P. Fidler, giving practical hints on ringing and splicing Minor methods, which has appeared in recent issues of 'The Ringing World,' has been of great interest to Six-Bell ringers, and form the first real explanation of this fascinating subject which has been put into print.

The manner in which the subject has been treated has thrown an entirely new light on the practical side of splicing, and originated with the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who was first to develop the plan. Mr. Fidler's exposition of this scheme of ringing numerous methods in true extents has been ably written, and is a valuable contribution to the literature of practical ringing.

The splicing of methods will doubtless become a popular way of ringing Minor in the future, the more so as its attractions become known. It may not always be possible, however, for ringers to keep by them the copies of 'The Ringing World,' containing the articles—there is always the danger of their being lost or destroyed, or not being at hand when wanted.

It is, therefore, proposed, both with the idea of encouraging spliced-method ringing and for the convenience of ringers, to reprint Mr. Fidler's articles, in booklet form, with the addition of a general introduction to the subject, by Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, and the figures of some further extents—in which six and eight methods are employed—by Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. Parker.

In this way the publication will form a complete book of instruction upon Minor Method splicing, which will make it a standard work upon the subject, and one which should find a place on every ringer's bookshelf.

A further announcement with regard to the publication will be made in our next issue.

## SOMETHING TO GET ON WITH.

The peal rung on the bells at Martley (which are over 250 years old) makes the 100th peal which W. Ranford and C. Camm have rung together. It was also the sixth peal that R. G. Knowles has rung on this old ring, each time ringing a different bell, and having a different conductor.

By ringing in the peal of Double Norwich at Lye on Saturday last, Mr. Chas. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury, has now joined the rather small band of men who have rung a peal on the lightest and the heaviest rings in the country.

As will be seen from a notice elsewhere in this issue, a ringing meeting in connection with the reopening of Manchester Cathedral bells is to be held on November 14th.

## RINGERS' CHEAPER TRAVELLING FACILITIES.

### RAILWAY CLEARING HOUSE REFUSAL.

The secretary of the London County Association (Mr. A. H. Keighley), who laid the case of his association before the Railway Clearing House, in connection with the endeavour to get cheaper travelling facilities for ringers, has received the following reply:—

Railway Clearing House,  
Sept. 29th, 1925.

Dear Sir.—Your letter of the 15th instant, asking for similar travelling facilities to those granted to anglers and others to be also conceded to bell ringers, has been submitted to the Railway Companies in conference, and I have to inform you that they regret they cannot see their way to accede to your request.—Yours truly,

(Signed) P. H. PRICE.

The Secretary,

London County Association of Change Ringers.

A letter from the Great Western Railway Company has been forwarded to the secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to similar effect.

## WHY THE PEAL WAS LOST.

A party of Wiltshire ringers attempted a peal at one of the neighbouring villages on Saturday, October 17th. The jovial 'captain of ringers' met them and took them to the tower, where, after he had departed, the door was secured by means of a large wooden stake propped up from the floor. Two hours after, in the midst of some splendid ringing, the door rattled, and a hand appeared thrusting the stake to one side. The door was then thrust open, and a heaving countenance, fringed with whiskers, looked in and remarked, 'You've 'ad a main peal, ain't ye?' This was too much for the ringers, who burst into uncontrollable laughter, and the peal had to be stopped, with fifty minutes to go.

SHREWSBURY.—On Oct. 8th, at St. Julian's Church, for harvest festival, 240 Cambridge Surprise; and on Oct. 12th 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Lyeett (first of Surprise) 1, C. Lee 2, W. Short 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6.

### SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. THE VENUE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Favoured by ideal weather, a most successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Turner's Hill on Saturday, October 17th. The tower was open at two o'clock, and though the village is somewhat difficult of access, the nearest railway station being a mile and a half from the church, members continued to arrive till the satisfactory total of 45 was reached. The bells are an excellent peal of six, tenor 14 cwt., by Meays and Stainbank, and the meeting was held on the anniversary of their opening in 1924; consequently this was the first visit paid to the tower by the majority of those present, and a halt was made in the ringing to allow those desirous of doing so to inspect the bells. These are hung on ball bearings in an iron and steel frame, pits being provided for two trebles to complete the octave. It is hoped that these will be added in the near future, and thus provide a useful peal of eight in this part of the county.

The Rev. G. Irvine (Vicar of Turner's Hill) conducted a short choral service at 4.30, in the course of which he gave a helpful and interesting address. The collection, in aid of the Benevolent Fund, amounted to 16s.

A move was then made to the Schoolroom, where a sumptuous tea had been provided by the kindness of the Parochial Church Council, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

This was succeeded by the business meeting, at which the following new members were elected: Messrs. C. Nice, N. Elliott, J. Morley, H. Parry, F. Heathfield and K. Snelling, all of the Crawley branch, and Mr. John A. Warren, of Balcombe.

A discussion then took place as to the advisability of holding the annual general meeting of the association every year at Brighton.—Mr. Markwell, of Henfield, who introduced the subject, stated that this matter was debated at the last meeting of the Western Division, at Warnham, with the result that a unanimous opinion in favour of Brighton for every annual general meeting was expressed.

The Hon. Secretary of the Central Division (Mr. A. D. Stone), in reply to Mr. Markwell, pointed out that it was not within the competence of a divisional meeting to decide this question, the place of the annual general meeting being decided by vote at the previous annual general meeting, and that Brighton had been selected for the next of these gatherings, in May, 1926. A desire that the feeling of the meeting should be ascertained by a vote resulted in a unanimous expression of opinion that the annual general meeting should be held each year in Brighton.

At the close of the meeting, the Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the bright and helpful service and address, coupling with this the organist and choir. The kind hosts, the Parochial Church Council, and the ladies who so kindly looked after the visitors at tea, all of whom had combined to give the company such a warm and hearty welcome.—This being carried by acclamation, the proceedings terminated.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued till 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, all having spent a most agreeable time. The following towers were represented: Aldington, Balcombe, Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Crawley, Henfield, Lindfield, Lower Beeding and Turner's Hill, and among those present were also independent, non-resident and honorary members.

The affiliation to the association of the Turner's Hill branch is due to the broadminded policy of approaching round ringers with an invitation to join, in the hope that they will eventually become change-ringers. An instructor has been appointed, and a certain amount of progress has already been made.

The next meeting of the division will be held at Burgess Hill, in January, 1926, by kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Beddard).

### LINCOLNSHIRE RINGERS IN LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, Sept. 12th, the ringers of Barton-on-Humber, with their wives, and three ringers from Bigby, had their outing by charabanc to Loughborough and Leicester. At Loughborough they visited the bell foundry, and were met by one of Messrs. Taylor's representatives, who kindly took them round the works, and explained the operations carried out in the various departments. In the tuning shop several of the York Minster bells were being tuned. After having a pull on the foundry ring, the party adjourned to the Empire Cafe, where a splendid lunch was served. Afterwards they visited Ayleston, where they were met by Messrs. Ernest Morris and Harold Poole, Miss Phyllis Hare, and some of the local band. After one or two short touches on this nice toned peal a start was made for Leicester, where Mr. Fred Dexter was waiting to greet the party, and also accompanied them to tea at the Co-operative Cafe. After tea, half an hour's ringing was enjoyed at St. Saviour's Church before starting for home, Barton being reached at 11 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the day's outing.

### OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of this branch was held at Witney on Saturday, October 17th, when a good number of members attended. Ringing was started in the afternoon prior to the service, which was held in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. The preacher was the Rev. G. Tristram, Rector of Ducklington.

After service, the members sat down to tea at the Central Cafe, and this was followed by the business meeting. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the president (the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, Kidlington), were present.

The president was unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.—Mr. John Monk then reported, in his jovial manner, that the balance in hand was quite up to the standard.

The President said he was retiring from the living of Kidlington, but would still be very pleased to hold his office in the branch and help in every way he could (applause). He then had to make a very regretful announcement to the members, namely, the resignation of their popular hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. John Monk), owing to failing eyesight.

Mr. Monk explained that he felt at times that he could not carry on any longer, and considered it his duty to hand over the duties to some younger member. He proposed Mr. W. Evetts, junr., of Tackley, and trusted the members would give their new secretary all the support they had given him during the eight years he had held office.—This proposal was seconded, put to the meeting, and carried unanimously.—Mr. Evetts suitably acknowledged his appointment.

Tackley was voted as the place for the spring meeting, owing to the recent addition of a new treble bell and the restoration of the old ring of five.—A hearty vote of thanks to the preacher brought the business to a close.

The members then returned to the church tower for ringing, in which several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung by various bands. The untiring energy of the Master in helping the younger and less experienced members was much appreciated.

### SPADE WORK IN BANBURY DISTRICT.

The first quarterly meeting of the Banbury and District Branch was held at Deddington on Saturday, Oct. 17th, and was a very successful beginning. The bells were rung for an hour before service, which commenced at 4 p.m., the service being conducted by the Rev. C. F. Cholmondeley, the president of the branch, while the address was given by the Rev. Canon Jones, R.D., Vicar of Banbury, who traced the history of church bells from the earliest times down to the present day. He also impressed upon his hearers that they were church officers, and asked them to show by their attendance at the services that they appreciated the fact.

After service, a company of twenty sat down to tea at the Unicorn Hotel.

The president occupied the chair at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. Canon Jones, the Rev. W. E. McFarlane (Vicar of Great Tew), and the Rev. M. Frost (Vicar of Deddington). Ringers were present from Banbury, Bodicot, Great Tew and Adderbury, while the local band mustered in full strength.

Nine new members were elected.

The Secretary reported that he had received a fairly generous response to his appeal for honorary members, and he trusted that all ringers in the district would become members.

Croperdy was chosen as the next place of meeting.

The usual votes of thanks to the chairman for presiding, to Canon Jones for his address, and to the Rev. M. Frost for the use of the bells, concluded the meeting.

As Banbury is the only tower with a change ringing band at present, it will be seen that much spade work will have to be done in the district, and at future meetings a little outside assistance would be greatly appreciated.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, several six-scores of Stedman, and Grandsire being rung, and three or four beginners being helped through their first attempt.

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Triples were rung. At Devizes, ringing was impossible, owing to a funeral, but a splendid hot lunch was awaiting the party at Perry and Son's Restaurant.

In the afternoon, Melksham was visited, and on a lovely ring of eight bells touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. At Chippenham, the visitors were met by three of the local ringers, who, after a touch of Grandsire Triples had been rung, joined in several courses of Stedman Triples and Bob Major. The Vicar, the Rev. W. F. Woods (late of Ampney St. Peter), gave the party a splendid welcome. At tea, the visitors were joined by the local ringers, and the stay at Chippenham was very much enjoyed. Wootton Bassett was the last call, and here the party were met by Mr. Wilson, and this splendid peal was soon going to some well-struck Grandsire Triples. This is a favourite tower with the Fairford ringers, and the 'go' of these bells is all that can be wished for. Home was reached about 11.15 p.m., after a long but happy day.



## RINGERS' OUTINGS.

## AMONG CAMBRIDGESHIRE TOWERS.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the Laveham ringers held their fourth annual outing. The whole party assembled punctually at 8 a.m., but, alas! there was no charabanc! However, after a half an hour's wait it put in an appearance, and with the mascot (D.A.S.), and 'Tich,' seated beside the driver, the party were soon speeding to Newmarket. On entering this place a fine view was obtained of the 'Gee Gees' just returning from their early morning exercise. A halt was made at All Saints' Church, where Messrs. R. Sharpe and W. Moody met the party. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung, but the bells here sorely need the attention of a bell hanger. St. Mary's was next visited, and the beautiful six there were set going to Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford, Mr. Sharpe taking part. A run was then made for Fulbourn. This village was found, after many inquiries on the way, and paying toll at a 'level crossing'; this to a railway orphanage. At this church, touches of Bob Major, Kent and Superlative were rung. Lunch was heartily enjoyed at the Six Bells Inn, after which the handbells were brought into use. —A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Mr. Stedman H. Symonds for his great part in the day's splendid arrangements. Saying farewell to Mr. E. Webb, tracks were made for Cambridge, which place, some of the party vowed, was entered by the 'back door.' Mr. W. B. Kempton and his son welcomed the ringers, in the absence of the Vicar of St. Andrew's-the-Great, and touches in various methods were rung. Hurried steps, in a downpour of rain, were then taken to Great St. Mary's, to be greeted by Messrs. T. R. Dennis, J. and G. Taylor, also Mr. A. Sharman, who, with the Dunstable ringers, was on a visit to the town. Grandsire Triples, Stedman Caters and Oxford Treble Bob Royal were rung, Messrs. A. Sharman and J. Taylor taking part. Finally a course of Bob Minor was rung, to oblige Mr. Rowlinson, of Chatteris, on what is known as the 'ragged six' — 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 10, one of the local men remarking that he had 'never heard that blooming six till now!' An interesting time was then spent, under the guidance of Mr. J. Taylor, walking around various colleges. Haverhill was reached an hour late, two of the 'bob-callers' having caused the driver to 'shift course.' A service at 7.30 cut the ringing here down to a course each of Bob Minor and Oxford, Mr. Making, Haverhill, taking part. Owing to the late arrival at Clare, the only changes performed were those at the 'bar.' Half-way on the last lap, 'Mary Ellen' turned down, and refused to climb until some of the party alighted and pushed. Then to the singing of Tich and Co., and the groanings of a thirsty engine, home was reached at 10.30. Mr. W. Jarvis, of Wisbech, joined the party for the day. The ringers wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the churches visited for the use of the bells, also the tower-keepers and other friends who so kindly helped to make the outing a successful one.

## NORTH STONEHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the North Stoneham ringers had their annual outing, and in spite of a pouring wet day, all enjoyed themselves. The route had been planned by Mr. G. Williams, with his usual precision, and best thanks are due to him for making all arrangements.

A start was made at 8.30 by charabanc, and the first halt was at Ringwood, where the party were met by Messrs. Cheater and Collins, the indefatigable members of the local band. Double Norwich, Cambridge and Grandsire were rung on the fine ring of eight. The restart was delayed somewhat by the leading lights of the party being missing, and it was found that they had paid a visit to the monkey house. Wimborne Minster was the next objective, where Mr. Frank Earl soon had the fine ring of ten ready, and Grandsire Caters, Cambridge, Major and Stedman were enjoyed, a very welcome visitor being Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, a former Master of the Salisbury Guild.

After a splendid lunch, the party proceeded to St. John's, Bournemouth, where Mr. H. Bennett and his son were awaiting them, and London, Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent, Stedman and Grandsire were much enjoyed on this very musical ring of eight. A move was then made to Christchurch, where, after tea, a visit was paid to the Priory Church, and the party found Mr. G. Preston, the local secretary, had everything ready, and Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung, but London proved too much for the strong men. Lynton was the last tower on the list, and here the party were met by Messrs. Arnold and Clark, and Cambridge, Kent and Grandsire rung. Home was reached about 9.30, after a very enjoyable day, in spite of the weather, which was so bad that one member had to resort to his bottle of smelling salts. This opportunity is taken to thank all who helped to make the outing so enjoyable.

## FAIRFORD RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Fairford, Glos., was held on Saturday, Sept. 12th. At Broad Hinton, touches of Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Dunstan, Bob Doubles and Plain Bob Minor were rung, the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. White) taking the treble to 120 Grandsire Doubles. At Bishop's Canning, touches of Grandsire

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## WHAT IS IN A NAME?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with delight the letter of Mr. Trollope, in your issue of July 31st, on Nomenclature, and agree with the whole of it. I think it is a great pity that (to quote Mr. Trollope) such an 'able and well-written document' should be wasted on such a piffling subject. Why such a combination of ability as that which is possessed by the members of this committee was not turned to work which is more needed, and of greater use to the Exercise, I can't see. That history of the Exercise wants writing up, and the register of all compositions is of vital import, for instance. I have no wonder that the 'Press laughs at our babbling, but perhaps my intellect is weaker than that of the committee, and my perception stultified that I should think their pet foibles are really of value to no one except their personal vanities. Their report and findings will be wasted because ringers will still ring peals under the names they have always used, and associations will put them in their reports, and the Editor will still publish them—they dare not do otherwise, as we ring to please ourselves, and we please ourselves in our own pet way.

Why can't the committee get to business and publish a book on how to splice, and ring all these methods, no matter what their names may be? That would be of real use to the Exercise. But no. The next move will be to appoint a sub-committee to petition all borough councils to change the names of all the Trinity Streets and Trinity Squares, and even the famous Trinity House of Lighthouse control fame might have to be rechristened; for if 'Trinity' is not a suitable name for a church bell method, then it certainly is not the name to apply to a dirty slum street. Or we might appoint a sub-sub-committee to prepare a report on whether a name is common or abstract; and whether methods are masculine, feminine or neuter; and whether masculine Delights could be spliced with neuter Treble Bobs, and whether feminine florals possess red or white corporeal shunts. All this would be quite as useful as the present subject the committee are 'spending' their time on.

Mr. Drake's letter in the issue of August 7th is a truly valiant effort to justify his share in an invidious position. Mr. Trollope may have a bad case; I should say from my knowledge of him that he is rather patting himself on the back that he has not been dragged into this 'hash up' of names, and I am rather pleased that that is so. Mr. Drake must allow me to point out to him that, if the Council's doings in the past were capable of being abused, it is no excuse for present and future committees to merit abuse; rather should they profit by the shortcomings of Mr. Trollope—if he had any. Mr. Drake seems to infer so in his letter. However that may be, I should say that if Mr. Drake is correct in his surmise, Mr. Trollope is to be congratulated on seeing the error of his ways, and I hope the remainder of the erring ones will follow the very excellent example of Mr. Trollope, and cut themselves adrift from these erring ways and nomenclature debacles: and help Mr. Trollope to compile 'Notes by the Way,' such as he has published in your recent issues. These are solid truth: they are what I have always thought and preached for years and years, but my syntax is so terrible that I was unable to put it before the Exercise in the form that we see it to-day, and my bat is off to 'J. A. T.' for his able exposition of what the Council's duties really are. If we want to ring a peal of Grandsire Major, why do we do so? Q.E.D. because it pleases the eight men who ring it, and the Council or Guild that says we must not do so is 'barking up the wrong tree.' And the paper that refused to publish it: the Guild that barred it from their report, and the Council that did not include it in the analysis, would be acting against their own interests. It might be an 'irregular' method, but if it was a well rung and true peal it would be at least a pleasure to those who rang it, and if I was in the band I should recommend all dissenting committees to 'sit up and take nourishment' from the very excellent and very instructive 'Notes by the Way' of Mr. Trollope. The 'green fly' sure is in the flower garden this year. Is Mr. Trollope official sprayer? I hope so. Yours sincerely,  
JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Manchuria.

## RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

To commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Avis, on Friday, October 16th, an attempt for a peal of Minor at Milton-next-Gravesend, was abandoned, owing to the late arrival of two of the band, but 720 of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and a touch of Cambridge were rung, the ringers taking part being J. Avis, G. Ambrose, G. Morrad, G. Jones, E. Beer, Q.-M.-S. J. Bennett, H. Holden, A. Hill. The ringers then proceeded to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Avis, whose hospitality was much appreciated. Around the festive board the towers represented were Gravesend, Milton, Chatham and Erith, with friends from Faversham and Gravesend, also the hon. secretary of the Lewisham district, Mr. A. Hill. The toast of the evening was given, with sincere wishes that Mr. and Mrs. Avis would continue to have good health, and see many more years of wedded life. Handbells and songs were afterwards the order. At midnight a very enjoyable evening came to a close. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Avis for their kind hospitality; also the Rector of Milton (the Rev. G. W. Mennie) for the use of the bells.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: G. Godfrey 1, C. R. Walker 2, C. Turner 3, H. Jones 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, H. Whitehead 6, R. H. Stevens 7, C. Hardiman 8.

MARTOCK, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: P. J. Farrant (first-quarter) 1, T. Gale 2, F. Strickland 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, A. E. Warner 5, F. Priddle 6, F. Sweet 7, A. Alexander 8. Rung on the occasion of a church parade of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.

NEWPORT, MON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major: H. Ridout 1, G. Day 2, T. Foid 3, F. Whitfield 4, H. Morgan 5, J. W. Jones 6, J. Hammond (conductor) 7, A. E. Morgan 8.

ACTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: C. Brown 1, Miss R. Hawksworth 2, J. H. Lucas 3, Miss P. Moss (conductor) 4, R. Fardon 5, R. Holloway 6, F. Corke 7, H. Wincote 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, at the Church of St. Paul, for morning service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Cook 1, A. Keeble 2, H. Dyas 3, G. C. Iles 4, A. Cutmor 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Oct. 25th, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples: A. Cutmor 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Wood 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

HERTFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: G. Gray 1, F. Bird 2, B. Dore 3, A. E. Creasey 4, H. J. Gray (conductor) 5, A. Wright 6, J. Ladley 7, A. E. Akers 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss D. M. Bryant 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Miss E. E. Hardcastle 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, J. C. Deel 5, E. F. Pike 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, F. W. H. Sergison 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At the Parish Church, St. Mary's, for evening service, on Sunday, Oct. 18th, 270 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Ginever 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, W. Allin, junr., 3, E. R. Partridge 4, C. Beckley 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6. First 720 'inside' in the method for ringers of 3rd, 4th and 5th.

HORBURY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes): W. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, J. Woffenden 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, J. Smith 7, F. Thickett 8. Rung with bells half-muffled as a token of deep regard to the late Mr. William Yelland, who was for 51 years parish clerk at this church, and who passed away the previous Tuesday, in his 89th year.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, October 18th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. J. Hazell 1, C. W. Woolley 2, E. Wakeling (first in the method) 3, F. Warrington 4, G. E. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, at St. Peter's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, J. Pole 2, R. Barrow (conductor) 3, Rev. R. P. Farrow 4, A. Disney 5, K. R. Elliott 6, H. Reeve 7, J. A. Bishop 8. Specially arranged for the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 880 Kent Treble Bob Royal: R. G. Townsend 1, A. Lawrence 2, S. Palmer 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. W. Townsend 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, H. W. Bishop 8, L. A. Wilson 9, E. Bishop 10.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, for evening service, 1,248 Double Norwich Major: S. Warne 1, J. Fleuty 2, G. Dixon (Sudbury) 3, R. Fleuty 4, F. Claydon 5, W. Arnold (conductor) 6, J. French 7, W. Scillitoe 8. Also 420 Grandsire Triples, with F. Claydon as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Colchester.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th for evensong, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 42 mins., being four 120's of Bob Doubles and six and a half of Grandsire: A. H. Lewis 1, Will Young 2, Will Young 3, J. Fear 4, R. T. Clark (conductor) 5.

NEWPORT MON.—At the Church of All Saints, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Ridout 1, H. Morgan 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Ford 4, J. W. Jones 5, G. Day 6, J. Hammond 7, A. F. Morgan (conductor) 8.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, for harvest festival, 672 Grandsire Triples: Reg. Dobbins 1, A. Sluman 2, R. Baird 3, C. Willis 4, Wal Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, with J. T. Williams, Morrisston, standing in.

BREASTON, DERBY.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for the harvest festival, 720 of Kent Treble Bob and 720 Bob Minor: O. Thomas 1, J. Andrews 2, G. Wilkinson 3, W. H. King 4, H. Hales 5, W. R. Drage (conductor) 6.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, at the Parish Church, the occasion of the harvest festival, for morning service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major, in 47 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 1,280 changes Cambridge Surprise Major, in 47 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, A. King 2, A. Smith 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

SHAW, NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, in 42 mins.: H. W. Curtis (conductor) 1, A. Smith 2, W. H. Adkins 3, E. Crocker 4, E. W. Smith 5, F. Owen 6. Ringers of 1st, 4th and 5th are from Newbury; 2nd and 3rd from Thatcham; and 6th from Shaw.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): \*W. Gates 1, \*G. White 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, F. Dedman 4, J. Arnold 5, A. Butcher 6, \*F. Buttram 7, F. Vickers (conductor) 8. \* First quarter-peal of Major.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) \* R. Oliver 1, W. Gates 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, F. Buttram 4, F. Dedman 5, F. Vickers (conductor) 6, \*T. Dixon 7, \*H. Smith 8. \* First quarter of Triples. Rung for harvest festival services.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major, in 45 mins.: V. Tipton 1, H. Smale 2, W. Morris 3, L. Cordell 4, G. Dent (conductor) 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.—For evening service, 800 in the same method: F. Whitby 1, G. Dent (conductor) 2, L. Cordell 3, W. Morris 4, V. Tipton 5, H. Smale 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service, 1,003 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: Edgar Sharratt, junr., 1, Edwin Sharratt 2, F. White 3, J. Newall 4, G. Wilkinson 5, J. Rider 6, Edgar Sharratt, senr., 7, E. A. Ridgway (conductor) 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for morning service, for harvest festival, 928 Bob Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, R. Fisher 3, W. Knopp (longest length) 4, G. Hayward 5, J. Elliott 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Elliott. Also for evening service, 1,260 in the same method, standing as before. First quarter-peal by the 4th ringer.

TOTTENHAM.—On Oct. 4th, for morning service, and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Racker 1, H. Barnett (conductor) 2, Miss P. Upsher 3, S. Crabb 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button 7, E. A. Hull 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Roe 1, H. Barnett 2, S. Crabb 3, Miss P. Upsher 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, arranged by the late Mr. Edgar Bennett, by the local company: D. Wright 1, T. Banister 2, T. Bloxham 3, C. Austin 4, W. Bulpitt 5, G. Burt 6, E. Denham 7, C. Dean (conductor) 8, W. Groves 9, C. Kitching 8.

CHATHAM.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 4th, on the occasion of harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Norris 1, J. Kidd 2, H. Springate 3, V. Jarrett 4, E. Belsey (conductor) 5, S. Shellock 6, J. Bennett (R.M.L.I.) 7, G. Lawrence 8.

BRINDLE, LANCs.—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, morning service, 720 Spiced Oxford and Kent; afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise; evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob by F. Blackledge, H. Blackledge (conductor), T. Stott, J. R. Stott, W. Sharples and W. Fowler.

KEGWORTH, LEICESTER.—For harvest festival, at St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, at morning service, 720 Bob Minor: afternoon service, 360 Grandsire Minor: evening service, quarter-peal, comprising 720 each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. The following took part: Miss F. Baxter, Miss W. Baxter, Messrs. E. Baguley, J. Booth, A. Buckley, H. Cook, W. Cook, A. Cook, S. Papworth, A. Sansome, F. J. Sutton, P. Sutton. Conductors, J. Booth and F. J. Sutton.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for the harvest festival, for the morning service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Thomas 1, W. Earl 3, A. Gower 4, A. Kay 5, — Castle 6, E. Ruck (conductor) 7, F. Finn (cover) 8.

CRATFIELD, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, for harvest festival, some good touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on this fine old peal of bells (tenor 20 cwt. in E). The ringers taking part were as follow: J. Hall, H. Hall, T. Reeve, W. Emery, G. A. Wightman, J. Gardener, H. Mouser, J. Larter, E. Grindle and E. Pearce.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, Sept. 27th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, 1,280 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: R. Green 1, L. Gray 2, W. Norton 3, C. Choct 4, A. Darnell 5, — Pipe 6, E. Russell 7, E. Brett (conductor) 8.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each, may be obtained from Messrs. Bayley, Bullock, Burden, P. E. Clark, Cockerill, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, Horton, Hughes, Kemp, H. Langdon, Macdonald, Newton, Peck, Pike, Price, Prime, Roberts, Rowbotham, Albert Walker, Winney and Young. Closing date, Thursday, Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Poolstock, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—This is a special meeting, and all members are requested to attend. — James Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Tyldesley, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Norton Fitzwarren on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells from 3 to 7.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea (1s. each) at 'The Club,' and business after. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.**—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at Teignmouth. Bells (8) St. Michael's and (8) St. James' available 3 p.m. Short service at St. Michael's 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Burbage on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (8) available at 3. Tea at 5.30, at The Grange, meeting to follow. All will be welcomed.—E. W. Day, 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin, Herts.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Ware on Oct. 31st, when the bells will be available from 3 o'clock. A short service will be held in church at 5; tea, at 1s. each, will be prepared opposite. All members and non-members and all ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—W. J. Benjams, Hon. Dis. Sec., 77, New Street, Ludlow, Salop.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea in the Church Room (kindly provided by the church authorities), and business meeting to follow. A good attendance is requested.—A. G. Hill, Hon. Dis. Sec., 53, Hengist Road, Erith, Kent.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. The association service will be held in the Church at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Elliott Mitchell). Tea, at the Co-operative Cafe, New Road. The business meeting will be held after tea, and the Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman J. A. Axcell, J.P.) will take the chair. All ringers invited.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. Expecting a good number of members to be present.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The 48th Annual Festival will be held at Durham on Saturday, Oct. 31st. Service in St. Nicholas Church at 1 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon W. Bothamley. Committee meeting at 12 noon and dinner at 2 p.m. at the Royal County Hotel. The bells of St. Nicholas (6) and St. Oswald's (6) are open all day. Included in the business is the proposed alteration of Rules 6, 9 and 10.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A committee meeting will be held at the Church House, Wokingham, on Saturday, Oct. 31st, at 4 p.m. The bells at St. Paul's, Wokingham, will be available for ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill, Highcockett Lodge, Hare Hatch, near Twyford, Berks.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 3rd (nominations of officers); Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 12th and 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 15th (6 to 7 p.m.); \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th (election of officers); St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th (8 p.m.); all the others 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.**—Members and friends of this association are invited to attend the dedication and unveiling of peal boards at the following churches:—St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Thursday, Nov. 5th, at 7 p.m., and St. Magnus, London Bridge, on Friday, Nov. 6th, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing afterwards in each case.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 1st, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 9th and 23rd, at 7.30. St. Mary's, Lambeth (next to Palace), Tuesday, the 3rd, at 8; and St. John's, Wilton Road, Victoria, Monday, the 16th, at 7.30. Members are urged to help to make these additional meetings a success.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Free. Please notify me not later than Nov. 2nd.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston) at the Vicarage, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Nov. 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m., service 4 p.m., tea and meeting 4.30 p.m.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at Barnwood on Nov. 7th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided free (by kind invitation of the Vicar, Rev. F. H. V. Paton) to all who notify me not later than Nov. 3rd.—W. H. Harris, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Royal Oak at 4.30 p.m., for those who notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pattison Farm, Mersham, Ashford.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Dodford on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Church service at 4.30, to be followed by tea.—W. Moore, Branch Sec., Bramston Road, Daventry.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—In place of the meeting at Tunstall, which has been unavoidably cancelled, a meeting will be held at Newcastle-under-Lyme on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Annual committee meeting 6.30 p.m. All desirous of attending please notify me by Nov. 3rd certain.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The Abbey bells from 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please inform me not later than Nov. 3rd.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch will hold their autumn meeting at Kingham on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, with business meeting afterwards.—Jack Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Nov. 7th (bells 8). Business meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (new ring of 8 by Taylor) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me not later than Nov. 10th.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Opening of Manchester Cathedral Peal.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea will be provided at Winn's Cafe, Corn Exchange, Corporation Street, at 4.30 prompt for all who notify Mr. W. C. Bridgford, 2, Mayes Street, Shudehill, Manchester, not later than Wednesday morning, Nov. 11th. Ringing from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance is requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringers requiring tea please notify Mrs. J. Harrison, Hoghton Lane, Hoghton, near Preston, not later than Saturday, Nov. 7th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arranged for 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**OXFORD GUILD.**—Witney and Woodstock Branch.—The name and address of the new hon. secretary and treasurer of this branch is W. Evetts, Esq., jun., Tackley Park, near Oxford.



**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—Preliminary announcement. — The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Further particulars later.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

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#### CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. CREWE BRANCH VISIT SANDBACH.

The Crewe and District Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a most enjoyable meeting at Sandbach on Saturday, Oct. 17th. Despite the inclement weather which prevailed there was an excellent muster of 33 members, representing Crewe, Nantwich, Ighfield, Wistaston, Lawton, Davenham, and also the local tower. During the afternoon and evening, the members rang touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

A substantial tea was provided, and at the meeting which followed, the Branch Secretary (Mr. R. D. Langford) informed the members of the alteration in the date of the opening of the Norbury bells, which had now been fixed for October 31st, instead of Nov. 21st. The Acton meeting would be held on Nov. 14th.

Mr. W. Holding (Crewe) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Armitstead) for so kindly providing tea, and also for the use of the excellent bells. He spoke of the pleasure it gave to the members to visit Sandbach, and said it was over twenty years since the annual meeting was held there. He hoped it would not be long before Sandbach would again be selected (hear, hear).

Mr. R. T. Holding (Crewe) seconded, and said he was glad to find so many members present, despite the bad weather.

The motion was carried unanimously, and, the Vicar responding, said he was delighted to welcome them. Their thanks were due to the ladies, who had so kindly arranged the tea.

**SHREWSBURY.**—On Oct. 11th, at St. Chad's, 448 Double Norwich Major and 287 Grandsire Caters.—On Oct. 14th, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. B. Kynaston 1, C. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. M. Lilley 4, R. Pole (first touch) 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6; and on October 18th, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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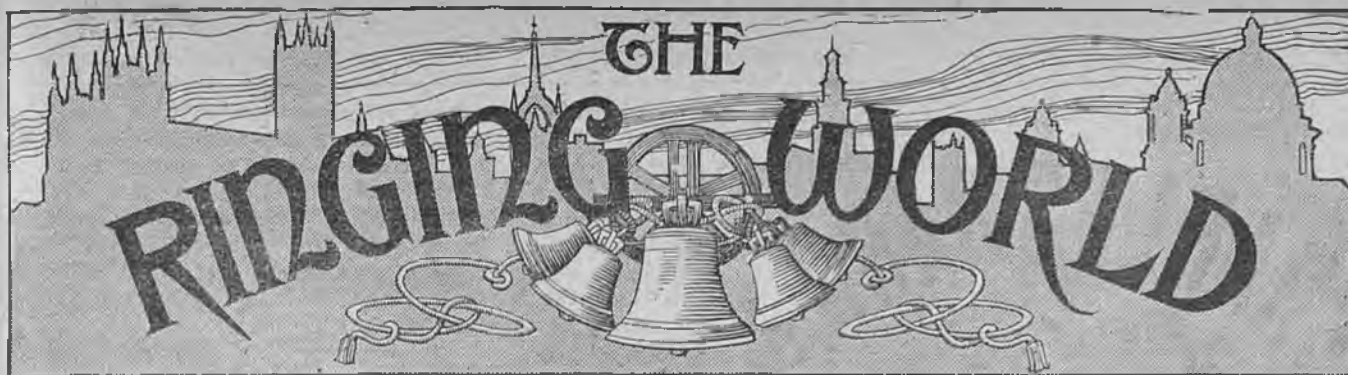
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### LONDON'S BELLS.

Just two years ago a suggestion was made in this column that the ringing societies of London might get together with a view to endeavouring to bring about an improved condition of affairs in the belfries of the Metropolis. Up to the present nothing has been done. It is an acknowledged fact that some of the towers in London are among the worst cared for in the country, and this is certainly not creditable to the authorities who are responsible for the upkeep of the fabric and the furnishings of the churches. Many peals of bells are in such a neglected state as to be almost unringable, and they are gradually falling into disuse. There is in this a cause for regret, particularly in view of the gradual closing, from various reasons, of other towers for peal ringing. For instance, among the eight twelve-bell towers there are only two which are freely available for peal ringing. There are, we believe, sixteen peals of ten within what may be termed London's inner radius, but how many of these are regularly rung and how many are available for regular peal ringing? How often now does one read of any noteworthy performance at towers like Christ Church, Spitalfields; St. James's, Clerkenwell; St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street—to mention only three out of the many rings of eight?

What does it all point to? That the majority of towers in London are closed to ringers, unless under exceptional circumstances. Surely there are some among the 'derelicts' that might be recovered for ringing if among the ringers of London some sort of united effort could be made. In might be an uphill task, and at the outset, perhaps, a discouraging one, but a steady application to the object would most assuredly result, in the long run, in improvements here and there. Joint action by the various London societies would, we feel convinced, be the best method of tackling the problem. It may bristle with difficulties, but to adopt an attitude of indifference is only to set a bad example to those whose apathy is largely responsible for the condition of many of the rings of bells in the Metropolis. We are not quite sure, however, that it is entirely indifference that has resulted in nothing being done by the ringing societies. It may be they feel they cannot press bell restorations in churches where they could not offer to provide service ringers. That is one of the chief difficulties which would confront any committee formed to deal with the subject, but we venture to think it is not entirely insurmountable; indeed it opens an additional avenue for effort in the training of more ringers. There is, however, another obstacle, we think, to any combined action, and one that we should like to see removed. Under the surface in London there

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is a certain amount of jealousy between rival societies, which erects a barrier against any kind of joint working. If only this spirit could be removed and a little more mutual good-will introduced, much, we are sure, might, with time, be accomplished. The peal ringing facilities in London are being gradually narrowed, and if the societies which centre in and overlap the Metropolis are to 'keep the flag flying' they will have to get fresh towers available in which to maintain the art.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, LOWER THAMES ST.,  
CITY.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES:**

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                            |   |                           |       |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------|-------|
| ARTHUR J. NEALE ... ..     | 1 | HERBERT J. SKELT ... ..   | 6     |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. | 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. | 7     |
| ERNEST J. KING ... ..      | 3 | LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... ..  | 8     |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... ..    | 4 | JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... ..  | 9     |
| WILLIAM MILLER ... ..      | 5 | EDWARD D. SMITH ... ..    | Tenor |

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Surprise Royal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WEST HAM, E.

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES:**

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                            |        |                          |       |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... .. | Treble | JAMES SCHOLES ... ..     | 6     |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... .. | 2      | GEORGE HAYDON ... ..     | 7     |
| ERNEST J. KING ... ..      | 3      | ALBERT J. BAYNES ... ..  | 8     |
| WILLIAM MILLER ... ..      | 4      | JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... .. | 9     |
| FRANK C. NEWMAN ... ..     | 5      | EDWARD D. SMITH ... ..   | Tenor |

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF 'SPliced' STEDMAN AND GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5077 CHANGES:**

Tenor 32 cwt.

|                          |        |                            |       |
|--------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|
| NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ... .. | Treble | EDWARD C. COBEY ... ..     | 6     |
| G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. | 2      | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. | 7     |
| ALBERT COPPOCK ... ..    | 3      | ERNEST MORRIS ... ..       | 8     |
| FRED S. PRICE ... ..     | 4      | FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... .. | 9     |
| J. CHARLES DICKEN ... .. | 5      | PERCIVAL PRICE ... ..      | Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal contains 2,556 changes Stedman and 2,521 Grandsire, and is the first peal rung with these methods 'spliced.' It was the conductor's 50th peal this year.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes*  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES:**

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                         |        |                               |       |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-------|
| WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. | Treble | WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... ..      | 6     |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... ..  | 2      | CHARLES W. BIRD ... ..        | 7     |
| JOHN HOLMAN ... ..      | 3      | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... .. | 8     |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. | 4      | HAROLD W. CLARK ... ..        | 9     |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... ..    | 5      | WILLIAM PYE ... ..            | Tenor |

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

First peal of Cambridge Royal as conductor. Mr. J. Holman is from Sheffield; Mr. Bird from Kettering.



WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

**A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

In Kent and Oxford Variations.

Tenor 25 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6     |
| JOHN HAYES ... .. 2           | JAMES MORGAN ... .. 7        |
| HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 3       | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8   |
| *JOHN W. DAVIES ... .. 4      | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 9      |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 5     | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal on ten, and on the bells since tenor has been rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. In this peal there are no bobs, Oxford Places being made instead of Kent at the calls, and the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th are never in the slow work. It is believed to be the first peal of Royal rung without bobs.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 20, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WILLESDEN, N.W.,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| EDWARD C. LANKASTER ... Treble | *LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 5  |
| THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2      | GEORGE M. KILBY ... 6     |
| CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3        | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7 |
| JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 4        | HARRY KILBY ... Tenor     |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

\* First peal of Surprise.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                          |                              |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| A. BOULTON ... .. Treble | ROBT. LAUGHTON ... .. 5      |
| T. METCALFE ... .. 2     | WM. AINSWORTH ... .. 6       |
| G. KEMBALL ... .. 3      | J. C. POLLARD ... .. 7       |
| C. ROBINSON ... .. 4     | THOS. LANCASTER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. C. POLLARD.

MELKSHAM, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JESSE FRANCIS ... .. Treble | ARTHUR J. WEST ... .. 5       |
| ARTHUR W. ANGEL ... .. 2    | WILLIAM C. WEST ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE H. ARCHARD ... .. 3  | WALTER S. BURBIDGE ... 7      |
| FREDERICK LAMBETH ... .. 4  | HARRY MOCKERIDGE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM C. WEST.

\* First peal as conductor.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *P.C. JOHN MULLINER ... Treble | P.C. WILLIAM PYE ... .. 5      |
| P.C. DONALD BROWN ... 2        | P.C. JOSEPH WILSON ... .. 6    |
| P.C. GEORGE PYE ... .. 3       | P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ... 7      |
| P.C. JOHN CARTER ... .. 4      | P.C. JAMES TURNER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by P.C. FREDERICK PAGE.

\* First peal. All of the above band are members of the Manchester City Force.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, DEANE,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FRED ABBOTT ... .. Treble | TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... .. 5 |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 2   | GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. 6     |
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 3 | PETER CROOK ... .. 7        |
| HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 4   | THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Arranged for the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Derby.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF BROOKS'.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble | C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT ... 5   |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2     | HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 6    |
| RICHARD SMITH ... .. 3      | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7   |
| EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 4     | HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM SPICE ... .. Treble | SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 5      |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2   | THOMAS JULL ... .. 6           |
| WILLIAM NYE ... .. 3        | C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7    |
| GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 4     | STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. BENNETT, R.M.

Specially rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Jull on his silver wedding day. Also as an induction peal for the Rev. King, first Vicar of St. Mary's, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.**

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble | THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 5      |
| GEORGE DENNE ... .. 2         | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3         | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 7    |
| GEORGE ABLITT ... .. 4        | LESLIE C. BRETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

This peal is on the short course plan, and contains 64 course-ends, the 6th bell being 16 times wrong and right.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *JAMES DRAYCOTT ... Treble | ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 5      |
| *CHARLES E. RAYSON ... 2   | *ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6     |
| MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... 3 | †JOHN E. S. MORETON ... 7    |
| ERNEST STONE ... .. 4      | †WILLIAM BADGER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. BEAMISH.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First in the method away from the tenor.

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## DERBY, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES.

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. Treble | JOHN FLOWER ... .. 5     |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 2      | JAMES PAGETT ... .. 6    |
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. 3          | SYDNEY DAWSON ... .. 7   |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4        | JOHN CURTIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by MAURICE SWINFELD.

The first peal away from Duffield by the ringer of the seventh. Mr. James George's 50th peal this year.

## TUNSTALL, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| LEONARD MANNERING ... Treble | THOMAS JULL ... .. 5       |
| ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... .. 2    | WILLIAM NYE ... .. 6       |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 3    | GEORGE KENWARD ... .. 7    |
| C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4  | WILLIAM SPICE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. BENNETT, R.M.

This peal was specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, now in Manchuria, the anniversary occurring on October 24th.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,  
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES.

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | ERNEST W. TIPLER ... .. 5  |
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 2     | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 6 |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3      | C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 7 |
| ALBAN DISNEY ... .. 4          | JOHN GRANT ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

## ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES.

H. W. WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| †SAM JONES, JUN. ... .. Tenor | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 5    |
| HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 2       | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 6    |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3      | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM SCONCE ... .. 4       | *WALTER THOMAS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by SAM JONES, JUN.

J. H. Riding's 200th peal. \* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor in the method.

## IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| NORMAN THOMAS ... .. Treble | ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 5      |
| GEORGE BASFORD ... .. 2     | DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE LINES ... .. 3       | JAMES M. NICKERSON ... .. 7 |
| JOHN R. MAIN ... .. 4       | WALTER PERKINS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Monday, Sept. 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, J. F. Sharp (conductor) 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr. (composer), 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Also on October 5th, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins., conducted by J. F. Sharp, with A. Allen taking the place of G. H. Edwards.

## BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5052 CHANGES.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble | HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. 2        | *CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... .. 6 |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3            | WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 7  |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 4      | JOHN LLOYD ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Surprise away from the treble.

## DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... Treble | HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 5       |
| AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... .. 2      | CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 6     |
| CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... .. 3     | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 7       |
| ALBERT FLEET ... .. 4          | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the eve and in honour of All Saints' Day.

## BLACKBURN, LANCs.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES.

JOHN CARTER'S No. 9.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A. TOMLINSON ... .. Treble | SAM HOLT ... .. 5             |
| LAWRENCE WILLIAMS ... .. 2 | JOHN WATSON ... .. 6          |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... .. 3 | ARTHUR RIDYAD ... .. 7        |
| FRED HINDLE ... .. 4       | *JAMES H. BASTOW ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR RIDYAD.

\* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a 'welcome home' of James H. Bastow, a former secretary of the Rochdale Branch of the Lancs Association, who has spent several years in Mexico.

## COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

## THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES.

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. Treble | CHARLES DALE ... .. 5        |
| BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 2     | JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 3    | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 7        |
| ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 4    | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for Cambridge Major. A birthday compliment to Frederick Clayton, one of the local ringers, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part in the peal.

## BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ALLEN C. JONES ... .. Treble | CHARLES H. PERRY ... .. 5       |
| RICHARD EVANS ... .. 2       | ALBERT J. PITMAN ... .. 6       |
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. 3       | DAVID R. JAMES ... .. 7         |
| ALFRED TALBOT ... .. 4       | *WILLIAM H. WRIGHT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. J. PITMAN.

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

\* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method for all, and rung at the first attempt.

FULHAM.—On Friday, Oct. 16th, in the belfry of All Saints', Fulham, on handbells, 1,239 Stedman Caters: D. Stevens 1—2, W. E. Judd 3—4, J. W. Driver 5—6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7—8, R. Stevens 9—10.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.  
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
MASONIC PEAL.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| GEO. A. PICKERING, S.S. Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406 ...                    | Treble |
| CHAS. L. ROUTLEDGE, P.M. Hotspur Lodge, 1626, P.P.G. Treas., Northumberland ... | 2      |
| MATHEW ANDERSON, Prudence Lodge, 3424 ...                                       | 3      |
| GEO. W. MURRAY, Buddle Lodge, 3937 ...  | 4      |
| WM. STORY, S.W. Hotspur Lodge, 1626 ...   | 5      |
| JAS. E. R. KEEN, Buddle Lodge, 3937 ...   | 6      |
| ADAM DEAS, Northern Counties Lodge, 406 ...                                     | 7      |
| ALBERT M. HALL, Hotspur Lodge, 1626 ...   | Tenor  |

Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

This is the first peal by Masonic brethren by the association. All are members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild, and all service ringers except one honorary member, A. Deas. Bro. Murray's first peal of Triples in the method.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's.

|                       |        |                        |       |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... | Treble | *CHARLES WADSWORTH ... | 4     |
| *CHARLES SARGENT ...  | 2      | WILLIAM STAPLETON ...  | 5     |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... | 3      | HENRY STAPLETON ...    | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

\* First peal of Minor.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                     |        |                   |       |
|---------------------|--------|-------------------|-------|
| RICHARD THOMAS ...  | Treble | CHRIS BOWERS ...  | 4     |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... | 2      | DAVID HORNE ...   | 5     |
| SYDNEY HOLT ...     | 3      | GEORGE JORDON ... | Tenor |

Conducted by DAVID HORNE.

Rung for harvest thanksgiving service.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                     |        |                     |       |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------|-------|
| GILBERT HASSELL ... | Treble | JOHN FEAR ...       | 4     |
| FREDERICK BROWN ... | 2      | WILLIAM YOUNG ...   | 5     |
| WILFRED YOUNG ...   | 3      | R. THOMAS CLARK ... | Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                        |        |                        |       |
|------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| EDWIN YATES ...        | Treble | *WALTER SEAR ...       | 4     |
| †HARRY SEAR ...        | 2      | THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... | 5     |
| HERBERT E. EDWARDS ... | 3      | ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...  | Tenor |

Composed by Rev. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT

\* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day, and for the birthday of the conductor's mother.

STOCKTON, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, 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 13 cwt. 20 lb. in E.

|                       |        |                       |       |
|-----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| GEORGE W. WALL ...    | Treble | CHARLES PICKEN ...    | 4     |
| JOHN WESTON, SEN. ... | 2      | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... | 5     |
| JOHN WESTON, JUN. ... | 3      | *THOMAS OLIVER ...    | Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

\* First peal. First peal upon this lovely ring of bells. All the ringers are members of the local company except the conductor, who hails from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                       |        |                      |       |
|-----------------------|--------|----------------------|-------|
| *FRANK DEWEY ...      | Treble | JOHN PHILLIPS ...    | 4     |
| *JOHN R. YOUNG ...    | 2      | *GEORGE COLEMAN ...  | 5     |
| WILLIAM E. CLARKE ... | 3      | ARTHUR H. PALMER ... | Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

\* First peal with Treble Bob.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                       |        |                         |       |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| *GEORGE S. FOWLER ... | Treble | WILLIAM LANCASTER ...   | 4     |
| FRED BLACKLIDGE ...   | 2      | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... | 5     |
| JOHN H. GARTSIDE ...  | 3      | WILLIAM FOWLER ...      | Tenor |

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal. Ben Knights has now rung a peal of Kent Treble Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

|                   |        |                    |       |
|-------------------|--------|--------------------|-------|
| GEORGE SEWELL ... | Treble | ARTHUR RIGGALL ... | 4     |
| JOHN T. BROWN ... | 2      | GEORGE LADD ...    | 5     |
| JOHN G. AMES ...  | 3      | HORACE M. DAY ...  | Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

One hundredth peal by Mr. Ladd, the highly-esteemed hon. secretary of the Elloe Deaneries Branch.

**SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

Favoured with beautiful weather, upwards of 40 members and friends attended a quarterly meeting at Kingswinford. The bells were set going soon after three o'clock, and amongst the methods rung were London and Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. A short service was held in church, when a helpful address was delivered by the Rev. A. H. Messiter (Vicar). A capital tea was provided in the Schoolroom.

The Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer) reported having made applications to the respective local superintendents of the L.M.S. and G.W. Railways re reduced fares for ringers, and the replies received from them, as well as one from the Clearing House, were not of a hopeful nature.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc., and to the ladies who arranged and served the tea.

The next meeting is fixed to take place on January 9th, at Wednesbury.

## 'MISSIONARY' PEAL RINGING.

The five following peals are the result of a week of evening ringing undertaken chiefly to infuse enthusiasm among the local ringers at the various towers.

## CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 24, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *SAMUEL SHARRATT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM T. POWELL ... .. 5  |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2        | THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 6    |
| JOHN C. ADAMS ... .. 3         | SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 7       |
| †WILLIAM BENTON ... .. 4       | †THOMAS FOWELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung in the octave of the dedication festival; also as a birthday peal for E. F. Mitchell. \* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal and first attempt, and are members of the local band. At the completion of the peal a sumptuous tea was provided by the Vicar, churchwardens, and members of the local company, to whom thanks are due.

## WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, October 26, 1925, in Three Hours.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN.

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Treble | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5        |
| EDGAR MARLOW ... .. 2          | EDWIN E. TYLER ... .. 6      |
| CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 3  | BERT HORTON ... .. 7         |
| *SIDNEY ELTON ... .. 4         | THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

\* First peal in the method.

## WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, October 29, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| SIDNEY ELTON ... .. Treble | JOHN PERRY ... .. 5           |
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 2  | WILLIAM FISHER ... .. 6       |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 3    | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 7 |
| JAMES GEORGE ... .. 4      | THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

The above band represents eight different towers, viz., Blakenhall Heath, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, Bishop Ryders, Brewood, Coseley, Willenhall and Walsall.

## WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, October 30, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *BERT H. POOTNEY... .. Treble | CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... .. 5 |
| ALFRED FALLON ... .. 2        | EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... .. 6   |
| JOHN PERRY ... .. 3           | HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 7       |
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 4     | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor     |

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT

\* First peal of Major and first attempt. This is the Archdeaconry of Stafford Society's 1,000th peal.

## BREWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours.

## AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JAMES E. GROVES ... .. Treble | THOMAS J. ELTON ... .. 5  |
| HERBERT KNIGHT ... .. 2       | BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. 6   |
| ROBERT PICKERING ... .. 3     | JOHN PERRY ... .. 7       |
| ALBERT G. HUNT... .. 4        | THOMAS PERRY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Surprise.

## HANDBELL PEALS.

## LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes.

## AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13 in E.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 1-2 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... .. 5-6    |
| WALTER AYRE ... .. 3-4        | ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7-8 |

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Umpire: MRS. R. RICHARDSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

## LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

## IN THE SCHOOL,

## 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  | MRS. ROBERT RICHARDSON ... .. 7-8 |

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM. Conducted by W. AYRE.

## DEATH OF A COLLEGE YOUTH.

## MR. J. C. SMITH SUCCEUMS TO EFFECTS OF WAR SERVICE.

A talented musician, as well as a ringer and a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Mr. Joseph Cubitt Smith died at Friston, Sussex, on October 16th. Had he lived until the 21st he would have been 42 years of age.

Deceased was the son of Mr. William D. Smith, late superintendent of the E.C. District Office of the London Postal Service, now residing at 8, The Avenue, Eastbourne, and a brother of Mrs. A. A. Hughes, of the Whitechapel Foundry. Mr. J. C. Smith was well known to the older generation of College Youths, and although he never took part in a peal, he was always interested in ringing. On several occasions he had taken an orchestra to the College Youths annual dinner, and he was, like his sister, an expert handbell ringer.

The late Mr. Smith served from the outbreak of the war in the postal section of the R.E., but as a result of his service with the colours he contracted pleurisy, which developed into pulmonary tuberculosis. He made a most gallant fight against this insidious disease, to which, unhappily, he finally succumbed.

Besides being a proficient performer on a number of instruments he was a keen student of classical music, of which he had a valuable collection. After having to retire from the postal service through the breakdown of his health, he joined the orchestra at Devonshire Park Theatre, Eastbourne, and took a keen interest in local musical affairs. He also helped materially to resuscitate the Theosophical Society in Eastbourne, which owes its present sound position to his efforts.

The funeral took place on October 20th, at Ocklynge Cemetery, Eastbourne, when the Rev. A. B. Evans, Vicar of Friston, officiated, and many beautiful floral tributes were received.

At the meeting of the College Youths, on October 20th, a vote of condolence with the bereaved family was passed. Mr. Smith leaves a widow and a son (aged five years) to mourn their loss.

## FIFTY YEARS OF CHURCH WORK.

Mr. Algernon Newman, of St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, has now completed 50 years' service as a church worker. A native of Wootton Waven, Warwick, he was a chorister in the church there when a boy. Moving to Chipping Campden he again joined the choir, and chimed the bells for service. Going North, he was stationed for some time at Workington and Barrow-in-Furness, where he joined the Cumberland Association of Change Ringers. Business again caused him to move to Heywood, and finally to Rawtenstall, where he has now resided 26 years, and has been actively identified with the church and ringers there ever since.

## RINGER'S DEATH IN CANADA.

At Folkestone, Kent, on Friday, October 30th, a muffled quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 53 mins.: H. Jones 1, S. Baker 2, C. R. Millway 3, A. Binfield 4, S. Binfield 5, R. H. Stevens 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, J. Coppins 8. Rung in memory of the late H. A. Potts, for many years a ringer at this church, who recently died in Canada. Messrs. Jones, Millway, Stevens and Turner from Dover; S. Baker from Cheriton; the rest are local men.



**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****BELFRY ELECTIONS.**

The annual meeting of Lewisham District was held at St. John's, Deptford, on Saturday last. The bells were made good use of throughout the afternoon and evening.

Service was held in the church at 5 p.m. The Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Neill) officiated, assisted by the curate, and the former gave a very interesting address. The organ was played by Mr. Johnson.

The service was followed by a splendid tea, kindly supplied by the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. Jobson and Ward), and efficiently served by several ladies of the parish. After tea, some of the members performed on handbells to the delight of all those present.

Mr. F. W. Thornton proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for all they had done to make the social part of the proceedings such a great success.—This was carried with applause.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

The secretary's report for the past year was read and adopted. Five new members were elected, and the ratification of one member's election previous to a peal, was carried.

The retiring officers were re-elected, viz., Mr. A. G. Hill, hon. secretary, and Messrs. W. J. Jeffries and I. Emery, district representatives. St. John's, Erith, was chosen as the place of the next meeting.

A lengthy discussion of Rule 15 resulted in instructions being given to the District Representatives to give notice to the general committee of a motion to be put to the annual general meeting to delete the restriction of elections previous to peals to two new members.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service and for the address; to the curate and organist for their services; to the Vicar and churchwarden for the splendid tea provided; and to Mr. Bacon, secretary of the Church Room Fund, for the accommodation for the tea and meeting.—This was carried with applause.

Mr. E. Barnett, senr., endorsed the vote of thanks for the address, and made particular reference to the originality of the Vicar's remarks.—The Vicar responded.

Mr. F. W. Thornton then moved a similar vote to Mr. W. J. Jeffries for his ready aid on this and similar occasions in the past.

This concluded a successful meeting, the company repairing to the tower for further ringing.

**DEATH OF OXFORD GUILD RINGER.****NORTH BUCKS PIONEER.**

We regret to announce that death of Mr. R. Nicholls, which took place at Newton Longville, Bucks, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, after a few days' illness. He was 53 years of age, and a life member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

In 1904 he suggested to the Rev. Leslie Norris, at that time Vicar of Newton Longville, that he thought the time had come for a branch of the Guild to be started in their district, and invitations were sent to the ringers of surrounding towers to meet at Newton Longville on the first Saturday in July of that year.

A large number turned up, and the North Bucks branch was thus formed.

**5,040 KENT & OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL**

A SPLICED PEAL. By HENRY W. WILDE.

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| 36245 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 63245 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45236 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 38524 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 23564 | — | — | — | — | — |

Twice repeated.

In this peal there are no Bobs, Oxford places being made instead of Kent places at the lead ends, marked under the head 1, 3, 5, 7.

The calls at 3 and 5 shorten the course by two leads, and the 7th, 8th, 9th and tenor are never in the slow work.

Rung at Wrexham, Oct. 27th, conducted by R. Sperring.

**THE FIRST VICAR OF BIRSTALL.**

At Birstall, Leicestershire, on Wednesday, Oct. 28th, at the Church of St. James-the-Great, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. A. Skinner 1, G. Dickinson 2, J. Pole 3, A. Disney 4, R. Barrow (conductor) 5. Specially arranged and rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. W. Walker on his coming to Birstall as its first Vicar.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The association of our church bells with Armistice Day has already been established by custom, and next Wednesday from all steeples in the land we may expect to hear the bells paying tribute to the dead, whom we mourn, and afterwards celebrating the anniversary of the conclusion of the war.

Mr. Fred Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, has been appointed by the Bishop of Peterborough to serve on the Diocesan Advisory Board. Some associations are finding it difficult to get representation, but Mr. Wilford is now in a position to give them information if they desire it.

The bells of St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham, are to be broadcast from 7.45 to 8 p.m., prior to a special service on Sunday evening next, November 8th.

At the request of the Rector of St. Martin's, Birmingham, the famous bells in the Bull Ring are being rung each Thursday from 12.30 to 1.10 p.m. for the business men's mid-day service, which is now a feature of the work at St. Martin's. Good ringers will be welcome.

Ringers will read with interest of the unique performance at Nottingham, where a peal of spliced Stedman and Grandsire Caters has been rung. The ingenious composition is the product of the fertile brain of Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, and we hope to publish the figures next week. The peal consists of 2,556 changes of Stedman and 2,521 of Grandsire.

The 1,000th peal by the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was rung at Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, last week.

After several years in Mexico, Mr. James H. Bastow has returned to Blackburn, Lancs, and on Saturday rang the tenor to a 'welcome home' peal of Stedman Triples.

Newcastle Cathedral Guild has scored a Masonic peal with a band of Sunday Service ringers, except for one honorary member. When is the Ringers' Lodge to be formed?

'Six hats will be given to the company who ring the best round peal for the space of 30 minutes.' This novel offer accompanied the announcement of the opening of the bells at Glington, near Peterborough, which took place on November 11th, 1799. It would be interesting to know who was the donor of the hats, and who were the winners. The bells were a ring of six, cast and hung by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, Norfolk.

On Oct. 8th, 1888, a peal of 6,720 London Surprise Major was rung at Burton.

The jubilee of the first peal by the Yorkshire Association occurs next week. This was rung on November 9th, 1875, at Holy Trinity, Hull, and was Holt's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by the late Mr. Charles Jackson. This event should be fittingly celebrated in the county of broad acres.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in Liverpool was rung on November 9th, 1800.

The Society of Cumberland Youths rang a peal of 5,136 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark on Nov. 10th, 1766.

Mr. William C. Rumsey, of Debenham, has had a unique, and, perhaps, a lucky experience in his ringing at Framlingham. Framlingham is eight miles from Debenham, and in eight successive attempts he has rung eight peals in the tower, and on each occasion has rung a different bell, the number of methods being six. It has taken Mr. Rumsey over twenty years to do it, but the 'circle,' or should it be the 'octagon?' was completed with the peal of Stedman Triples recorded in our issue of October 16th.

The policemen of Manchester have scored another peal. It is fortunate for them that the threatened Act of suppression is not yet passed, otherwise the dock instead of the witness-box might have been their future lot.

The restoration of the bells at Buxted, Sussex, is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

## 1,111 720's.

To ring one thousand one hundred and eleven 720's of Minor, and to keep count of them all, is the noteworthy achievement of Mr. F. Clinkard, of the Oxford Society. He reached the 'four ones' when he took part in 720 Kent Treble Bob at St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Oxford, on Sunday evening, Oct. 25th, the band being H. Tolley 1, F. Clinkard 2, G. Stace 3, W. Collett 4, C. Coles 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6.

**BIRTHPLACE OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

WHERE THE SOCIETY WILL MEET TO-MORROW.

St. Michael's, Paternoster Royal, situated on College Hill, in the City of London, where the College Youths will hold their service to-morrow, prior to their annual dinner, was the birthplace of the Ancient Society. Sir Richard Whittington founded the College, together with some almshouses, and the old church attached to the College possessed a peal of six bells.



THE FIRST 'HOME' OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Here the young gentlemen of the neighbourhood used to amuse themselves by chiming the bells in rounds. Some of them were members of the aristocracy, and in 1637, on the 5th of November, they founded the society.

They called themselves 'College Youths,' and their object was to practise and promote the art of ringing. Among those associated with the formation of the society were Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, the Marquis of Salisbury, Lord Dacre, some of the city aldermen, and many gentlemen in the neighbourhood of the College. For some time only rounds and call changes were rung, but, in time, they studied change ringing, and eventually achieved 120 of Rob Doubles. This was, it is supposed, about 1642. Little progress, however, was made, until about 1677, when Fabian Stedman, the Cambridge printer, published his 'Campanologia,' and dedicated it to the society, of which he was an honoured member.

But this later advance in change ringing was not made at the church on College Hill. St. Michael's, with its tower and six bells, was swept away in the great fire of 1666, and was rebuilt from Wren's designs, and finished in 1694. The lantern and turret, however, were not added until 1713, and alas, the tower has since contained only one bell. It was originally cast by John Hodson in 1674, and was recast in 1892 at the Whitechapel Foundry.

**OXFORD MASTER'S WEDDING.**

On Monday, October 26th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford, 720 Kent and 720 Oxford Treble Bob by members of the Oxford Society, in honour of the wedding of their present Master, Mr. William Harris, which was solemnised at the Church of St. Ebbe on that day: W. Finch, W. Henagough, H. Tolley, G. Stace, F. Clinkard, W. Collett and W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor).

**OPENING UP A NEW FIELD.**

A STANDARD WORK ON 'SP LICING.'

All that is best in six-bell methods has, it is believed, been obtained, and most of it has been included in the Central Council's Collection. A few years ago, however, seven true extents could not be rung unless it was made up of seven methods, or of less methods with one or more of them repeated. But recent advances in ringing have shown that it is possible to put quite a number of methods into a true 720, so coupled together that changes come in perfect sequence and rounds, or any other change, occurs only once in the 720.

A few bands have pursued this branch of Minor ringing, and have proved it a fascinating study. Up to the present, 35 methods have been included in a peal of 5,640 changes, but even that large number is not the limit, and the future of Minor ringing lies, we believe, in the direction of splicing—it is at any rate the only direction at present open for advance. Regular Minor ringers—and others who only ring on six bells occasionally—will find, therefore, that to keep pace with the times, they must understand method splicing.

Until 'the Ringing World' published the recent series of articles by Mr. J. P. Fidler, the subject was little understood, but Mr. Fidler has thrown a flood of light upon this interesting form of ringing, and numerous bands are now taking their first steps in 'splicing.' 'The Ringing World' articles stirred interest in and a desire for closer acquaintance with the subject, but a far more convenient means of study would be provided if all the information were collected under one cover.

This we propose to facilitate by reprinting Mr. Fidler's articles in book form, and supplementing the work by an exposition on splicing generally (Mr. Fidler having devoted himself principally to the practical application of the problem) written by that well-known authority, Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland. In addition the book will contain a number of spliced extents, employing in their construction six and eight methods, so that in its complete form it will be a standard work upon the subject.

We anticipate a big demand for this publication, because interest in 'splicing' does not rest merely with those who desire to ring peals. Service and practice ringing will receive added interest if a band can ring a spliced 720 containing anything up to eight methods, instead of being confined to one only.

**CHEAP RAILWAY TRAVELLING FACILITIES***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As your readers are aware, efforts have been made to obtain cheaper travelling facilities, and, as you pointed out last week, I regret without success. I had, however, a final interview with one of the representatives at the Railway Clearing House on Thursday, and he was good enough to explain to me the general point of view of the other side, and what their difficulties were. Doubtless, if we could surmount these, and try again at some future date, we might hope to have, in my opinion, a more favourable result.

The subject may well be one for discussion at the Council's meeting at Ipswich next year.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG,

Hon. Sec., Central Council.

155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

We are informed by Mr. H. Haigh, hon. secretary of the North Notts Association, that in and around Doncaster District the London and North-Eastern Railway Co. are granting return tickets to ringers at single fare on Saturdays only. This is a considerable concession, and ought to open the way to further negotiation.

**THE FIRST PEAL AT STOCKTON, SALOP.**

On Saturday last the first peal was rung upon the lovely ring of six at the Church of St. Chad, the conductor of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, being invited to conduct this first peal on them. The Rector (the Rev. T. H. P. Hyett) met the ringers at the end of the performance, as did also some of the local men, who did not take part, and congratulated them on the excellent striking from start to finish. Afterwards, by kind invitation of the Rector and his wife, the local ringers were entertained to a meat tea at the Rectory, and a pleasant two hours were spent in the study. The Rector expressed his appreciation of the services of the ringers, and he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his kind hospitality.—The Rector thanked Mr. Lilley for coming over to Stockton for the occasion, he having ridden 18 miles to get there, some part of the journey being over very hilly country. The Rector told the ringers he proposed to have a board erected to record the first peal ever rung at Stockton, and hoped they would soon score another.

These bells were rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. about 1890, and the 'go' is perfect.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE EVOLUTION OF NAMES.—HISTORY IN TITLES.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

The Rev. Mr. Herbert Drake is, I understand, not at all pleased with me. I have, so it seems, abused the committee, of which he is so distinguished an ornament. I have not played the game, inasmuch as when criticising that committee I said the same thing twice but in different form. But the head and front of my offending is that my criticism has not been constructive criticism; I have not helped the committee. True. Most true. But then I did not intend to help the committee; rather, in fact, I wanted to hinder them, and so far as in me lay, to bring their scheme to naught. Let us grant to the full ('tis but justice) their good intentions and their general abilities; but I have yet to learn that good intentions give a man immunity from error, or that general ability is any adequate substitute for technical knowledge.

The committee tells us that in the naming of methods 'a state of almost indescribable confusion has arisen,' and gives that as the reason for proposing drastic changes affecting the titles of methods past, present, and to come. I totally deny the truth of the statement. When you look at the names used for methods, you will certainly find a lack of any cast-iron system to guide their selection, but could you expect it? or should you wish it?

For more than three hundred years men have been inventing and naming, and ringing new methods, and these names are witnesses to the progress and history of the art. The ancients' ideals in method naming may not be the same as ours are to-day, but they had perfectly good reasons for what they did, and often you can learn a lot by studying the names they used. But of this our committee appears to take no heed.

For instance, the method Mr. Drake uses as an illustration—London Scholars' Pleasure. Apparently to him London is the name of the method, and Pleasure a classification subtitle, as Treble Bob is. Of 'Scholars' he can make neither head nor tail. It is rather brutal to tell him the truth, but I think it ought to be done.

During the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries a good many ringing societies were formed, and their custom was usually to call themselves Youths or Scholars. Why, I do not know, but there is no reason why they should not have done so if they thought fit.

Among these were the 'Schollers of Clepepyde' (founded in 1603), the Norwich Scholars, the Eastern Scholars, the College Youths (not then ancient), the Union Scholars, the City Scholars, the Cambridge Youths, and the London Scholars. Doleman was a member of this last, and their performances included the first peal of Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 17th, 1717: 6,006 Grandsire Cinques on March 14th, 1727, at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (the first peal on the bells), and 6,204 in the same method at St. Michael's, Cornhill, in 1729. These were three very notable performances, and show that the society included some very skillful ringers.

Exactly what happened to it is not quite certain, but the tradition is that it did not die out, as did the Union Scholars, the Eastern Scholars, and most of the others, but it changed its name, and continues to this day. In 1745 or 6, the Duke of Cumberland returned to London, after the battle of Culloden, which ended the last armed rising in favour of the exiled Stuarts. On his way to the City he passed St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, where the London Scholars were ringing to welcome him. He was pleased with the ringing, and sent and complimented the performers, who were so gratified by the princely condescension that they changed their name, and thereafter became the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths; and so continue to this day.

This was the society, and long before they aspired to Grandsire Caters or Cinques they were, like all the others, six-bell ringers. They had their favourite methods, and one especially, which, if I remember rightly, Doleman composed for them they took so much delight in, that they called it by their own name—London Scholars' 'pleasure.'

That is the history of the methods' name. It takes us back to the early days of the Exercise, and connects us with the men whose heirs we are. But the committee cares for none of these things. They do not understand the name; they think it unsuitable, and would draw a wet sponge across it and all its associations.

Mr. Burton is no happier in his illustration. He is consumed by a zeal for simplicity. When you are in the tower, he tells us, you do not say 'Go Double Norwich Court Bob Major.' You say, 'Go Double Norwich.' And even then there is one word too many; Norwich alone would suffice. Let us then get rid of all these superfluous words, and especially the word 'Bob,' which is ridiculous.

Now I suppose there is no name of a method or any other ringing term which is so eloquent of the life and progress of change ringing as the name of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. Each of the five words stands for an important fact in the history of the art. It took more than a hundred years before the full title was evolved, and each word was adopted to mark the recognition of an important truth.

The first scientific ringing that was practised was the old plain changes, the principle of which is that the bells normally keep the same position, and that individual bells called 'Hunts' were moved among them. This form of ringing, which superficially somewhat resembles modern 'Stoney,' was developed with great skill by Fabian Stedman and other seventeenth century ringers. It was in construction quite as scientific as modern method ringing, but was bound to be monotonous to the ringers other than the conductor, and in due course gave way to 'Cross Peals.' In a 'Cross Peal,' all the bells normally plain hunted, and to get variety and fresh changes, dodging had to be introduced. This dodging was called a bob—why, is pretty obvious. The distinction between the dodging of the method and the called bob did not appear till later. Thus, Stedman tells us that in Grandsire Doubles there are two sorts of bob, one single and the other double, which correspond to what we now call a plain lead end and a bobbed lead end. Now, as the difference between method and method consisted solely in the way and position these dodges or bobs were made, it was natural that men should speak of them and treat them as if they were the method. Thus, the name Grandsire Bob really means that arrangement of dodging, which we call Grandsire; in other words, it really means the Grandsire method.

As ringing developed, it was found necessary for the conductor to tell the ringers when to make some of the dodges; and, to do so, he naturally used the word 'bob,' which is sharp and to the point, and means what it says; but other dodges were none the less bobs, although they were not called. Nor was there any fixed rule as to which bobs should be called, and which understood by the ringers.

In Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, the custom was, in some places at any rate, to call only the Fifth's place bobs, and leave the ordinary Grandsire Third's place bob to the individual ringer. Before the first quarter of the eighteenth century had passed, the present distinction between the dodges, which are the method, and the bobs, which are the composition, had been evolved.

A third use of the word bob survives. This is in the title Treble Bob, which means exactly what it says—a method in which the treble dodges.

So we have three distinct uses of this word; all are directly due to the original and natural use of the term. The word 'bob,' as the equivalent of 'method,' has in quite recent times been restricted to a particular class of method, but this is only carrying out a tendency which has for very long existed. And there is not and never has been any confusion or misunderstanding from this triple use of the word, either in practice or in theory.

When ringers began to practise different methods they naturally began to give them names to distinguish one from another, and like any other people they had various reasons for these names. Some mark the connection of a method with a particular town, as Cambridge Surprise or Oxford Bob. Some were called by the name of the society who first rang them, as College Bob, Union Bob, or London Scholars' Pleasure. Some were merely fancy names, such as 'Phoenix,' or 'What You Please,' or 'Paradox.' Some were descriptive names, such as Grandsire, or Crambo, or Old Doubles. And one of these names was Court Bob, a very good name which I suppose should be included in the fancy names.

Court Bob originally was a six-bell method. In fact, until nearly the end of the seventeenth century all ringing or practically all ringing, was five and six-bell ringing. Stedman has no more than a fairly long paragraph on changes in eight bells, and even this is taken up mainly by explaining how to ring six-bell methods on eight bells with 4-8 behind, or five-bell methods with 7-4-8 behind, 'which has of late been practised by the College Youths, and excellently well performed by them.' But when we get to the eighteenth century ringers are beginning to make use of all the eight bells for changes. What they did was to try and extend the five and six-bell 'peals' to seven and eight bells, as we saw last week; and they had to have some term to distinguish the different numbers of bells. Doubles, of course, would do for five bells, for you had double changes, and Triples for seven. But the first plan of calling six-bell ringing 'Trebles and Doubles' was cumbersome. And now you have a method rung on both six and eight bells. What better way could you have of describing them than to call one 'Minor' and the other 'Major'? 'Royal' for ten bells was to come later, and this was a most happy thought, whosoever it was. Maximus for twelve was fairly obvious.

Court Bob was one of the most popular of six-bell methods, as it deserved to be. So it was natural that when men had accomplished Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob Major, that they should turn their attention to Court Bob on eight bells. But Court Bob Minor, though it is very simple and regular in construction, has no obviously correct extension like Plain Bob or Grandsire or Treble Bob has. Why, we need not now stop to inquire. And so it was that almost every band that tried to produce Court Bob Major got a different method. Three at least were rung. When John Reeves

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## OPENING OF NORBURY BELLS.

### COMPLETION OF GREAT SCHEME IN CHESHIRE TOWER.

A festival week in connection with the dedication of the new ring of eight bells at Norbury, Cheshire, began on Oct. 24th, when the bells and the new chancel, part of a greater church restoration scheme, were dedicated and the chancel consecrated by the Bishop of Chester (Dr. Paget). There was a large attendance of clergy and public. The service itself was an impressive one, and the Bishop's homely address was based upon the words of Haggai, 'From this day will I bless you.' It was an extraordinary happiness to be amongst them that afternoon, he said. St. Thomas's, Norbury, was one of the parishes in which he was particularly interested, for when he first came there he had to appoint a new Vicar of the parish. It was not in his gift, but he was asked to advise, and they would agree that he made a happy choice. From that day forwards he had always been struck with two things: One was that they at Norbury were an extraordinarily united set of people, amongst whom there had never been a suggestion of division or disunion. Another thing was that they were also an extraordinary hard-working and earnest lot of people, who knew how to put their shoulders to the wheel and carry a big business through. It was an extraordinary happiness on coming to dedicate such desirable and beautiful additions to the church as those with which they were concerned that day, to know and feel that they had been given by a people who believed in religion, in the religion of Jesus Christ, and who believed in the Church of England as a true branch of Christ's holy Catholic Church. His Lordship pointed out that there were cases where people had been so bent on building their own houses that they had shown great slackness in providing for the house of God. They had their clubs, their shops, their cinemas and generally two or three public-houses, but sometimes it was a little difficult to find adequate provision in the shape of a church. He supposed it must have been like that in the days of Haggai, and then when the people did begin to build in earnest for God, Haggai was able to say: 'I believe from this day further God will bless you.' In Norbury there had been nothing like neglect; on the contrary, there had been a splendid display of energy, and they had managed to make costly and durable additions to the fabric.

### BELLS A GENUINELY CHRISTIAN THING.

Referring to the bells, the Bishop said they had a particular interest for Christian people, because, first of all, they were a genuinely Christian thing. The old heathen religions either had little tinkling bells or clanging cymbals, and it was not until Christian times came that people began to make those bells, which were the genuine ancestors of beautiful bells like their own. It could not be said that whilst completing the new peal they had failed to preserve the old bells. It was not always so, for he had only recently come across a case where, thoughtlessly and carelessly, old bells had been melted down to provide new ones. At Norbury, on the contrary, they had shown a worthy determination to preserve things which had a history and to which old associations clung. His Lordship went on to deal with church bells from different standpoints, beginning with that of their Christian origin and their antiquity. Regarding their value in reminding hearers of the claims of Divine worship, he made reference to Millet's famous picture of the peasants engaged at their field work stopping at the sound of the bells. Wedding bells if they tempted some to think and speak of broken marriage, lost love and ruined homes, were also useful in calling upon them to pray that God's blessing would rest upon those who were entering upon one of the most sacred of undertakings.

In addition to the local ringers, there were present at the service the Rev. C. A. Clements, Master of the Chester Guild; Mr. E. W. Elwell, general hon. secretary; Mr. J. H. Jackman, branch chairman, etc.

### A GREAT RESTORATION SCHEME.

There are few instances of church restoration and improvement in which greater courage and enterprise have been shown than in the case of Norbury.

The alterations have included the extension of the chancel; extension of the vestries; repair and the re-slating of the roof; outside pointing; renewal of the windows; removal of the organ from the west gallery; re-seating of the galleries; the installation of electric lighting; decorations throughout; outside painting, and the recasting of four bells and the addition of four new ones, making a peal of eight instead of six.

It is estimated that the total cost will be over £5,000. The amount in hand is £4,700, and it is hoped to raise the remainder by means of the week's festival.

The old bells came originally from Disley Church. Two, now hung in the west porch, date from 1617, and are inscribed: 'Jesus be our speed,' and 'God save the King.' The other four date from 1632, 1748, 1750 and 1837. The oldest of these was recast in 1873. The old and the new inscriptions are as follows:

No. 1.—(Peter Lee, Esq., 1750). Recast 1925, as the gift of the Nonconformists of Hazel Grove. 'Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity.'

No. 2.—(Peter Lee, Lord of Lime, 1748). Recast 1925. In memory of the men of this parish who gave their lives in the Great War, 1914—1918. 'For God, King, and Country.'

No. 3.—Ringers' Bell, 1925. In memory of Private Herbert Williamson, Loyal North Lancs Regiment, who died December 15th, 1918, aged 38, for many years a ringer at this church.

No. 4.—Dedicated by the Freemasons of Hazel Grove and district. 1925. (Square and compasses). 'Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth.'

No. 5.—(God save this church. Thomas Legh, Esq., Lyme Park, 1837). Recast 1925.

No. 6.—(All people may behold and see the works of good Sir Peter Legh, 1632, recast 1873). Recast 1925.

No. 7.—Te Deum Laudamus. A thankoffering from the congregation, 1925.

No. 8.—Nisi Dominus Frustra, 1925.

Arthur James Humphreys, B.A., B.D., vicar; Edward Donovan Reeman, B.A., curate; John W. Fernley, John T. Coles, wardens.

### MESSRS. TAYLOR'S FINE JOB.

The ringers opening on Saturday brought together a large gathering of members and friends of the Chester Guild. The bells were rung from 3 to 5 p.m., when tea was served in the Schoolroom, to which about sixty sat down. Amongst those present were the Master of the Guild, the Rev. A. T. Beeston (Guild treasurer), Mr. Pryce Taylor, representing the founders (Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough), the Vicar (the Rev. A. J. Humphrey) and curate, and the local company.

Mr. W. Bibby, Frodsham, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and complimented the founders on an excellent job.—The Vicar made suitable reply.

The bells were again requisitioned until 7 p.m., when a short service was held in the church, at which an excellent address, in keeping with the occasion, was delivered by the Rev. C. A. Clements.

Further ringing took place on its conclusion.

The whole of the work represents one of Taylor's most up-to-date jobs. The bells hang in two tiers (four and four) in a massive cast-iron frame, built up on rolled steel girders, well grouted into the walls. The bearings are the latest of the ball type, consequently the 'go' leaves nothing to be desired. Bells 7 and 8 have been fitted with Taylor's patent balanced clapper, which prevents the bell clappering wrongly, thus 'rising' the bells is a simple matter. A new two-inch floor has been put in, immediately under the frame, and whilst the ringing room is not too noisy, the hoisted bells can be distinctly heard. All praise is due to the contractors and their hanger, Mr. T. Dexter, who placed the bells in the tower.

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and his coadjutors were preparing the 'Clavis,' they found two versions extensively practised, and to distinguish them they called them by the cities where they were rung, Norwich and London. The Norwich version is very much the superior of the other, and I think it likely that if it had been the other way about, the 'Clavis' authors would have given the London version as simply Court Bob, and rejected the other as incorrect.

On ten bells, they say, there is but one correct extension, and they call that Court Bob only. By what argument they persuaded themselves that this is in any way an extension of London Court Major I do not know. The truth seems to be that London had no rival to the Norwich method, which was allowed to hold the field.

Our method is now called Norwich Court Bob Major. One further step had to be made in the evolution of the name. William Shipway is one of the great men of the Exercise. In more than one thing he left his mark in the development of our art. And one of the things he did was to classify methods, and give them in their proper single, reverse and double variations. He was, of course, not the first who recognised these variations. Fabian Stedman had done so; so far as Plain Bob on four bells is concerned, a hundred and fifty years before Shipway's time. And several peals of Reverse and Double Bob and Grandire had been rung in the eighteenth century. But Shipway was the first to recognise it as a general law.

'Norwich Court Bob,' he says, 'being considered an excellent system, and much celebrated in the Double method, the author felt himself under the necessity of reducing it to a regular system conformably to his plan.' What had been called Norwich Court Bob, he now calls Double Norwich, and the single variation, which he introduces for the first time, he calls Norwich Court Bob.

Thus it was that our method got its full title. The 6,720 rung at St. Michael Coslany in 1771 was called Court Bob; the 5,440 rung at Bethnal Green in 1786 was called Norwich Court. So were all the peals rung down to 1817. The 6,000 rung at Gravesend in 1818 was called Double Norwich Court Bob, and so have all the peals rung since.

### SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter-peal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, November 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 336 in the same method.

**PUTNEY, LONDON.**—On November 1st (All Saints' Day), for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 46 mins.: C. Moody 1, A. Keeble 2, W. H. Worsley 3, R. Bullen (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, E. Cassel 5, T. Bolton 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, J. Herbert 8. Mr. Keeble hails from Leiston, and was on a visit.

**CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.**—On Sunday, November 1st (All Saints' Day), at St. Andrew's Church, 832 Double Norwich Major: C. Ambrose 1, E. Truman 2, A. Dale 3, E. Perry 4, S. Wiltshire 5, R. Pearce 6, W. Hulbert 7, F. Lambeth (conductor) 8.

**SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.**—At All Saints' Church, on All Saints' Day, for morning service, on November 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: A. V. Bowen 1, J. W. Porter 2, R. H. Bowen, junr., 3, H. Porter 4, R. H. Bowen, senr., 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6.

**NEWPORT, MON.**—At All Saints' Church, on All Saints' Day, November 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Ridout 1, T. Ford 2, G. Day 3, F. Whitfield 4, H. Morgan 5, F. Chapman 6, J. W. Jones 7, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 8.

**KILBURN, LONDON.**—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, before evensong, at St. Augustine's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 43 mins.: Rev. M. C. Edgar 1, G. A. Margetts 2, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 3, F. G. Saxby 4, Arthur Gardiner 5, W. S. Ball 6, W. Ware 7, H. Nelson 8. All the above are regular service ringers at this church, and this is the first quarter-peal of Minor by a local band on these bells.

**ARKSEY, DONCASTER.**—On Oct. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 48 mins.: F. Garner 1, G. Clark 2, A. Hall 3, H. Arrand 4, H. Woodhouse 5, H. Walker (conductor) 6, T. Revill 7, H. Trou 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringer of the 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who is also churchwarden and choirmaster at Arksey Church.

**EDGBASTON.**—At the Old Church, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Withers (conductor) 1, G. Pigott 2, F. Price 3, V. Hemus 4, R. Russell 5, E. Rose 6. The ringers wish to thank F. Price for his assistance.

**CARDIFF.**—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, at the St. John-the-Baptist Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Strong (longest touch) 1, F. Smith 2, E. Hunt 3, J. Davies 4, W. Richards 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Parnell (conductor) 7, J. Bovey 8.

**MARTOCK.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. E. Baker (Yeovil) 1, T. Gale 2, F. Strickland 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, A. E. Wornor 5, F. Priddle (Langport) 6, F. Sweet 7, A. Alexander 8.

**EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Bartholomew, 720 London Surprise Minor: R. Russell 1, E. Rose 2, G. E. Large 3, V. G. H. Hemus 4, G. Pigott 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6. First 720 in this method by all the band except the conductor.

**HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss D. Feltham 2, Miss G. Baker 3, F. Corke (first quarter on 10 bells) 4, J. Lucas (first quarter on 10 bells) 5, Miss P. Moss (conductor) 6, G. Gutteridge 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 minutes, for morning service: J. H. Burton 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, J. H. Hunnisett 4, H. J. Hunnisett 5, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 6. Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 42 mins.: A. J. Moore 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, A. H. Fulwell 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

**CRESSINGTON, LIVERPOOL.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, at the Church of St. Mary, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: J. Alexander 1, T. Jennion 2, C. Benwell 3, J. Allen, junr., 4, T. Hammond 5, J. Allen, senr., 6. Also, after service, a 720 of Oxford Bob, the band as above, and both conducted by J. Allen, senr.

**CRANLEIGH, SURREY.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 4th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Charman 1, L. Charman 2, L. Warner (first quarter-peal on inside bell) 3, H. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, A. Charman 6, H. Charman (conductor) 7, E. Warner 8.

**MALLOW, WORCESTER.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, morning service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins.: F. Griffiths 1, T. Lane 2, P. Blissett 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, L. Clay 5, J. Bachelor 6, T. Green 7, F. Pugh 8.

**YARDLEY, BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, after evensong, at the Parish Church, for the harvest festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. T. Scrivens 1, G. E. Large (conductor) 2, E. Mansell 3, M. J. Morris 4, F. W. Rishworth 5, J. Neal 6.

**MELKSHAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from J. J. Parker's 12-part peal: S. Cockle (first quarter-peal) 1, A. W. Angell 2, G. H. Archard 3, R. H. Legge 4, H. Mockridge 5, W. West (conductor) 6, A. J. West 7, W. Walters 8.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, at St. Mary's Church (for harvest thanksgiving, and the Rev. H. A. Hodgson's last service as Rector of Beddington, after 34 years as incumbent), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Jennings 1, L. Hance 2, E. G. Talbot 3, J. F. Galyer 4, A. Arnold 5, G. Jennings 6, A. J. Trappitt (conductor) 7, S. Godin 8.

**MISTLEY, ESSEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, by members of the local company, for morning service, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 240 Double Court.—For evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, one course of St. Clement's, two courses of Plain Bob Minor. Conductor, W. Honeywood.

**MAIDSTONE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evensong, on the occasion of the harvest festival, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Leeson 1, H. Coast 2, A. E. Gasson 3, W. J. Amos 4, A. W. Amos 5, E. Spiller 6, L. Mannering (conductor) 7, C. Dunn 8.

**FOLKESTONE, KENT.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, evensong, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: W. Ritchen 1, Miss E. Jarvis 2, H. McCrow 3, Miss E. Chapman 4, S. Binfield (conductor) 5, E. Bridges 6, T. Farley 7, J. Coppins 8.

**NORTHLEACH, GLOS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for dedication festival, for Holy Communion, 504 Grandsire Triples.—For morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: A. Large 1, D. Hills 2, C. Westmacott 3, W. Clayton 4, J. C. Acock 5, H. Barrett 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Cook 8. Messrs. W. and A. Large are from Stretton-on-Fosse and Moreton-in-Marsh, respectively.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Grove's Variation of Parker's 12-part peal, in 38 mins.: J. Mustoe 1, D. Hills 2, R. Westmacott 3, J. C. Acock 4, H. Barrett 5, W. Clayton 6, C. Westmacott (conductor) 7, J. Cook 8.

**SLOUGH.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, for the evening service, when Dr. Batchelor, of Cookham, gave an address to a crowded congregation, in celebration of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: E. T. Hooper 1, Miss M. Cross (Twiford), first quarter-peal in the method, 2, E. T. Albrow (Stoke Poges) 3, W. H. Fussell 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman (sleepleeper) 6, Wm. Henley (conductor) 7, G. Barkuss 8.

**STANSTED, ESSEX.**—On Sunday morning, Oct. 4th, for the harvest festival, 720 Cambridge Surprise, with 7-8 covering: H. W. Watts 1, G. Jordan 2, T. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, A. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts (conductor) 6, J. Prior 7, A. V. Watts 8.

**WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, for evening service, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Grundy 1, A. Potter 2, B. Welsby 3, Jas. Denner 4, M. Berry 5, Jno. Denner 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, A. Barton 8. Rung for the harvest festival.

**HEMINGFORD ARBOIS, HUNTS.**—For morning service, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins.: G. Perkins 1, E. Smart (Huntingdon), first inside, 2, H. Saunders 3, E. Wakeling (Somersham) 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, G. Perkins, senr., 6.

### MUFFLED BELLS.

At Bakewell, Derbyshire, on Saturday, October 24th, at All Saints' Church, 352 Bob Major: W. J. Alexander 1, Miss Molly Davenport 2, W. Smith 3, A. G. Wallace 4, S. E. Hick 5, Norman Short 6, Rev. W. P. Wright 7, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers, after the funeral of one of the local ringers.

At Higham-on-the-Hill, Leicester, on Saturday, Oct. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. R. S. Lea, of Lindley Lodge, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor: \*K. Gilliver 1, \*H. V. Rowley 2, W. Martin 3, A. E. Rowley 4, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 5, A. E. Clayfield 6. \* First 720 and first quarter-peal.

## HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. EASTERN DISTRICT.

A very enjoyable meeting was held on Saturday, at Ware, members and friends assembling from Cambridge, Sawston, Fulbourne and Gt. Shelford, Cambs, Edmonton, Hertford, Hatfield, Braughing, Cheshunt, Barley, Barkway, Widford, Hunsdon, Naying, Great and Little Munden and Romford, and two of the Ware band were also present.

The Vicar visited the tower, and offered all a very hearty welcome, saying how pleased he was to hear the bells ringing out.

A short service was held, and was well attended, and the address by the Vicar much appreciated. Three hymns were sung, and the services of Mr. Austin, of Shelford, Cambs, at the organ, were a great help.

The tea and business meeting were held afterwards, Mr. G. Paice taking the chair.

Touques in various methods were rung till nine o'clock, and an enjoyable time was spent.

## BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. GLASTONBURY DEANERY BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of this branch was held at Street on Saturday, October 31st, when about 20 members were present. Ringing was started in the afternoon prior to the service, which was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. T. O. A. Sellick (curate) addressing the members, the Rev. H. S. Urch (Rector) having been called away owing to the death of his father-in-law.

After service, tea was partaken of in the Star Restaurant, and this was followed by the business meeting.

The Rev. H. S. Lewis (president of the Deanery) moved a vote of sympathy to the Rector, which was carried.

It was agreed to hold the annual meeting in January, at Wells.

Other business having been disposed of, votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the curate for addressing the members; to the organist and the local ringers, and to the president for presiding, all of which were carried unanimously.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing.

## TOUR IN ESSEX AND SUFFOLK.

A very pleasant and successful tour was recently spent with Essex and Suffolk friends by a trio from Cambridge. Commencing at Ipswich, on Saturday, Oct. 10th, the arrears of two years ago were wiped off, and the other half with 'That's all,' became an accomplished fact. On Sunday morning, Mr. W. J. Nevard met the party at Manningtree, and ran them round the six bell towers in his trusty Ford. East Bergholt was the first call, to see the famous bells in the cage. Higham, Stratford St. Mary, Stoke-by-Nayland and Nayland were all visited in turn, and 720's brought round at all except Stoke, where time did not permit. Headquarters at Colchester were reached in time for evening service, and touches of Double Norwich and Stedman were rung with members of the St. Peter's Society. On Monday evening, Braintree was visited, and, with Mr. C. H. Howard's good wishes, and assistance of Messrs. Wiffen, Keeble and Saunders, Superlative was attempted, but unfortunately failed to materialise, after ringing 15 courses. On Tuesday evening better luck attended them at Earls Colne, and Superlative came round after various scrapes. Wednesday was gardening day, and apples were in plenty. Alfred was in great form with 'Hints on Gardening,' and W. J. N. should have a bumper crop next year. In the evening, 720's of Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise at Great Bentley and Thorrington respectively passed another day. On Thursday afternoon, the splendid peal of St. Peter's, Colchester, were set going to Cambridge, and after some tribulation, 'That's all' sounded just in time to get off home. Thanks are due to all and sundry for the excellent time, and especially to Mr. W. J. Nevard who so kindly saw the trio in and out of course as regards transport.

## ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Saturday, Sept. 19th, the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, had a most enjoyable outing by charabanc, visiting Leiston, Southwold, Lowestoft, Beccles, Bungay, Halesworth and Kelsale. The methods rung were Grand sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, supplemented by Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Royal on the grand peal at Beccles. The society greatly appreciated the kindness of the various steepickeepers for having everything in readiness.

**KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—On Saturday, Oct. 24th, a peal of Minor, at the Parish Church, was brought to an untimely end by the 2nd rope breaking, after two hours' good ringing: J. Parker 1, J. Matthews 2, J. Brassington 3, G. Crawley 4, J. Addison 5, A. Allman (conductor) 6.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—The 288th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., at 6.30 p.m., on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tickets, 7s. 6d. each. Towers open for ringing from 3 to 5 p.m.: St. Michael's, Cornhill; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Andrew's, Holborn; St. Botolph's; Bishopsgate. Service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 12th and 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 15th (6 to 7 p.m.); \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th (election of officers); St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Madley on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells (6) available 3.30 to 8.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. Free.—A. Gwynne, Dis. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Castle Street, Hereford.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Hon. Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Marden on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (by kind invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Johnston) at the Vicarage, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Nov. 7th. Bells ready 3 p.m., service 4 p.m., tea and meeting 4.30 p.m.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Ashford District.—A meeting will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at the Royal Oak at 4.30 p.m.—H. Parkes, Hon. Dis. Sec., Pattison Farm, Mersham, Ashford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Easthampstead on Saturday, Nov. 7th, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at Barnwood on Nov. 7th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., with tea and business meeting to follow.—W. H. Harris, 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Daventry Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Dodford on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Bells at 3 p.m. Church service at 4.30, to be followed by tea.—W. Moore, Branch Sec., Bramston Road, Daventry.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mark on Saturday, Nov. 7th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—The annual meeting of the Winchester district will be held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 7th. The Abbey bells from 2.15. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting in Church Hall 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Nov. 7th (bells 8). Business meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (new ring of 8 by Taylor) available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for those who advise me not later than Nov. 10th.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Opening of Manchester Cathedral Peal.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea will be provided at Winn's Cafe, Corn Exchange, Corporation Street, at 4.30 prompt for all who notify Mr. W. C. Bridgford, 2, Mayes Street, Shudehill, Manchester, not later than Wednesday morning, Nov. 11th. Ringing from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance is requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Ringers requiring tea please notify Mrs. J. Harrison, Hoghton Lane, Hoghton, near Preston, not later than Saturday, Nov. 7th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—The next practice and meeting will be held at Old Basford on Saturday evening, Nov. 14th. Tower open 4.30. Meeting 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Anston on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (6) ready early. All ringers welcome. Stations: Kiveton Park (return tickets), Anston (single, outward journey). Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. at a reasonable price for those who notify Charles Fowler, North Anston, Sheffield, not later than the 11th inst.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at the Cathedral and St. Marie's. Bells available 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30, followed by the general meeting at 5 p.m. in the St. Marie's Presbytery. As there are numerous cafes and restaurants in the immediate vicinity of the churches, visitors are requested to make their own arrangements for tea.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Ecclesall.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at Whittlesey, Cambridge. Eight bells, ready from 3. Service 6. Will those who want tea please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 11th? All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided in the Parochial Hall (1s. 3d. each) for those only who send their names not later than Nov. 11th to W. Robinson, 49, Bowman Street, Aggbrigg Road, near Wakefield. A hearty invitation is offered to all ringers. There is a very frequent running of trams from Wakefield, and buses from many direction.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arranged for 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service 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 Nov. 14th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.



**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District. — Meeting at St. Mary, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 2.45 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at Whitechapel 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All friends welcome. — W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The District annual meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid by this date. Will members please note?—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

**RUGBY.**—St. Andrew's Society. — On Monday, Oct. 26th, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 45 mins.: S. Hopecroft 1, A. Grant 2, W. Taylor 3, W. Malins 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, J. A. Fenton 6, J. B. Fenton 7, J. W. Chandler 8.

**ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.**—On Wednesday, Oct. 7th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: W. Ellingham 1, T. Beadle 2, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 3, C. Tricker 4, F. Hawthorne 5, W. Lidbetter 6, A. Beckensale 7, H. Beadle 8.

**EDENSOR (Chatsworth Park), DERBYSHIRE.**—At the Church of St. Peter, on Saturday, Oct. 24th, in 25 mins., 720 Bob Minor: R. Johnson 1, Miss Molly Davenport 2, A. S. Robinson 3, N. Short 4, Rev. W. P. Wright 5, J. E. Lewis Cockey (conductor) 6.

**LONG STANTON, CAMBS.**—On Tuesday, Oct. 27th, 720 Nether-seale Surprise Minor: F. G. Gleaves 1, H. J. Hazell 2, C. W. Woolley 3, F. Warrington 4, G. E. Crisp 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th, and rung at first attempt.

**STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.**—On Wednesday, Oct. 28th, 720 Beverley Surprise: W. C. Ibbett 1, A. E. Austin 2, F. E. Haynes 3, Miss K. Willers 4, W. A. Tack 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 of Beverley Surprise by all.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Saviour's Church, on Saturday, Oct. 31st, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Major, in 50 mins.: H. A. Edwards 1, J. C. Adams 2, G. W. Cooper 3, C. A. Hughes 4, H. Rumens 5, E. D. Lillywhite 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, F. C. Maynard 8. First quarter in the method by all the band. It was intended to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob, in honour of the 51st anniversary of the church's dedication, but the band met one short, and the ringer of the 3rd kindly came along when needed, making the quarter possible.

**BRIDSTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.**—On Tuesday, Sept. 8th, after meeting short for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, a touch of 1,216 changes in the same method: T. Bevan 1, W. T. Poston 2, W. T. Bennett 3, J. Blake 4, J. J. Bevan 5, R. E. Summers 6, A. T. Poulton 7, W. Poston (conductor) 8.

**TWYFORD, BERKS.**—For harvest festival, on Sept. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Rouse 1, F. Denton 2, Miss M. Cross 3, Miss Osman 4, R. Wigmore 5, R. Darvill 6, F. Wigmore (conductor) 7, W. Bradley 8.

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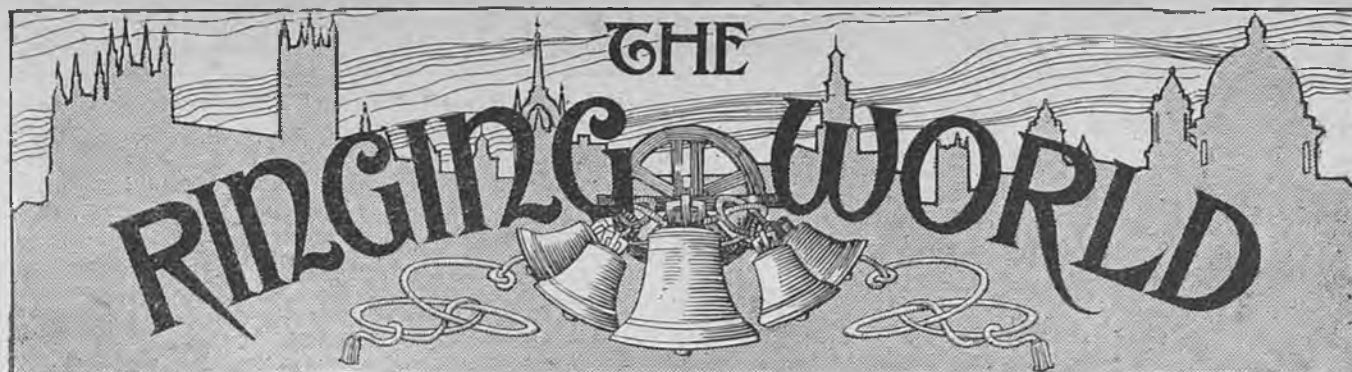
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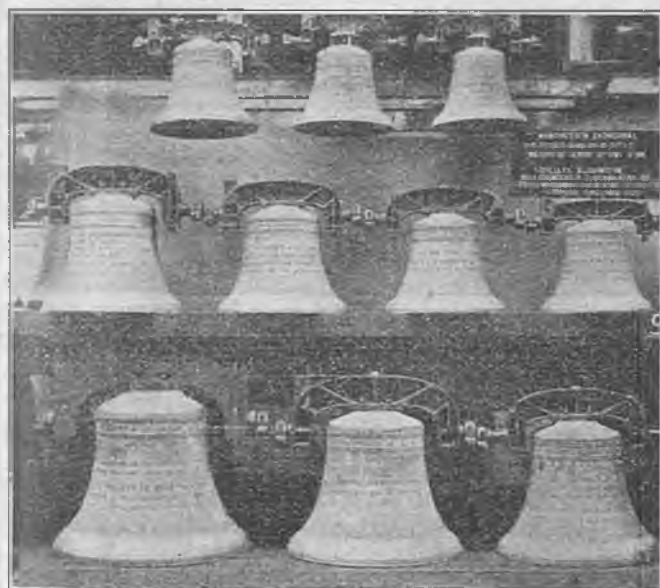
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The annual gathering, with which the anniversary of its foundation is celebrated, has long been a most enjoyable event, but more recently features have been introduced which have raised considerably the spirit of the occasion. That this action has been appreciated is manifest in all directions, not least by the fact that there were present last Saturday ringers from no fewer than twenty-two of the forty counties of England, and that the Church of St. Michael, Paternoster Royal, where first the College Youths came into being as a society, was filled by members and visitors for the special service, which was introduced for the first time last year, and serves to demonstrate that the society, doubtless originally constituted and for many years continued as a secular body, is now in practice, if not in constitution, as much a part of church organisation as any association of ringers founded under church patronage. The already high prestige of the College Youths is being steadily enhanced by the policy now being pursued, and, as we have already said, is finding wider and wider appreciation throughout the Exercise.

It is impossible to refer to last Saturday's gathering without brief mention of the almost tragic coincidence which was provided by the death on that very day of the veteran, Mr. Edwin Horrex. There is no space here to pay tribute to his worth, as a ringer and a man—that has been done elsewhere—but it is well that we should think for a moment what his death means by breaking the living link with some of those great exponents of our art of generations ago. Mr. Horrex, in his early days, certainly rang with men who were actively participating in ringing in London at least one hundred years ago, and who, in turn, would have had the acquaintance of such ringers as Shipway, and the contemporaries of

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## TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Thursday, November 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE-MARTYR,  
**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 2½ cwt. in E.

|                               |                          |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| *MRS. W. H. THOMAS ... Treble | SHIRLEY BURTON ... 6     |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 2         | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 7     |
| MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... 3      | HENRY PRING ... 8        |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 4       | JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9    |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... 5        | E. GEORGE TREW ... Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

\* First peal of Royal. The ringer of the 6th hails from Leicester, and was elected a member before starting.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;**

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| † WILLIAM E. BANKS ... Treble | WILLIAM GOODMAN ... 6  |
| GILBERT GUEST ... 2           | EDWIN J. TYLER ... 7   |
| * PERCY HACKETT ... 3         | HERBERT SHEPPARD ... 8 |
| JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 4      | † WILLIAM PUGH ... 9   |
| JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 5      | WILLIAM MEER ... Tenor |

Composed by W. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.  
† First peal of Caters. \* First peal. ‡ First peal of Caters with a bob bell. This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. J. Goodman, sen.

STEPNEY, LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;**

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES W. BELL ... Treble | MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 6 |
| JOHN THOMAS ... 2          | ERNEST F. POPPY ... 7      |
| HENRY A. FOLKARD ... 3     | THOMAS F. KING ... 8       |
| HERBERT LANGDON ... 4      | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... 9       |
| GILBERT HARDING ... 5      | THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... Tenor |

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung for the 288th anniversary festival.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 2½ cwt. in E.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Treble | ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5    |
| * MISS ROSE THOMAS ... 2     | FRANK BENNETT ... 6        |
| REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3    | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7 |
| LEONARD MANNERING ... 4      | HARRY PARKES ... Tenor     |

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

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

LONDON.—On Monday evening, Sept. 28th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, Strand, 1,259 Grandsire Caters (by C. Charge), in 50 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, F. G. Symonds 2, Miss P. A. Upsler 3, F. W. Richardson 4, Miss E. E. Harcastle 5, Miss F. E. Orr 6, E. F. Pike 7, C. W. Roberts 8, H. Langdon (conductor) 9, E. A. Young 10. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. W. Pennington-Bickford, Rector of the church, on the occasion of his birthday.



HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| FREDERICK WHITBY ... .. Treble | GEORGE DENT ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM MORRIS ... .. 2        | STANLEY CLARK ... .. 6       |
| LEWIS T. CORDELL ... .. 3      | JOHN CORDELL ... .. 7        |
| HARRY SMALE ... .. 4           | WILLIAM WHEELER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by G. DENT.

Rung to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. Treble | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. 5     |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2         | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3           | T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7      |
| LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4     | ERNEST E. LANHAM ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by all excepting W. C. Rumsey. Also first peal in the method by members of the Suffolk Guild.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.  
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble | JESSE FRANCIS ... .. 5        |
| *WILLIAM WEST ... .. 2       | WILLIAM BAXTER ... .. 6       |
| *WILLIAM LORD ... .. 3       | SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES F. ANDREWS ... .. 4  | *FREDERICK HAYES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| GEORGE R. SIMONDS ... .. Treble | ALBERT E. DARVELL ... .. 5   |
| CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. 2      | ERNEST B. CROWDER ... .. 6   |
| HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... .. 3    | WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... .. 7 |
| GEORGE DURLING ... .. 4         | JACK DAFTERS ... .. Tenor    |

Conducted by W. J. JEFFRIES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. R. Simmonds.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 5        |
| FREDERICK J. COLLUM, SEN. 2      | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 3       | FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7      |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4          | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| R. BLACK ... .. Treble     | C. W. CLARKE ... .. 5    |
| H. BAXTER ... .. 2         | *A. MANNING ... .. 6     |
| *MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. 3 | E. J. HOBBS ... .. 7     |
| G. LINES ... .. 4          | H. H. SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

\* First peal in the method. Mr. G. Lines has now rung all the bells to a peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE BAILEY ... .. Treble | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE WILSON ... .. 2      | *LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6   |
| LEONARD P. BAILEY ... .. 3  | JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 7       |
| ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 4   | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Bristol.

ASHBY FOLVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| R. HENRY BARTRAM ... .. Treble | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 5  |
| *WILLIAM WILLSON, JUN. ... 2   | WILLIAM WILLSON, SEN. ... 6 |
| SHIRLEY BURTON ... .. 3        | † ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 7    |
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... .. 4      | FRED H. DEXTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

First of London on the bells \* First peal of London. † 150th peal of Major. A birthday compliment to Mrs. W. L. Jacques (daughter of Mr. Wm. Willson, sen.).

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM NISLETT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM LEWIS ... ..           |
| † CYRIL TANSSELL ... .. 2     | † CHARLES CAME ... ..          |
| SIDNEY T. HOLT ... .. 3       | JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... .. 7     |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 4    | * WILLIAM E. MUNN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ 150th peal. Also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch, and as a compliment to the ringer of the 2nd on his 16th birthday.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| BENJAMIN GOUGH ... .. Treble | *CYRIL WINWOOD ... .. 5         |
| SAMUEL BAKER ... .. 2        | JESSE SCREEN ... .. 6           |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 3    | REUBEN HALL ... .. 7            |
| ALFRED ROWLEY ... .. 4       | ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

\* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung in the octave of the Patronal Festival, and as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Goodman, of Dudley, on the occasion of their golden wedding, Nov. 7th. Quarterly peal for the above Guild.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.  
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.  
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,  
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. Treble | HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 5   |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 2        | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6       |
| WILLIAM GIBES ... .. 3          | *WILLIAM H. WEBB ... .. 7   |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 4              | ALFRED HACKETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal of Cambridge.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.  
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble | ISAAC FOULTON ... .. 5      |
| HARRY WARNE ... .. 2            | HARRY BRADLEY ... .. 6      |
| HERBERT DEVENISH ... .. 3       | EDWARD KEMP ... .. 7        |
| ERNEST CLARK ... .. 4           | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 65). Conducted by W. KEEBLE

First peal of Major by all the band except treble and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. P. Buckingham. First peal in the method on the bells.

OTLEY, YORKS.  
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES E. LAWSON ... .. Treble | JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5    |
| ARTHUR WALKER ... .. 2          | FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. 6 |
| HENRY WALTERS ... .. 3          | FRANCIS BARKER ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE R. STEEL ... .. 4        | WILLIAM E. ASH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Walker.

EXETER, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWIN SHEPHERD ... .. Treble | EDMUND SARGENT ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM HOWE ... .. 2        | WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... .. 6 |
| *JOHN OKE ... .. 3           | *JOHN HAYMAN ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM WAKLEY ... .. 4      | *JOHN SKINNER ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

\* First peal of Stedman

BINGHAM, NOTTS.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND SOCIETY OF  
SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. WHITE ... .. Treble | FRED BLOOD ... .. 5           |
| ALBERT COPPOCK ... .. 2        | *ARTHUR W. WARD ... .. 6      |
| REV. C. J. STORTON ... .. 3    | *LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... .. 7   |
| *J. W. KIRTON ... .. 4         | FREDK. W. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by FREDK. W. BAILEY.

\* First peal of Major inside. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung on the 700th anniversary of the foundation of the church. Also on the 3rd anniversary of the opening of the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.—On October 21st at 16, Fishpool Street, on handbells, 1,248 Bob Major: J. Malyan 1—2, W. Ayre (conductor) 3—4, H. E. C. Goodenough 5—6, Charles Jeffs 7—8. The last named began to ring Bob Major 'in hand' on Oct. 7th, 1925.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.  
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WALTER AYRE ... .. Treble | CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM LITTLE ... .. 2   | FREDERICK J. C. JEFFS ... .. 6 |
| JOSEPH G. BLOW ... .. 3   | BEN JARMAN ... .. 7            |
| JOHN MALYAN ... .. 4      | HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH Tenor  |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

Rung for the anniversary of the Armistice.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. Treble | THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... .. 5 |
| ALFRED G. GRANT ... .. 2        | ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... .. 6 |
| †JOHN W. CHANDLER ... .. 3      | WALTER MALINS ... .. 7     |
| JOSEPH A. FENTON ... .. 4       | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

\* First peal in the method as conductor. † First peal of Cambridge.

CHERITON, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ARTHUR BINFIELD ... .. Treble | ALFRED G. WRATTON ... .. 5     |
| *HAROLD JONES ... .. 2        | RICHARD J. BIRCH ... .. 6      |
| STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 3     | CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM BIDNELL ... .. 4      | FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal in the method.

LONG MELFORD.  
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HARRY S. RICHOLD ... .. Treble | FREDERICK CONNELL ... .. 5 |
| THOMAS CARGE ... .. 2          | SAMUEL FORD ... .. 6       |
| ERNEST AMBROSE ... .. 3        | CHARLES G. BIXBY ... .. 7  |
| THOMAS CHINERY ... .. 4        | ROBERT GOWERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by CHARLES G. BIXBY.

The first peal by local company since the rehanging of the bells. It is interesting to note that the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th were in the last peal before the tower closed, which Charles G. Bixby called in 1898.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS.

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5      |
| *EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 2     | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6     |
| JOHN HAYES ... .. 3           | *SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 4     | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

\* First peal of Spliced Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. R. Jones.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDS.—On Thursday, Oct. 1st, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Whybrow 1, F. Vickers 2, F. Dedman 3, J. E. Arnold (conductor) 4, A. Butcher 5, W. Jeffs 6, J. Nicholls 7, G. Butcher 8. Rung in 52 minutes. The ringer of the 2nd, 3rd and 6th hails from Linslade.

The following peals were rung by a party of tourists who originally agreed to meet for a 'week-end' visit to Westmoreland and Cumberland, but this was afterwards 'transposed' into a 'ringing week' by an unknown author.

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

*On Thursday, October 29, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MIDDLETON'S.                 | Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in E. |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5         |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2   | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 6          |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3      | CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7          |
| *E. ROGER MARTIN ... .. 4    | *EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal of Cambridge Major by this branch of the association. First in the method upon these bells. \* First peal of Cambridge Surprise. The visitors were elected life members in the belfry before starting into changes.

**LANCASTER.**  
**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**  
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

*On Friday, October 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| MIDDLETON'S.                 | Tenor 31 cwt. 14 lb. in D. |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. Treble | * WILLIAM TAYLOR ... .. 5  |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2   | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6    |
| CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 3      | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 4  | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

This ring of bells is the heaviest octave in the county, and the above peal is the first of Major to be accomplished in the county town, which has two excellent rings of eight. \* First peal of Cambridge Surprise.

**KENDAL, WESTMORELAND.**  
**THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, October 31, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr. in D.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Treble | ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 2     | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 7   |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3         | CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 8     |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4         | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 9      |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5       | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The first peal of Royal in the county of Westmoreland, and the first by the Cumberland Association. The visitors were elected members of the association before starting for the above peal.

**BROUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.**  
**THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, November 1, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10 cwt. 19 lb. in G.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. Treble | GEORGE R. NEWTON ... .. 5   |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2        | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3    | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7      |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4     | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung, by special permission of the Vicar, on All Saints' Day. The first peal of Major on the bells, and the first of Surprise Major by members of this association.

**MUFFLED BELLS.**

At Stanmore, Middlesex, on October 3rd, in 53 mins., 1,260 Grand-sire Triples. G. A. Hughes, senr., 1, E. Leversuch 2, H. Moxom 3, J. H. Edwards 4, G. Cheshire 5, F. Edwards (conductor) 6, C. Dyke 7, G. A. Hughes, junr., 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of Mr. Charles Adams, late schoolmaster at Stanmore. First by the local band.

**CROSTHWAITE, CUMBERLAND.**

**THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, November 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENTIGERN,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb. in F.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Treble | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 5  |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2     | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 3 | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 7     |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 4   | CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, of Chesterfield.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The first Surprise peal in the county. A composition by the above author has now been rung in all the counties of England.

**COCKERMOUTH, CUMBERLAND.**

**THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, November 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in F sharp,

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. Treble | THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 2       | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. 6  |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 3          | CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 7     |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 4       | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Cambridge Surprise in the county, and the first peal on the bells.

**CARLISLE, CUMBERLAND.**

**THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, November 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 6 lb. in F.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... .. 5    |
| CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 2         | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6        |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3         | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 7         |
| WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... .. 4      | JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The first Surprise peal in the royal city of Carlisle.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

**SHREWSBURY.**

**(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)**

*On Monday, November 2, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,*

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.  
Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *JAMES EVANS ... .. Treble | JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 4       |
| *CHARLES LEE ... .. 2      | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3     | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

\* First peal of Minor in seven methods. First peal of Minor in seven methods in the county in which Cambridge has been rung. Rung on the occasion of the Vicar's silver wedding.

**LUBBENHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.**

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, November 4, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,*  
*AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 2,520 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FRED CLARK ... .. Treble       | MAURICE D. WILFORD ... .. 3 |
| ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 2         | FRANK WALLINGTON ... .. 4   |
| C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. Tenor |                             |

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This is the 70th Leicestershire tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

## DEATH OF MR. EDWIN HORREX.

'FATHER' OF COLLEGE YOUTHS DIES SUDDENLY.

A LINK WITH THE PAST BROKEN.

The closest link which the Exercise had with the ringers of two generations ago has been severed by the death, which took place at his home at Clapham, London, on Saturday, of Edwin Horrex, the 'father' of the College Youths, who passed away quite suddenly in the course of the morning. Up to within a few hours of his death, Mr. Horrex, despite his great age—he was 87—was enjoying his normal health. On the preceding Sunday he was in his usual place in St. Paul's Cathedral belfry, and, on the treble, actually took part in ringing. He was out during the week when the weather permitted, and on Friday morning was to have met Mr. W. T. Cockerill at St. Michael's, Cornhill, to assist in getting the bells ready for Saturday's ringing. As he did not put in an appearance, Mr. Cockerill visited him in the afternoon, and found that he had actually started out for the city, but had had to return home, as his breathing had troubled him. Mr. Cockerill, however, left him apparently much better and quite comfortable, and the old gentleman remarked that he would be much disappointed if he could not attend the dinner next day. On Saturday he got up as usual, but after breakfast was taken suddenly ill, and expired about ten o'clock.

The news of his death was brought to the city by Mr. Cockerill, and the almost tragic coincidence of the day cast quite a gloom over the members, and especially those of Mr. Horrex's friends who had had the privilege of his intimate acquaintance for so many years. References to his passing were made at the service at St. Michael's, College Hill, and by several speakers in the evening at the dinner, where the company, at the request of the Master, stood in silence for a minute as a token of respect for an old comrade, and of sympathy with the bereaved relatives.

Edwin Horrex was a 'landmark' in London ringing, in which his active connection went back for nearly 63 years, but the link which he formed carries us back a century, for in his early manhood he knew and rang with men who were engaged in the art nearly a

hundred years ago. Much of his early ringing in London was with the giants of a past age. Haley, Cox, Banister, Jameson, Stockham, Haworth, Ferris Wood, Lansdell, Muskett, Dwight, Cooter, Pettit, and others, and Ted Horrex (as he will always be affectionately remembered) was able to hold his own with the best of them in the art of ringing a bell. He was schooled in a company that put striking first, and his eye never lost its keen judgment nor his hand its cunning. In his prime, Ted Horrex was one of the finest big-bell ringers in London, and most of the heavy work was shared in those days between him and John Murray Hayes. Indeed, there was a friendly rivalry between them, which was productive of many

fine performances. His recollections of those distant days of ringing were always a source of interest, and often of amusement to his many younger friends, for he had a store of reminiscences concerning men who came, left their mark upon the Exercise, and departed before many ringers of the present day were born.

A native of Ipswich, where he was born on Feb. 28th, 1838, Mr. Horrex began his connection with bells by chiming at St. Margaret's Church, where there was then a ring of six, for Sunday services. He learnt change ringing under the tuition of Mr. William Garrard, and in three months rang his first 720 of Minor. Shortly after, he joined the ten-bell band at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, where he practised Grandsire and Stedman.

In his youth, Mr. Horrex worked at Ransome's foundry in Ipswich, with his father, who was a pattern maker, and a local celebrity as a naturalist. Father and son would go out at nights to obtain specimens of moths, etc., in woods near the town. Afterwards, Mr. Horrex worked for some time at Chelmsford, keeping up ringing there, and in the neighbouring villages. Being out of employment he migrated to London in 1863, and worked for several firms in his trade as carpenter, afterwards going to Broadwood's piano factory, where he remained for many years, until they removed to Bow, E. He next went to Hulbert and Jones, piano makers, in Stockwell Road, and later for some time worked with Mr. E. P. O'Meara, in shop-fitting work.

On migrating to London in 1863, he rang at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green. It was only in the natural order of things that he should

join the College Youths, and this he did in September of the same year. He rang his first peal in London soon after, a peal of Stedman Caters, at St. James's, Bermondsey, and his last exactly 60 years' afterwards, for on October 20th, 1923, he rang the 2nd to a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, at the age of 85 years. This in itself must be almost, if not quite, a record, but in between these two performances he took part in some memorable achievements.

On one occasion he rang the eleventh at St. Michael's, Cornhill, for close upon eight hours in an unsuccessful attempt for a record peal of Stedman Cinques, but in the opinion of many, his finest achievement was when, approaching his 60th year, he rang the eleventh at St. Paul's Cathedral to a peal of Treble Bob Maximus, a task which he undertook in an emergency, and performed with satisfaction to himself and the remainder of the band.

He had rung St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, and St. Michael's, Cornhill, tenors to peals of Treble Bob Maximus, and he rang peals in all the twelve-bell towers in London except Shoreditch. He had taken part in many long lengths, among them two of 8,448 Treble Bob (one of them on the heavy eight at Spitalfields), and one of 8,896, which on April 27th, 1868, he rang the 6th at Bethnal Green to the famous 15,840 Kent Treble Bob, which occupied 9 hours 12 minutes. So regular was the striking in this peal that each of the three parts was rung in exactly 3 hours 4 minutes, and the striking was as near perfection as ringing can be, the secret of this being that in those days each man always rang the same bell week after week. The Bethnal Green peal stood as the record for some years, and in addition to being the longest length of Treble Bob was the longest peal that had then been rung by one set of men. The band which took part in this peal is worth recalling: Henry Haley (conductor) 1, William Cooter 2, James Pettit 3, Henry Booth 4, R. Hopkins 5, Edwin Horrex 6, Matthew Wood 7, J. Murray Hayes 8. Mr. Horrex was the last survivor of this company, and, curiously enough, while an attempt for a peal was in progress at Bethnal Green on Saturday, the thought occurred to more than one of the ringers, with the peal board in front of them, that 'Old Ted' was the last of the company, little knowing that at that moment he, too, had passed away.

Another memorable peal in which Mr. Horrex took part was at Fulham on November 18th, 1883, when, with Murray Hayes on the 9th and Walter Prime on the tenor, he rang the 8th to the then record length of 11,111 Stedman Caters, in 7 hrs. 12 mins.

Mr. Horrex was one of the band who opened St. Paul's Cathedral bells on All Saints' Day, 1878, and he was the last survivor of that company also. Ever since that time he has been a member of the Cathedral band. He has held an honoured place in the College Youths, of which he was the oldest member, and he was well known to ringers who had visited London from all parts of the country.

The manner of his death was one which he would, no doubt, have wished for himself—he was taken while still in 'harness,' and without lingering on a bed of sickness. His familiar figure will long be missed from London ringing circles, but his example as a painstaking and careful ringer, who made striking his first thought, and punctuality an unfailing principle, will long remain as a pattern to all who come after him.

### A RECOLLECTION OF THE 'SIXTIES.'

Mr. G. F. Margetson writes: I regret to hear of the death of our old and respected comrade, Ted Horrex. Perhaps there are now very few ringers who remember him so far back as I do. I was a boy at school, and remember seeing him on the tenor at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, in the early sixties. He would leave the carpenter's bench without discarding his apron, to snatch a pull during the day.

And now he is gone, as many another I remember seeing on the occasion of the opening of the St. Mary-le-Tower's twelve bells, namely, Haley, Dwight, Wood, etc. May they rest in peace!

Men may come and men may go, but the old bells still send forth their tones of joy and sorrow, while younger men shall fill the gap in the ringing circle caused by the decease of such sturdy and good men as Ted Horrex, father of the College Youths.

### THE FUNERAL.

The funeral will take place at Wandsworth Cemetery (near Earlsfield Station), to-day (Friday), at 3.30 p.m. At 7 o'clock the 'whole pull and stand' will be rung at St. Paul's Cathedral.

### EXETER RAILWAYMEN-RINGERS.

On Sunday, for a special railwaymen's service, at St. David's Church, Exeter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 49 minutes by a band, all of whom are employed by the railway companies at Exeter, the ringers of 2nd and 3rd being in the service of the Great Western, and the remainder employed by the Southern Railways. This was their first attempt as a railwaymen's band, and the first quarter for L. G. Wharry: L. G. Wharry 1, J. Hosgood 2, E. B. Biffin (conductor) 3, F. M. Rogers 4, T. G. Bartlett 5, E. M. Sargeant 6, W. Richardson 7, J. Harris 8.





**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****PEAL TABLETS UNVEILED.**

The erection of peal tablets in the City of London does not occur very often, and it was, therefore, a rather strange coincidence that two should be unveiled recently on consecutive evenings. The first of these tablets was dedicated on Thursday, Nov. 5th, at the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, by the Rector (Preb. S. Gordon Ponsonby). This board commemorates the first peal of Cambridge Maximus rung on these bells by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild in April, 1922, and it is well worthy of such a fine performance.

The proceedings were opened by the Vestry Clerk (Mr. Trustans), who, on behalf of the churchwardens, welcomed the ringers present, and thanked them for the fine addition to the boards in the belfry.

Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary of the association) then asked the Rector to accept the board, and to dedicate it to the glory of God. The Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby offered a short prayer, then dedicated and unveiled the tablet. He afterwards thanked the association for their gift, and added that he was very pleased to see such a large number of ringers present. He would also like, he said, to thank Mr. F. E. Dawe, who was with them that evening, as being mainly responsible for two recent additions to the many tablets in the belfry, recording peals of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques rung by the London County Association. The Rector also said how much they all loved the famous bells in that tower, adding that when anybody asked him where he was Rector, he told them that he was Rector of Bow bells.

A very happy and pleasing ceremony was brought to a close by Mr. C. T. Coles, who thanked the Rector for his kindness in permitting them to erect the board, and for attending that evening to dedicate and unveil the same.

A few short touches were afterwards rung, but ringing had to be curtailed owing to the choir practising in church.

The board, which, as already stated, records the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus rung in the tower, has been very handsomely written by Mr. A. W. Coles, and contains the names of those who took part in the peal, as follows: Harold W. Clark 1, George R. Pye 2, Charles T. Coles 3, John H. Cheesman 4, William H. Hewett 5, Albert W. Coles 6, Arthur Mason 7, James E. Davis 8, William J. Nudds 9, Reuben Sanders 10, Thos. Groombridge, sen., 11, William Pye 12, all of whom, with the exception of Mr. J. E. Davis, were present on the evening of the ceremony.

**UNVEILING AT ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR.**

On Friday, Nov. 6th, the record of a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods, rung some 24 years ago, was dedicated and unveiled at the

Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton). The proceedings were opened with a short service in the very beautiful church, after which a move was made to the belfry, where Mr. C. T. Coles, on behalf of the association, and especially of those members who took part in the peal, requested the Rector to accept and dedicate the tablet.

The latter stated that he did not intend to make a long speech, but would like to welcome the members of the Middlesex Association, and of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who were present. He especially thanked the members of the Leytonstone company for their beautiful gift. He stated that the tablet recorded the first peal of its kind rung in the City of London, and that recently another first peal, Middlesex Surprise Royal was rung in the tower. He reminded ringers of the sacredness of their calling, and ventured to give them some advice. They should, when discussing ringing with the public, always insist that they did not ring only for their own pleasure, but for the glory of God. They should, in short, be missionaries, and in this way they would not only be doing good work for God, but also cause greater love for the bells.

The Rector then dedicated the tablet, and after a prayer the Doxology was sung.

Mr. T. Hervey Beams, now of Bradpole, Dorset, who conducted the peal, thanked the Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton for his presence there to conduct the service, and for allowing the tablet to be placed in the belfry.

Afterwards, a touch of 240 Spliced Surprise Minor (Chester, Canterbury, Newcastle and Munden) was rung on the front six bells by members of the Leytonstone company, followed by Stedman and Grandsire Caters by the ringers generally.

Amongst the large company present were as many of the Leytonstone ringers as could find it possible to attend, also Messrs. A. A. Hughes, W. T. Cockerill, J. W. Rowbottom, and other members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards (secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), and other provincial ringers who were in London in anticipation of the big dinner of the following evening.

The tablet, which was placed in the belfry, through the efforts of Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and the Leytonstone ringers, is of marble, and records a peal in seven Surprise Minor methods rung on Nov. 18th, 1801, by the following members of the Middlesex Association, and all members of the Leytonstone company at that date: Henry Bottrill 1, William Miller 2, John Mardell 3, William Keeble 4, John Moule 5, T. Hervey Beams (conductor) 6. A footnote states that this was the first peal of its kind rung in the City of London, and that it was rung on the front six bells.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

A band of Mark Masons, taking advantage of the College Youths' gathering in London on Saturday, attempted a peal at Bethnal Green, but unfortunately it came to grief. This was the first attempt for a peal by this branch of the craft.

To ring peals in seventy towers in one county is no mean feat, but the enthusiastic hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. Ernest Morris, has just succeeded in doing this in Leicestershire. The peals have been rung on rings of from five to twelve bells.

Another interesting record which has just reached fruition is that a composition by the Chesterfield Master, Mr. Arthur Knights, has now been rung in every county in England. We fancy, too, that at least one of the band in the peal at Kendal must now be rapidly approaching the completion of a peal in every county. This comes of having no business to interfere with ringing.

Exactly forty years ago next Monday Jasper Whitfield Snowdon died.

The first peal of London Surprise Major was rung ninety years ago next Tuesday. The copy of the record of this interesting performance will be found in 'Notes by the Way' in another column.

The Cumberland Youths, on November 13th, 1797, rang the then longest length of Stedman Caters, a 6,003 at Christ Church, Spitalfields. It was composed and called by John Noonan, but unfortunately proved to be false, although this was not discovered for many years, and the composition was published by Shipway.

On November 13th, 1786, 6,000 Bob Major was rung in four hours at St. Peter's, Nottingham, and on the same day, in 1820, 10,080 New Treble Bob, at Huddersfield.

Thirty years ago, also, on Nov. 13th, the first 'Charles' peal was rung--Grandsire Triples at Bristol.

John Webster, of whom we have recently read in connection with the early peals at Norwich, died suddenly in St. Giles' belfry, Norwich, after having taken part in the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major on Nov. 17th, 1760.

The first peal of Grandsire Caters, at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was rung on November 19th, 1758.

Congratulations to Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, whose 62nd birthday it will be next Thursday.

His many friends were indeed glad to see again at the College Youths' dinner, Mr. Geo. N. Price, after his long and serious illness.

The time of the peal of Cambridge Royal rung at St. Clement Danes, on October 15th, was 3 hours and 23 minutes, and not 3 hours 33 minutes, as stated. The ringer of the 2nd in the peal at Grimsbury on October 27th was George Bennet.

The ringing friends of Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Haddon Lodge, Diss, Norfolk, will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Wilson, who had to undergo a very serious internal operation in a nursing home in Norwich seven weeks ago, is now making slow but satisfactory progress. The many kind inquiries made on her behalf have been much appreciated.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Cambridge at Penn Buck on October 18th was Miss Phyllis M. Moss, not Moore as printed.

## READY SHORTLY.

# METHOD-SPLICING

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# THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' FESTIVAL.

## REPRESENTATIVE GATHERING IN LONDON.

### SERVICE AND DINNER.

One of the largest and most representative gatherings that have ever attended the annual dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths was present in London on Saturday, when the 288th anniversary of the foundation of the society was celebrated. Nearly two hundred ringers from all over the country assembled, for, in addition to the London and suburban members, there were members and visitors present from more than half the counties of England, from Devon to Yorkshire, from Lancashire to Sussex, from Worcestershire to Essex. Unhappily, the proceedings were clouded by the news that the 'father' of the Society, Mr. Edwin Horrex, who had been looking forward to joining in the festivities, in spite of his advanced age of 87 years, had passed away quite suddenly earlier in the day, and the severance of this last link with a distant past in ringing, left a void which was keenly felt by many of those present.

Early in the afternoon the bells at St. Michael's, Cornhill, were set ringing, and later those at St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, were brought into use, the provincial ringers especially enjoying the privilege of ringing at these London towers.

### SERVICE AT COLLEGE HILL.

Following the custom introduced last year, the members attended a special service at the Church of St. Michael, on College Hill, where in the year 1637 the society was founded. The church was filled almost to the extent of its seating capacity, and the service was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster, a special form having been drawn up and printed in an elegantly prepared brochure. In this little booklet, as a frontispiece, is a print of the chased brass plate on the cover of the original Name Book of the Society, which in addition to the design of a tower, which may represent the steeple of the original church, destroyed by the Great Fire of 1666, is inscribed 'College Youths, London, 1637.'

The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' and it was inspiring to hear the building filled with the sound of men's voices singing in unison, led only by the organ. The Creed and prayers followed, and thoughts went again to him who had so recently 'Crossed the Bar,' when the words fell from the Rector's lips, 'Grant, O Lord, that all they for whose passing away from this world the Bells shall sound, may be received into the Paradise of Thine elect, there to find mercy, light and everlasting rest.' The lesson was taken from the 44th chapter of Ecclesiasticus, beginning, 'Let us now praise famous men.' The hymn, 'O God, our help in ages past,' which followed, was again singularly appropriate, for it was a reminder that

'Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
Bears all its sons away.'

The sermon was preached by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, whose text was 'Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,' 2 Timothy ii. 15. These were the words, he said, of one who had grown old in the Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ to a young friend for whom he had a great affection, and who had comparatively recently entered that same Ministry. He (the preacher) had chosen those words for his text because they concerned more especially Church work. Although it was quite true that the Ancient Society of College Youths could not be called a definite Church Society, founded under Church patronage—indeed, he doubted whether in the days of its foundation any society of its kind was established under the Church—it was a society of churchmen and of men engaged in the service of the Temple, not only in London, but in various parts of the country. In the foundation of the society the idea in the minds of the founders, so far as he could gather by reading what there was to read about them, was the furtherance of something that was worth doing because it was worth doing. When a man took up any work—he did not mind what that work was—in order that it might be further improved and developed because it was worthy of it, then they might say that God had called that man to do that work, because it was in some way to further the Kingdom of God, to build up in some measure the walls of that Kingdom, to add beauty or strength to it. They believed that change ringing was one of these things. They were, as Churchmen, engaged in the service of the Temple, so far especially as it had to do with church bells, and the rendering of music on them in the very best way that was possible. The preacher proceeded to emphasise the fact that it was a very fine thing for a man to be able to show them something—some work—over which he had spent a long time, had taken a great deal of thought and pains, and into which he had put his very best, and it was, he thought, an equally fine thing when a man had done something, which

he knew was not as good as it ought to be, to admit the fact—to know that he ought to be ashamed, and not be ashamed to say that he was ashamed. The saddest thing was when a man who had done a thing of which he knew he ought to be ashamed was not ashamed.

### SOCIETY OF FINE TRADITION.

To belong to the College Youths was to belong to a society which had a fine tradition, which had come down to them through many generations, and it was in their hands to pass on this tradition to succeeding generations. There were things which had been done in the College Youths—he was speaking now of bell ringing—which would stand as long as ringing stands, which would be taken as an example and a criterion of what ought to be. That did not mean that everyone who belonged to the College Youths was a first-class ringer, and it did not mean that every bit of ringing was good ringing, but he ventured to suggest to them that it was just as foolish and wrong to say about something which they knew was not good enough, that it was good, as to say of something which they knew was good that it was not good. When they had been enabled by the grace of God to take part in something that was good, let them not be afraid to say that it was good, or pretend that as good things could not be done to-day as had been done by those who had gone before them. He believed a lot of young people were discouraged because it was always being drummed into them that what they did was not a patch on what their fathers and their forefathers did before them. When they found that things were well done, and ringing was well done, let them say so, and when they had taken part in something that was not as good as it ought to be, let them admit it. Good ringing took a tremendous amount of attention and thought and care, and they could not always expect to get through without having to be ashamed of some of it. Let them, as College Youths, take St. Paul's message as their motto throughout the coming year. It was perfectly true that when he was preparing what he had had to say to them that evening that he had in his thoughts one certain College Youth, who, he heard, only an hour or so ago, had passed away. He thought of him as a 'workman who needeth not to be ashamed.' He was not going to say more about him except that he would always count it a great privilege to have rung with Edwin Horrex who 'studied to show he was a workman who needeth not to be ashamed.'

The Rector heartily welcomed the society to their own mother church, and called attention to the fact that since their last service there the church had been thoroughly renovated. He pointed out the various features of the decorations, including the wonderful old candelabra hanging in the centre of the church, which is dated 'Birmingham, 1644,' and which has been finely regilded. The whole work, he said, had been carried out at a cost of over £600.

The closing hymn was 'Now thank we all our God,' and the offertory was devoted to the Church Restoration Fund.

### THE DINNER.

The members proceeded to the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, where the large gathering sat down to a splendidly served repast, under the chairmanship of the Master (Mr. Percy E. Clark). He was supported by Canon G. F. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, the Rev. J. H. Ellison (Rector of St. Michael's, Cornhill), Canon Bullock-Webster, the Rev. H. J. Fynes Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus), the Rev. Gordon Pensonby (Rector of Bow), the Rev. E. C. Bedford (Rector of St. Andrew's, Holborn), the Rev. B. E. Simpson (Rector of Stepney), Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's Verger, St. Paul's), Mr. J. F. R. Stainer (son of the late Sir John Stainer), Mr. B. Carter (Churchwarden of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington), etc. The vice-chair was taken by Mr. R. T. Hibbert, and among the company were Messrs. W. Hibbert and C. W. Roberts (stewards of the society), A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), C. F. Winney and Walter Prime (trustees), H. Parsons (Ealing), now the oldest member of the society, J. H. Matthews (Master, Royal Cumberland Youths), J. D. Drewett, J.P. (Master of the Surrey Association), C. Dean (hon. secretary), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary, Middlesex County Association), J. T. Dyke (hon. secretary, Ball and Wells Diocesan Association), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Major J. H. B. Hesso, Major Yorke, Messrs. T. H. Beams, W. Northover and E. Bishop (Salisbury Guild), W. J. Nevard and D. Elliott (Essex), P. Crook, F. Cutsforth and C. Sharples (Lancashire Association), S. Palmer (Shelfield), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), J. E. Groves and H. Withers (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), W. J. Jefferies, F. M. Mitchell, F. A. Mitchell and H. Haigh (Kent County Association), F. W. Rogers, A. H. Pulling, C. H. Dobbie, E. and W. R. Melville (Winchester Guild), Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, and Messrs. W. A. Cave, G. H. Jennings, J. A.

Burford, W. Knight, H. Pring and C. Gordon (Bristol), T. King, A. Prince, G. Harding (Bath), H. Rodgetts and W. J. Hazell (Herts County Association), K. Hart (Brighton), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), G. N. Price, E. C. Goldsmith, J. S. Goldsmith, E. P. Duffield (Alton), G. Hoad (Reigate), J. Wyatt (Ashted), E. F. Poppy (Eye), etc., the members in and around London being also strongly represented.

Prior to the news of the death of Mr. Horrex having been received, his chair had been reserved for him, and the place remained vacant throughout the evening.

#### 'THE CHURCH.'

At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toast was honoured, and the Master submitted the toast of 'The Church.' They as church bell ringers, he said, formed an important branch of the Church. They undertook a voluntary service, for the glory of God, and they were as stewards of the House of God. He thought that they sometimes did not take their work as seriously as they ought to do. They often heard it said that they took up bell ringing as a hobby. Was that all? Was it only a hobby? The bells were placed in the churches for the purpose of calling people to worship and thanksgiving in His House. He did not think they always fully realised that, and he urged the importance of ringers taking their place in church after they had finished ringing. If they did so they would get to know the clergy better. He advocated all ringers joining the C.E.M.S. as a means of coming into closer contact with the clergy. He pleaded for earnestness in their work and the setting of a high example to the younger men among them who were taking up the art of bell ringing. He could not close, he said, without a reference to him who had gone from them that day. No more would they see his face in the tower. He had been an example to all of them, an example which he hoped they would all try and follow so that when their time came, he, in whose service they now were, would be able to say to them, as he thought He was able to say of Mr. Horrex, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord.'

Canon Bullock-Webster, who responded to the toast, emphasised the fact that the Church did not consist merely of the clergy, and it did not consist merely of the Church of England, it consisted of the churches all the world over that were united in the faith of Christ. He saw in the divisions of opinion in the Church at home, evidence that the Church was moving, and a church that was moving was a church advancing, and a church advancing was surely doing its work faithfully. Let them not, therefore, be discouraged by the controversies that were going on. The speaker referred to the great joy it was to him to welcome the society to St. Michael's, and said that whenever they chose to come they would find a cordial and hearty welcome (applause). The Master, concluded Canon Bullock-Webster, had referred to that rather nasty point, the disposition of some ringers to slip away from church after calling others to services. That did not, of course, apply to members of the College Youths (laughter), but possibly they might know others to whom it did apply. It reminded him of the old lines:—

Do not ring and run away, leaving other folks to pray.

When a ringer doeth so, hands say 'come,' and feet say 'go'—(laughter and applause).

#### THE LATE MR. HORREX.

Canon Coleridge said it was with very mingled feelings that he rose to propose the time-honoured toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' If he were to consult his own feelings he would have asked them to receive it in silence, because of the great blow that had fallen on them that day in the death of their dear old friend, Ted Horrex. 'I honoured him as a man,' continued Canon Coleridge. 'I loved him as a friend. It is forty-five years since I first met him at the meeting-house at St. Saviour's, Southwark, after ringing at the Cathedral. I sat between him and Mr. Murray Hayes, and there were present, among the others, Mr. James Pettit, Mr. George Mash, Mr. George Muskett and Mr. Jimmy Dwight. There were many others that I cannot now remember, but from that day to this Ted Horrex has always had a very affectionate place in my heart, and I shall always hold him in grateful and affectionate remembrance (applause). Turning to the toast, Canon Coleridge said they had not been able to come there that day with cheap fares, but the Central Council has done its best and the different associations and guilds have also done their best, but they have got a reply from the Clearing House that the companies cannot see their way to let ringers travel at reduced fares. Some of the younger members might not remember that the Council tried years ago to get cheap fares. They interviewed the Clearing House, but not only would they not give them the permission which they had given to golfers and fishing clubs, but they took away the privileges to the fishing clubs as a result of the representations made to obtain cheap fares for ringers (laughter). But they had a friend at court, and perhaps his gentle persuasiveness might do a great deal in a quiet way to bring these people to a better frame of mind. They had to face tremendous competition in the

buses, and they would have to consider providing cheaper facilities for travellers, and the Council were determined to see that ringers were among the first in that category (applause).

#### 'TIBBY'S FANCY.'

It must be nearly fifty years ago, continued Canon Coleridge, when I used to ring in Devonshire—where they taught me to strike, if they didn't teach me anything else—and we used to ring the thirty Doubles from cards on the floor (laughter), and also a certain method called 'Tibby's Fancy' (laughter). To the best of my recollection this consisted of each bell hunting up from the front to behind, until the original bell came to the front again. Those who could do that were considered 'somebody.' When we finished ringing one night an old fellow came over to me and offered me the tail end of the fifth bell rope, saying, 'Sir, I am getting old; my time won't be much longer here. Before I go I should like to hand over this fifth bell to you as you are the only man living besides myself that can do her justice' (laughter). I think the time has come when, as I am getting old, I should hand over this toast of the College Youths to somebody else who could do far greater justice to it ('Never'). What we have read lately on spliced methods is a vast advance on 'Tibby's Fancy.' I suppose everybody has read the wonderful work of Mr. Fidler in making everything plain to us in Spliced Minor methods, but what interested me deeply was this: I always pay the greatest attention to what Mr. E. H. Lewis has to say on mathematical matters, and Mr. Lewis has shown us something of what this spliced method ringing really means. Taking peals of seven 720's you can make them up with the 35 methods in no less than 8,800,000 combinations, and more than that, if you started to ring the whole of the extents, at the rate of eight peals a day, occupying three hours each, it would take a band of College Youths, or any other ringers, something like 15 million years to ring them. That is a great advance on 'Tibby's Fancy' (laughter). I am delighted to know that Mr. Fidler's work is going to be printed in book form; it will be of vast interest and vast use to six-bell ringers, and perhaps eight-bell ringers as well.

#### THE 'THREATENED SUPPRESSION.'

Speaking of Mr. Lewis, I am reminded of another Mr. Lewis, who has flung a bombshell. He is going to take an office in London and have a committee and work a Bill through Parliament for the suppression of bell ringing (laughter). If he does, he will get a very hot time of it. 'We are not going to be put down in that kind of way. Some people might look with trepidation on the prospect of being stopped from ringing. Let them take courage, because we all know that when the National Assembly (Powers) Bill came into force, it was through one of our clerical bell ringers of the National Assembly, who saw that it was proposed to put ringers under the control of parochial Church Councils, that an alteration was made to retain the control in the hands of the parish priests (applause). I think we shall be in similarly safe hands in Parliament. Only last September I happened to go to a district meeting of the Devonshire Guild, while on my holiday, and cycled many miles over hills to it. I looked in at the belfry door, and there I saw what looked like an extremely familiar figure. I looked at him again, and saw it was the son of his father, exactly like him in face and in the way in which he handled his rope. I said, 'I am delighted to see you taking your part here.' He was a busy Member of Parliament taking a rope in ringing six-scores of Grandsire; he was Col. Troyte, son of the late Colonel C. A. W. Troyte (applause). In him we have a very good friend in Parliament, and if such a Bill comes before Parliament I think we can trust ourselves safely to him. If such a Bill comes in, I can guarantee that Col. Troyte gets a letter from me, and I guarantee he gets letters from hundreds of his constituents in Devon. He will be bombarded with letters from people throughout the country with reference to this iniquitous proposal, and he will get other Members to take an interest, and the Bill will be thrown out with ignominy (laughter and applause). Just as we had a friend who saved us in the National Assembly, so we have a friend in Parliament who will help us if any difficulty should occur (applause). In conclusion, Canon Coleridge said it was the wish of them all that the College Youths would go on and prosper, as they had done in the past. They would not fail in this so long as they had such good officers as they had had for many years past, and the leading spirit was Mr. Cockerill (applause). They all regarded him as the 'father,' although he was not so old as some of the rest of them, but they looked to him to carry on the great work which the College Youths were doing (applause).

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, and a course of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells.

(To be continued.)

Owing to pressure on our space this week, a lengthy reply by the Rev. H. Drake to Mr. J. A. Trollope's Notes of last week, is unavoidably held over until our next issue, as are also some other items of news.



## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## HENRY HUBBARD AND SOME NOTABLE NORWICH PEALS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It is much to be regretted that none of the Norwich ringers of the eighteenth century published a book. We should have, no doubt, learnt a good deal of a very interesting period of the history of the Exercise. And such a book was nearly written. The tale goes that when Jones and his fellows were collecting material for their book, Thomas Blackmore, the junior partner, went down to Norwich to gather information. He stayed with Christopher Lindsay, and found that his host also had got together material for writing a book. He quietly stole the papers, took them back to London, and, in due course, they were used in 'The Clavis.' That is the Norwich version of the story, which comes to us by way of Mr. Ellacombe.

The London account, if we had it, would no doubt be very different. But there is evidently some truth in the story. What more natural than that the authors of 'The Clavis' should go for material to Norwich, the only place where there were ringers the equals of the London men? And there are several things in 'The Clavis' which did come from Norwich by one way or another. Probably in any case Lindsay's book would not have appeared. It takes more than intention and the collecting of material to make a book. More than one ringer has had the intention and collected material, and nothing came of it at the finish. The great Benjamin Annable was going to publish a book, and it is a loss to the Exercise that he did not. His manuscript which is in the British Museum is evidently a draft of what he intended to print, so far as Minor methods are concerned. The references to Major and Triple ringing are more fragmentary and haphazard, are far less carefully written out; and probably he never got so far as to begin to arrange that part of his book.

Anyhow, Lindsay's book came to naught, and Norwich had to wait for two generations before she produced her one and only ringing author. This was Henry Hubbard, a man who, though not quite of the first rank, has yet earned an honourable position in the history of ringing, and deserves to be remembered for a few minutes.

Henry Hubbard was born at Norwich on Tuesday, August 25th, 1807, the son of William and Ann Hubbard. He began to ring in his sixteenth year, serving his apprenticeship in the five and six-bell towers of the city. The headquarters of ringing were, of course, at St. Peter Mancroft, but that was not the place to learn in, nor would a beginner get a chance to ring there till he had proved his capacity elsewhere. There was, however, a good deal of ringing in the other towers, especially round about Christmas time, and the young man speedily made his way. In two years he was good enough to be elected a member of the Norwich Scholars, and in 1829 he secured his place in the company, the favoured twelve, who shared all the privileges (including the pay for ringing), and took precedence of all other ringers in the city.

For a young, capable, and ambitious ringer, the time could hardly have been more favourable. One of the best bands Norwich ever had was then in its early prime, and in Samuel Thurston they had, as leader, the man who is usually reckoned the foremost ringer the Norwich Scholars ever produced. Hubbard's first peal was on Oct. 28th, 1827, at Aiburgh, a small village near Redenhall. This was 6,680 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by Thurston. In the same year he rang in 5,120 of the same method on handbells. Double-handed ringing was one of the things in which Thurston excelled. In those days it was a very rare accomplishment, and when, in 1831, four of the Norwich Scholars rang J. P. Powell's half peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' they considered, and quite rightly, that they had done something very much out of the ordinary. This half-peal and a quarter-peal are recorded by stone tablets in Mancroft belfry. Henry Hubbard rang 3-4. Oxford Treble Bob was then and for many years later the standard eight-bell method in Norwich, and all Hubbard's early peals were rung in that method. In 1831 the Norwich men rang 6,160 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major at Colney, 'which,' to quote the peal board, 'by reason of the intricacy of the composition might be properly called a performance of first-class eminence, and with respect to the superiority of the 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.' Hubbard rang the fifth to this peal.

The next year at the same church he first figures as a conductor calling John Reeves's 5,280 of Oxford Treble Bob, and in the same year he called 6,720 of the same method at St. Giles'. This peal had the one hundred and twenty course ends, and was his own composition. Then followed three very remarkable peals: 6,000 Double Oxford Bob Major, 5,376 Superlative Surprise Major, and 5,280 London Surprise Major. The first and third were the first peals ever rung in these two methods: the Superlative was the second ever rung, the first having been accomplished in Yorkshire. These peals are recorded by two boards both in St. Giles' tower:

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 Hurry ... .. Treble       | Samuel Thurston ... .. Fifth |
| Frederick Watering ... .. Second | James Truman ... .. Sixth    |
| Elijah Mason ... .. 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 57 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 |
| Frederick Watering ... .. Fourth | Samuel Thurston ... .. Tenor |

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 mins., 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 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 Hubbard ... .. Fourth  | Saml. Thurston ... .. Tenor  |

St. Giles' Church stands in one of the most prominent parts of the city, and its large and lofty tower on the crest of a hill is a conspicuous object from all sides. The bells are a mixed lot, some are Pre-Reformation, with very interesting black letter inscriptions. The present tenor (about 14 cwt.) is a Warner bell, and replaced a very old bell which was cracked in 1869.

At the time these peals were rung, the ropes, as at St. Andrew's, hung out of proper order. A good many years ago the bells were rearranged in the old frame, and the circle is now back-handed. The bells have been in a bad condition for many years, and are practically unringable. A few years ago, when I visited it, the belfry was in a neglected and filthy condition. The peal boards are high up on the walls in a bad light and except in favourable conditions hardly readable.

It is very noticeable how so many of the Norwich peal boards lay great stress on the quality of the striking; and good striking was one of the principal things on which the old Norwich Scholars prided themselves.

All these peals were rung by practically the same band. It seems that Thurston had got together just eight or nine first-class men, but no more. And this may be the reason why with the magnificent twelve at Mancroft at his disposal no peal of Cinques or Maximus was rung. St. Peter's, of course, had its full company, and the ringing there would be good; but probably some of the men were the survivors of Chestnutt's Band that rang the 5,016 of Double Norwich Maximus in 1817. They would keep their places in the company, for that was practically a life tenure, but they would feel they had done enough peal ringing, and it would be difficult—in fact, impossible—to ring peals without them.

In 1831 a peal of Stedman Cinques was started for, but Thurston made some mistake in the calling, and the bells came round in 4,885 changes. Probably he missed a bob at 19, and so cut two courses. It was not till 1844, when the older men had died off, that a peal was rung on the twelve.

## PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Daventry Branch was held at Dodford on Saturday, and, in spite of the unfavourable weather, a goodly gathering was present. Mr. F. Wilford (Master of the Guild) presided, supported by the Rev. J. W. Strong (Vicar of Dodford), Mr. W. T. Wilson (Guild treasurer), and members from the following bell-fries: Daventry, Northampton, Isham, Flore, East Haddon, and the local ringers. During the afternoon and evening, several touches were rung, including Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. The Guild form of service was taken by the Rev. J. W. Strong, assisted by Mr. F. Wilford, and the Vicar gave a very able address.

After tea, the usual vote of thanks was passed, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Weedon on Saturday, Jan. 23rd.

## THE NEW BELLS OF MANCHESTER.

### CATHEDRAL PEAL DEDICATED.

The new ring of ten bells, which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have made for Manchester Cathedral were dedicated on Tuesday, at an impressive service, and to-morrow there is to be a large gathering of ringers for the 'ringers' opening.'

Of the ten bells which the new peal replaces, eight of them were originally cast by Abraham Rudhall in 1706, the sixth having been recast by Abel Rudhall in 1749. The trebles also came from Rudhall's foundry, having been cast in 1825 by John Rudhall.

The history of the Cathedral bells, however, goes back a long way before 1706. The upper part of the tower was built in the fifteenth century, and a new set of bells presented by Warden Langley, and in addition to these five bells there was in the steeple in 1552 'one litill bell belonging to the said piche (parish) church of Manchester.' Warden Langley (1465-1481) was also Rector of Prestwich, and in addition to giving a new ring of bells to Manchester gave a similar benefaction to Oldham. In 1659 the churchwardens and overseers assessed a tax 'off the sum off threescore and Ten pounds for the Repaire off the Parish Church walls leades Roofe Casting off A Bell and other necessary Repaires.' With this exception Langley's peal apparently survived until 1679, in which year the condition of the bells and the church generally was so serious that the churchwardens, meeting on the 18th August and considering the decayes of the Church & the Bells one Beinge Burst & the rest not tuncable, And Agreeing to cast them being five into six, the repaire of the leades, the windowes, the floores and other its appurtenances Did conclude and Agree of five Church layes towards repaireing thereof and casting the said Bells into Six.'

The work of recasting the old peal of five and adding a new one was entrusted to William Noone, a bell founder, of Nottingham, who had been foreman to the celebrated firm of Oldfield. He, however, did not make a very satisfactory job of the bells. The fifth 'burst' about 1702 or 1703. In 1705 the fourth gave out, and a little later the tenor 'burst.' The result was that it was decided to have the peal recast, and encouraged by an offer on the part of 'the town of Manchester to advance over and above their quotas of Church-wardens, £100 to provide two additional bells,' the wardens ordered a peal of eight, and gave the contract to Abraham Rudhall, of Gloucester. In connection with this transaction, it is interesting to note that an exchange of bells was effected with Didsbury. This parish gave its broken bell metal and a substantial sum in cash, in exchange for some of the sound bells remaining from the old Manchester ring. With the recast 6th of 1794 and the additions made in 1825, Abraham Rudhall's bells did duty for over two centuries, and the spirit which was manifested in the gift which enabled two trebles to be added in 1706, can be seen in the munificent gifts of private donors for the restoration of 1925.

The inscriptions on the bells are:—

Treble.—I. R. Fecit. R. Smith, B. Townner, R. Ormrod, C. Wardens, 1825. I was recast in 1925 by W. E. Bramall, Churchwarden, 1897-1898.

No. 2.—John Rudhall Fecit 1825. I was recast by the ringers 1925. W. C. Bridgeford (Leader), J. Morris, C. W. McLauchlan, W. H. Owens, R. Ravenscroft, A. Ridyard, J. Simkins, W. E. Saunders, J. F. Thomas, J. W. Wright, H. B. Wilson.

No. 3.—A : R. I was recast by William Charles Bacon, Chairman of the Manchester Ship Canal, 1925.

No. 4.—Given by Manchester R : D G : C I : L. 1706. I was recast by various citizens 1925. In Memoriam Joseph Gough McCormick, D.D., Dean, 1920-1924.

No. 5.—Soli Deo Gloria, 1706. I was recast by the M. and S. Association of Master Printers, Lithographers and Bookbinders, to commemorate the Jubilee of its Foundation, 1924.

No. 6.—Recast by Abel Rudhall, 1749. I was recast by the Meat Traders, 1925. 'For all the Beasts of the Forest are Mine, and so are the Cattle upon a thousand hills.' Ps. L. 10.

No. 7.—Abraham Rudhall, Bellfounder. God save the Queen and Church, 1706. I was recast by the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, 1925. Manby A. Gibson, Thomas W. Gaskin, Richard Handler, Churchwardens. T. H. Bazley, Comptroller. J. Sever, B. Brook, G. W. Tolley, E. H. Watt, F. Collier, J. E. Collier Sidesmen.

No. 8.—Prosperity to all our Benefactors and this Church. Let all say Amen. We were all cast in Gloucester, 1706. I was recast by the Cathedral Congregation, 1925. Hewlett Johnson, D.D., B.Sc., Dean and Rector.

No. 9.—1706. A.R. Tho. Garnet, Fran Beswick, Abra Clegg, George Richardson, C.W. I was recast by several Directors and Members of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, 1925.

Tenor.—I was recast at Gloucester at the expense of the Parish, 1815. Thos. Salter, Josiah Kearsley, Thos. Brierley, Churchwardens. I was recast as the gift of Chas. Macintosh and Co., Ltd., of Man-

chester, in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Foundation of the Firm, 1824-1924.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have tuned the new bells on the five-tone Simpson principle, and a special patent 'clapper control' has been attached to the tenor bell. This device is designed to release the clapper from direct contact with the bell immediately after striking, and very greatly improves the general musical effect—particularly when attached to the tenor bell, the keynote of the peal. The weight of the tenor is 27½ cwt., note 'D,' and the total weight of the peal is 115 cwt. The bells are hung on ball bearings in the old oak frame, but with new fittings throughout.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Chipping Norton Deanery Branch autumn meeting was held at Kingham on Saturday last. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, and service was held in the Parish Church, when an excellent address was given by Canon Nolloth, D.D. Tea was provided in excellent style at the Women's Institute, cordial thanks being given to the members by the 47 ringers present.

A short business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. W. J. Palmer (chairman of the Deanery Branch).—The Secretary (Mr. W. J. Keyte) read a letter from the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C.), wishing success to the meeting.

Enstone was selected for the annual spring meeting. Mr. Harry Miles gave a report upon the progress of the Washbrook Memorial work, which is now nearing completion.

Further ringing was afterwards indulged in, when several young ringers rang their first touch of Triples, and this ended a most successful meeting, at which every tower in the Deanery was represented.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

### SAXMUNDHAM DISTRICT AT LEISTON.

A meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Leiston on Saturday, Oct. 24th, and was attended by upwards of 50 members from eleven towers. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise Major were rung, some of the visitors ringing their first touch of Bristol Surprise. At the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones), all adjourned to the Junior Council Schools, where a bountiful tea had been provided by a band of ladies. At the removal of the cloth, cigarettes were handed round, and a short business meeting was held, at which one new member was elected.

A pleasant hour was spent with songs and handbell ringing, and a vote of thanks to all who helped to make the meeting such a success, was proposed by Mr. C. F. Bailey, seconded by Mr. G. Wilson (district secretary), and responded to by Mrs. Adams, wife of the churchwarden.

A further visit was paid to the tower, where ringing was kept up to a late hour, and the most successful meeting held in the district was brought to a close.

## 'SPLICED' STEDMAN & GRANDSIRE CATERS

5,075, By ALBERT J. PITMAN.

| STEDMAN.  |   |   |    | GRANDSIRE.   |   |    |     |
|---|---|---|----|--|---|----|-----|
| 231456789   |   |   |    | 124537689  |   |    |     |
| 362154978   | 1 | 6 | 16 | 5342   | 9 | in | 3 S |
| 265134  | 4 |   |    | 3245   | 9 | in | 3   |
| 563124  | 4 |   |    | 2543   | 9 | in | 3   |
| 264153  | 4 | 5 |    | 4352   | 9 | in | 3 S |
| 465123  | 4 |   |    | 5234   | 9 | in | 3 S |
| 263145  | 4 | 5 |    | 2435   | 9 | in | 3   |
| 364125  | 4 |   |    | 4532   | 9 | in | 3   |
| 462135  | 4 |   |    | 3254   | 9 | in | 3 S |
| 365142  | 4 | 5 |    | 5423   | 9 | in | 3 S |
| 564132  | 4 |   |    | 4325   | 9 | in | 3   |
| 463152  | 4 |   |    | 2534   | 9 | in | 3 S |
| 562143  | 4 | 5 |    | 3452   | 9 | in | 3 S |
| Repeat above, calling first course, 4 5 S, except in last course, to which add 9 S—11 S, which produces |   |   |    | Repeat above calling, omitting the last course, produces |   |    |     |
| 241537689   |   |   |    | 35247689   |   |    |     |
|   |   |   |    | 45237689   | 2 | 4  | 5   |
|   |   |   |    | 5324   | 8 | in | 3   |
| 124537689 is the fourth change of the last six, from which start  |   |   |    | 2435   | 8 | in | 3 S |
| Grandsire.  |   |   |    | 4532   | 8 | in | 3   |
|   |   |   |    | 3254   | 8 | in | 3 S |

This composition has 2,556 changes of Stedman and 2,519 Grandsire. It is the first peal produced with these two methods 'spliced,' and was first rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, October 31st, 1925, conducted by Ernest Morris.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter-peal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.

**LONDON, W.**—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, at the Church of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,167 Stedman Caters: W. E. Garrard 1, W. E. Judd 2, E. Borrett (Valparaiso, Chili), 3, F. V. H. Sinkins 4, H. G. Miles 5, E. F. Poppy (Eye), 6, R. Congreve Pridgen 7, T. F. King (Bath), conductor, 8. A. F. Harris 9, C. W. Roberts 10.

**BINFIELD, BERKS.**—At All Saints' Church, with the bells half-muffled, for memorial service, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8th, 600 Bob Minor, in 20 minutes: R. Blake 1, F. Gearing 2, C. B. Davies 3, J. Rance 4, W. Gearing 5, G. Bull, M.M. (conductor) 6.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday morning, Nov. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, H. A. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, W. Dickinson 5, F. Richardson 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, at the Parish Church, for Matins, at the Armistice service, 1,008 Boh Major: A. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, H. E. Hammond 5, F. Ely 6, F. Rudkin 7, W. H. Hammond 8; and for evensong, 672 Kent Treble Boh Major.

**CHESTER.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, at St. Mary's Within-the-Wall, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Hallows 1, G. F. Sperring 2, R. Sperring 3, Wm. Westman 4, A. Newall 5, J. W. Davies 6, G. R. Jones 7, J. Bennion 8. \* Longest length.

**WAKEFIELD, YORKS.**—At the Cathedral, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 1st, Patronal Festival: also Mr. G. Hinsley's birthday and silver wedding, 1,061 Grandsire Caters, in 45 mins.: H. Simpson 1, J. Chapman 2, W. Penker 3, W. Preston 4, G. Heald 5, J. Moorhouse 6, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, G. Moorhouse 8, F. Cockell 9, W. Hammond 10.

**BIRMINGHAM.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 18th, at St. John's Church, Deritend, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. Evans (conductor) 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. Neal 3, E. Mausell 4, M. J. Morris 5, A. Walker 6, G. Yendall 7, W. T. Froggatt 8. Alex. Evans hails from Burnham-on-Sea, Somersetshire.

**HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, to celebrate St. Luke's Day, 720 Oxford Treble Boh Minor, with tenor covering, was rung for morning service; and for evening service, a touch of Grandsire Triples and 336 Stedman Triples: W. Pierce 1, E. Hall 2, C. Moss 3, E. Peck 4, A. H. Took 5, Jas. Howard 6, F. C. Lamberti (conductor) 7, J. Jelly 8.

**TOTTENHAM.**—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Roe 1, H. Barnett (conductor) 2, H. Ellis 3, E. A. Hull 4, W. Dickinson 5, J. Nash 6, C. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.

**ASHFORD, KENT.**—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, for evening service, 540 Stedman Triples: Tom Tabrett 1, P. Page 2, C. W. Franklin 3, G. Swaffer (longest length) 4, Miss Thomas 5, C. W. Everett (conductor) 6, E. Powell 7, D. Godden (longest length) 8.

**BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, in 41 mins., consisting of 480 Canterbury, 480 Plain Bob, 120 St. Simon's and 180 Grandsire: H. D. Baxter 1, F. W. Randall 2, E. A. Manning 3, A. Stapleton 4, A. E. Wykes (conductor) 5. Rung to mark the occasion of the silver wedding of the Rector (the Rev. C. Padmore).

**WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.**—On Sunday, Oct. 18th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: T. Lock 1, N. Scott 2, R. Rix 3, J. Scott 4, G. Bevan 5, H. Balaam (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

**APSLEY END, HERES.**—On Sunday, Oct. 11th, for evensong, a 720 Bob Minor: C. Henley 1, W. Hughes (firs) 720 2, H. Gates 3, J. Floyd 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th hail from Hemel Hempstead.

**HYTHE, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Oct. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Swan 1, T. A. Vincent 2, R. J. Birch 3, A. Wrothen (conductor) 4, S. Mowl 5, A. R. Manning 6, W. Bidnell, senr., 7, S. A. Gower 8.

**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Oct. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, at the harvest festival, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes), being 240 Canterbury Doubles, 240 Bob Doubles and 780 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: R. Turrell 1, C. Carr 2, A. Madden 3, F. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5.

## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 15th (6 to 7 p.m.); \*St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 17th (election of officers); St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 19th (8 p.m.); all the others at 7.30 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.**—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfield on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (new ring of 8 by Taylor) available from 3 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Opening of Manchester Cathedral Peal.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tea will be provided at Winn's Cafe, Corn Exchange, Corporation Street, at 4.30 prompt. Ringing from 5.30 to 9.30 p.m.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Yorktown on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Guild service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. A good attendance is requested.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—The next practice and meeting will be held at Old Basford on Saturday evening, Nov. 14th. Tower open 4.30. Meeting 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kirkham on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells ready 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—Next meeting on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at the Cathedral and St. Marie's. Bells available 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Committee meeting at 4.30, followed by the general meeting at 5 p.m. in the St. Marie's Presbytery. As there are numerous cafes and restaurants in the immediate vicinity of the churches, visitors are requested to make their own arrangements for tea.—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Ecclesall.

**ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14th, at Whittlesey, Cambridge. Eight bells, ready from 3. Service 6. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea. — F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Clapham on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A monthly meeting will be held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday, Nov. 14th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided in the Parochial Hall. A hearty invitation is offered to all ringers. There is a very frequent running of trams from Wakefield, and buses from many directions.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—A practice (including Cambridge) is to be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Nov. 14th, 3.15 to 7 p.m. Tea at 5. The bells of St. James', Poole, will be also available 7.30 to 9.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) ready at 2.30. Tea at 5. Will those who want tea please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 18th?—C. J. Ball, Dist. Secretary, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arranged for 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 2.45 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at Whitechapel 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All friends welcome. — W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The District annual meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid by this date. Will members please note?—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 3 to 8. Tea and short business meeting in the Church House at 4.30. All ringers and friends are invited.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**—Western Branch.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Hallow on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Rector, who is very kindly providing tea. Will all those intending to be present please notify the local secretary, Mr. P. Brantford, 1, Garden Cottages, Wingham, not later than Thursday, Nov. 19th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available from 2.30 till 9 o'clock. Tea will be kindly provided by the Vicar at the Tea Gardens, High Street, 4.30. All those intending to be present, please notify me by Wednesday, the 18th.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Dis. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, Nov. 17th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Expecting a good attendance of members.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Geddington (5) on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Usual arrangements. Will all those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 17th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Brading (8) on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Business meeting after. Please notify secretary by the 23rd requirements for tea.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Isle of Wight.

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## VETERAN TENTERDEN RINGER DEAD.

We regret to have to record the death of Mr. George Neve, one of Tenterden's oldest ringers, who passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 26th, at the age of 77 years. Deceased had been a member of the Kent County Association ever since its formation, and had rung several peals of Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, and, being a man of weighty build, was always found at the heavy end.

He was laid to rest in Tenterden Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 31st, and as a token of sympathy and esteem a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells muffled: Mrs. H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, A. C. Thay 3, C. Tribe 4, H. Baker 5, K. Pattenden 6, W. Wenban 7, M. Holdstock 8. Also a 504 in the same method: Mrs. Baker 1, G. Cramp 2, H. Baker 3, R. Edwards 4, C. Tribe 5, K. Pattenden 6, W. Wenban 7, A. Buttin 8.

## DEATH OF MR. T. ALLIBONE.

The death occurred on November 5th, of Mr. Thomas Allibone, of North Wingfield, who was for many years secretary and later president of the East Derbyshire Association. The bells will be rung muffled at most of the churches in the association on Sunday morning next.

## MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.—On Tuesday, Nov. 3rd, at St. John-the-Evangelist's Church, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Hall 1, Miss A. Brierley 2, W. H. Shuker 3, W. Maycock 4, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, A. Eldyard 6, P. Shuker 7, J. Sterling 8. Rung as a compliment to the tenor ringer on his coming of age.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS. — On Wednesday, Oct. 21st 720 London Surprise and 720 York Surprise: A. E. Austin 1, E. G. Hibbins 2, F. Warrington 3, Miss K. Willers 4, W. A. Tuck 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. First 720 of London by 2nd, and first 720 of York by 2nd and 3rd.

LINTON, KENT.—On Thursday, Oct. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples taken from Carter's Odd Bob peal: Mrs. H. Baker 1, L. Mannerling 2, W. E. Pitman 3, C. H. Sone 4, G. Pound 5, H. Baker 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, H. Tolhurst 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of 5th and 8th.

COTTINGHAM, YORKSHIRE.—On Friday, October 2nd, for the harvest thanksgiving services, 657 Grandsire Triples: W. Gibson 1, G. P. Bradley 2, C. G. Constable 3, J. Brailthwaite 4, Fred Osmerby 5, A. E. Sellers 6, W. Middleton (conductor) 7, G. M. Daggett 8. All the ringers were from Beverley Minster.

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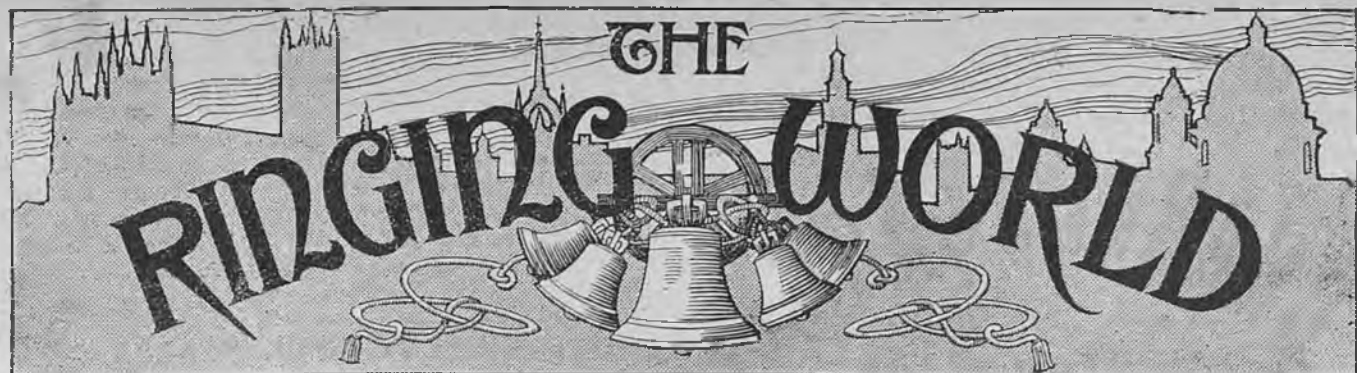
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## NOTABLE BELL RESTORATIONS.

Two notable bell restorations were completed last week. At Carlisle Cathedral the bells were heard again after a silence of 180 years, and at Manchester Cathedral a new ring of ten bells was opened, and it is doubtful whether ringing annals have any parallel of the dedication of two Cathedral peals within so short a space of time. The case of Carlisle has been unique. It is traditionally held that the last time these bells were rung was when Bonnie Prince Charlie entered the city in 1745, and we know of no other instance where, from neglect or any other cause, a ring of eight bells has lain idle and silent for so protracted a period. Whether or not there was any truth in the tradition that a 'ban' was placed upon them for the part they played in the welcome to the young Stuart, it is remarkable that indifference to the condition of the bells should have so long existed that nearly two centuries should have been allowed to pass before their restoration was taken in hand. We hope, now that the bells are once again in order, that the Cathedral will become a centre of change ringing in a county where the art has but a precarious foothold, and where the Cumberland Association is endeavouring under great difficulties, with few opportunities and little chance of outside assistance, to 'keep the flag flying.'

At Manchester the circumstances are vastly different. Here, in the centre of great ringing activity, a new peal of ten has replaced one which served its day and generation, and has had now to give place to something more worthy of the mother church of an important diocese. It is somewhat singular that Lancashire, considering its populous nature, is so poorly off for rings of ten bells. Sixes and eights it has in plenty, and it has its share of twelves—for three in one county is a fair average for this larger number. But with peals of ten the County Palatine is ill provided. There are, we believe, only three. Blackburn has a light peal, with tenor about 15 cwt., Manchester Town Hall has a heavy peal with a tenor of 52 cwt., and the only other ten is Manchester Cathedral, where, for the old 25 cwt. ring, there has been substituted one with a tenor of 27½ cwt., of more than average excellence of tone, and so well hung that only the slightest physical effort is necessary to ring them. These bells should prove of great advantage to Lancashire, both from the fact that they are of medium weight and are situated in a city so easy of access. The interest which the ringers of the county are already taking in them was manifested by the large number who, last Saturday, availed themselves of the opportunity to 'try' the bells. In recent years the bells in the cathedrals of the Province of York have received 'con-

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siderable attention. Apart from the augmentation to twelve at Newcastle just before the war, Sheffield and Durham have been restored, the restoration of Carlisle and Manchester is now complete, and the great renewal at York, where the new peal of twelve is to have a tenor of 60 cwt., is well in hand. This is indeed a record of progress which ringers throughout the country can ponder on with gratification.

## TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

*On Tuesday, November 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;**

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *CHARLES E. BORRETT ... .. Treble | †JAMES F. DUFFIELD ... .. 7    |
| FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... .. 2     | GEORGE P. BURTON ... .. 8      |
| *GEORGE CLAXTON ... .. 3          | †WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 9     |
| EGBERT BORRETT ... .. 4           | GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 10        |
| †GEORGE A. SPARKS ... .. 5        | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 11      |
| FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... .. 6     | †FREDERICK W. CORTIS ... Tenor |

Composed by J. NELME.

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, who are to be congratulated on the 'go' of the bells.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

*On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,*

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

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5001 CHANGES;**

Tenor 32 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM TILLET ... .. Treble | HARRY R. ROPER ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... .. 2  | GEORGE FLEMING ... .. 8        |
| LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... .. 3     | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 9     |
| *GEORGE WIFFEN ... .. 4      | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 10 |
| ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... .. 5   | GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... .. 11    |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... .. 6  | FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor  |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

\* First peal on twelve bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Edwin Horrex, a native of Ipswich, who died in London, Nov. 7th, 1925, aged 87 years. The brothers Wiffen hail from Braintree.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

PRITTLEWELL, SOUTHELD.

*On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THÉ-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *JOHN BELCHAM ... .. Treble | WILLIAM DUDLEY ... .. 6     |
| GORDON A. BACON ... .. 2    | WILLIAM BACON ... .. 7      |
| HENRY T. WILSON ... .. 3    | JOHN W. CORNFORD ... .. 8   |
| STANLEY W. BAYBUT ... .. 4  | GEORGE E. WILSON ... .. 9   |
| ERNEST FURBANK ... .. 5     | LIONEL H. PAGE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

\* First peal.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

**A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... .. Treble | ARTHUR C. CTWAY ... .. 6  |
| JOHN BEAMS ... .. 2              | JOHN H. WHITE ... .. 7    |
| GEORGE MARRINER ... .. 3         | AMOS CLARK ... .. 8       |
| ALFRED H. WINCH ... .. 4         | ALBERT H. HARMAN ... .. 9 |
| WALTER SPARROW ... .. 5          | ARTHUR DEAN ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

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## LEICESTER.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALFRED BALLARD ... .. Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 6     |
| WILLIAM ROGERS ... .. 2      | EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7  |
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. 3       | G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 8 |
| CHARLES W. BIRD ... .. 4     | ARTHUR CATTELL ... .. 9    |
| FRED HOPPER ... .. 5         | ALFRED MONK ... .. Tenor   |

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## BRISTOL.

## THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. PARKER ... .. 6    |
| E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 2      | RONALD G. BECK ... .. 7       |
| MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... .. 3  | WALTER C. HUNT ... .. 8       |
| CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 4    | RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. 9    |
| GILBERT PEARCE ... .. 5      | REGINALD F. BECK ... .. Tenor |

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Conducted by E. G. TREW.

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## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| RICHARD GRANT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM COPE ... .. 5         |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2   | CHARLES R. BELTON ... .. 6    |
| PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... .. 3 | THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 7     |
| ERNEST W. TIFLER ... .. 4   | GEORGE A. NEWTON ... .. Tenor |

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| †HARRY W. BADGER ... .. 3      | C.O.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 7 |
| WILLIAM HUNT ... .. 4          | †JAMES OLIVER ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

\* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. Rung in honour of Lord Mayor's Day. Ringer of 4th from Oakley; 5th from Godalming; 7th from Aldershot; remainder belong to local band.

## DERBY.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb;

|                           |                            |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOSEPH LORD ... .. Treble | JACK BAILEY ... .. 5       |
| ALFRED MOULD ... .. 2     | *CYRIL PORTER ... .. 6     |
| JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 3     | CYRIL JENNINGS ... .. 7    |
| THOMAS JONES ... .. 4     | JAMES STEVENS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by J. GLEW.

The ringer of the 4th, who hails from Manchester, was elected a member before starting the peal. \* First peal away from treble. Rung to celebrate the signing of the Armistice.

## PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN HALLETT ... .. Treble | SYD RIDGWAY ... .. 5         |
| IDRIS MITCHELL ... .. 2    | JOHN DARCH ... .. 6          |
| FRED J. THYER ... .. 3     | HARRY PAGE ... .. 7          |
| ALBERT E. GRAY ... .. 4    | *ROBERT DARWARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN HALLETT.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of Mr. A. Burgess, one of the local ringers, and 'father' of the band. All the above are local ringers except H. Page, who was the instructor of the band. \* First peal and first attempt.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. Treble | OWEN H. GILES ... .. 5        |
| JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 2    | RICHARD PAINE ... .. 6        |
| D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... .. 3    | FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE PRESTON ... .. 4       | FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... Tenor |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Armistice.

## HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

|                             |                                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ARTHUR W. COX ... .. Treble | WALTER V. WEBB ... .. 5         |
| THOMAS EAST ... .. 2        | FREDERICK H. ABBOTT ... 6       |
| WILLIAM J. NAPPER ... .. 3  | RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 7        |
| ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 4     | WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

Rung to celebrate Armistice Day. Five of the above band served overseas in the war. Believed to be the first peal on the bells in which both churchwardens have taken part.

## NORTHAMPTON.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ISAAC BENNETT ... .. Treble | THOMAS ROBERTS ... .. 5   |
| *ERNEST SIBLEY ... .. 2     | JACK DOVE ... .. 6        |
| THOMAS H. WISE ... .. 3     | TOM TEBBUTT ... .. 7      |
| BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 4    | FRED BARRETT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

\* First peal, and the first peal of Stedman by all except the ringers of the 4th and 7th. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

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## MIDSOMER NORTON, SOMERSET.

## BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *ERIC WADMAN ... .. Treble | JOSEPH T. DYKE ... .. 5    |
| *GEORGE GUNNING ... .. 2   | JOHN G. HAMBLETON ... .. 6 |
| †ERIC CHIVERS ... .. 3     | WILLIAM KEEVILL ... .. 7   |
| ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... .. 4 | †THOMAS SNELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

\* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal on 8 bells.

## KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,  
At the Chapel of St. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *ERNEST BULLOCK ... .. Treble | TOM GREENACRE ... .. 5       |
| WALTER CURSTON ... .. 2       | JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 6      |
| ALFRED BACON ... .. 3         | WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... .. 7   |
| CLAUDE COUSINS ... .. 4       | WALTER N. ASHEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by W. J. ELDRED.

\* First peal of Major. Rung with bells half-muffled, in memory of the fallen.

## CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. PETER.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT SARSBY ... .. Treble | OLIVER GREATHEAD ... .. 5    |
| PERCY GLEDSTONE ... .. 2    | EDGAR STACEY ... .. 6        |
| JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... .. 3  | *ARNOLD HILL ... .. 7        |
| *MILTON C. FOWLER ... .. 4  | J. EDWARD CAWSE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by J. EDWARD CAWSE.

\* First peal in the method. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. PAULINUS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ERNEST H. OKENHAM ... .. Treble | C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... .. 5    |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2    | WILLIAM MARTIN ... .. 6          |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 3     | WILLIAM BOND ... .. 7            |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4         | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

## BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 13, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. MARY, DEANE.

## A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

|                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| GEORGE PINCOTT ... .. Treble | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5     |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 2   | ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. 6 |
| FRED ABBOTT ... .. 3         | PETER CROOK ... .. 7      |
| ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... .. 4      | THOMAS SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, and by the association.

## WOODBURN, BUCKS.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,  
At the Church of St. PAUL.

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| LESLIE L. GRAY ... .. Treble | ALFRED C. DARNELL ... .. 5   |
| CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... .. 2   | RALPH H. BIGGS ... .. 6      |
| JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. 3   | EDWARD C. RUSSELL ... .. 7   |
| CHARLES G. CHOET ... .. 4    | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

## CHERITON, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. MARTIN.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... .. Treble | ALFRED G. WRATTON ... .. 5       |
| HAROLD JONES ... .. 2           | FRANK VERNEY ... .. 6            |
| STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 3       | CHARLES TURNER ... .. 7          |
| RICHARD J. BIRCH ... .. 4       | *LAWRENCE V. SIBLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

\* First peal.

## WHALLEY, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Parish Church.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 5   |
| ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 2       | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 6        |
| ROBERT WALLWORK ... .. 3       | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7 |
| EDWARD JENKINS ... .. 4        | HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise in the tower. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Chapman.

## WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. ALKMOND.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. (approx.)

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5 |
| JOHN HAYES ... .. 2           | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6      |
| JOHN GIBSON ... .. 3          | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 7       |
| THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 4     | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

## ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of All SAINTS.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                                    |                                  |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... .. Treble | GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... .. 5    |
| J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... .. 2       | ARTHUR H. FULWELL ... .. 6       |
| *JAMES H. LUCAS ... .. 3           | FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... .. 7 |
| *ALFRED J. MOORE ... .. 4          | FRANK CORKE ... .. Tenor         |

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

Central Council Collection No. 140. \* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,  
At the Church of St. ANDREW.

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES; 8

Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| SAMUEL WARNE ... .. Treble | JAMES FLEUTY ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE W. MOSS ... .. 2    | WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6       |
| *JOHN TURNER ... .. 3      | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 4    | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First Surprise peal. The conductor has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

## DEVONSHIRE MEN RING CINQUES.

The first quarter-peal of Cinques by a band of Devonshire men was rung at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, when a band selected from the Devonshire Guild brought round 1,253 of Grandsire in 60 mins.: E. Shepherd 1, J. C. Oke 2, W. Howe 3, T. G. Bartlett 4, T. Laver 5, W. Richardson 6, Rev. E. S. Powell (composer and conductor) 7, J. R. Sandover 8, E. W. Marsh 9, A. G. Betts 10, F. J. Davey 11, W. Bedford and S. J. Hopkins 12.

## CLANFIELD, OXON.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, November 15, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEVEN,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lb. in G flat.

|                      |            |                         |       |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE H. LAW...     | ... Treble | WILLIAM C. CUSS ...     | 5     |
| FRANCIS J. LEWIS ... | 2          | JOHN HOPE... ..         | 6     |
| GEORGE J. WINTER ... | 3          | HERBERT ACOCK ...       | 7     |
| WILFRED G. COOK ...  | 4          | *EDMUND T. GARDENER ... | Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

\* First peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three of Oxford Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                         |            |                              |       |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-------|
| †GEORGE E. ALLIN ...    | ... Treble | †ROWLAND HUSKISSON ...       | 4     |
| *RALPH PARTRIDGE ...    | 2          | †CECIL BECKLEY... ..         | 5     |
| WILSON ALLIN, SEN... .. | 3          | CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. ALLIN.

\* First peal. † First peal in three methods. Quickest peal on the bells. First peal by an entirely local band. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar of the parish, the Rev. W. E. G. Sternberg.

TURNER'S HILL, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                        |            |                       |       |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------|
| ALBERT E. T. GASSON... | ... Treble | WILLIAM STANFORD ...  | 4     |
| ALFRED J. BULL ...     | 2          | ALBERT ELLIS ...      | 5     |
| WILLIAM WATTS... ..    | 3          | OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First peal on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, and three each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

|                       |            |                        |       |
|-----------------------|------------|------------------------|-------|
| EDWIN TILLEY ...      | ... Treble | FRANK ROWLINSON ...    | 4     |
| KATHLEEN A. JUTSON... | 2          | WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... | 5     |
| ANNIE M. DALE ...     | 3          | JOHN J. JUTSON ...     | Tenor |

Conducted by J. J. JUTSON.

Rung in honour of the election of Councillor J. T. Fisher (a sidesman and member of the Church Council of this church) as Mayor of the city, and of the Rev. T. W. A. Jones, M.C., as Mayor's chaplain.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                      |            |                     |   |
|----------------------|------------|---------------------|---|
| HENRY CHANCE ...     | ... Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... | 4 |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES... | 2          | SIDNEY T. HOLT ...  | 5 |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ...  | 3          | CHARLES CAMM ...    | 6 |

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung to celebrate the 58th anniversary of the consecration of this church.

## THE CHART, LIMPSTFIELD, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Two Hours &amp; Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

|                       |            |                         |       |
|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|
| EDWARD E. TIDY... ..  | ... Treble | JAMES KNIGHT ...        | 4     |
| HYLTON F. H. TIDY ... | 2          | CHARLES W. CLINCH... .. | 5     |
| PERCIVAL C. TIDY ...  | 3          | LEONARD A. TIDY ...     | Tenor |

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

First peal inside by the ringer of the 4th. Rung with the bells half-muffled to commemorate Armistice Day.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.

## THE TRUMPINGTON SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven six-scores each of Chase, Canterbury, Stedman, Grand-sire, Oxford Singles and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                      |            |                    |       |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------|-------|
| *JACK HARPER ...     | ... Treble | *FRANK HAYNES ...  | 3     |
| KITTY WILLIERS... .. | 2          | †ARTHUR WILSON ... | 4     |
|                      |            | †FRANK RAYNER ..   | Tenor |

Conducted by KITTY WILLIERS.

\* First peal. † First peal in six methods. Rung, half-muffled, in memory of the men who fell in the war. All the band are Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores each of New, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 10 six-scores each of St. Dunstan's, Stedman and Grandsire.

|                       |            |                     |       |
|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|-------|
| *EDWARD JEFFERIES ... | ... Treble | FRANK PONTING... .. | 4     |
| HARRY NEWMAN ...      | 2          | HARRY BARRATT ...   | 5     |
| *FRANK SIMMONDS ...   | 3          | *FRANK CANTER ...   | Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK PONTING.

\* First peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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.

|                     |            |                         |       |
|---------------------|------------|-------------------------|-------|
| ALBERT HOWARD... .. | ... Treble | WALTER MANSFIELD ...    | 4     |
| HARRY HOWARD ...    | 2          | WALTER F. SERMONS... .. | 5     |
| WILLIAM A. TACK ... | 3          | ROBERT HOWARD... ..     | Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

Rung to celebrate the signing of the Armistice.

## HANDBELL PEAL.

MANCHESTER.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 25, KIRKMANSULME LANE.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

|                      |     |                     |     |
|----------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| ALFRED BARNES ...    | 1-2 | ALLEN F. BAILEY ... | 5-6 |
| FREDERICK PAGE... .. | 3-4 | HARRY CHAPMAN... .. | 7-8 |

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Chapman.

MONTFORD, SALOP. — On Saturday, Oct. 10th, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Short (conductor) 1, J. Preece 2, W. Broughall 3, C. R. Lilley 4, W. Bevan 5, J. Roberts 6. Also 360 Grandsire.

## HISTORY: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

## A REPLY TO MR. TROLLOPE.

It is clear that Mr. Trollope is very angry with me for saying that it was not fair for him to say twice (in the same form) what he had been shown was incorrect. Like an organism which shall be nameless, he covers his retreat with a plentiful supply of ink, intended, of course, to hide his own movements from his pursuers, but which, unfortunately, for him, also prevents him seeing his own way about clearly. Or to change the metaphor, he cannot see the wood for trees, and often is found wandering in the opposite direction to that which he intends to follow. Still, as he truly says, he has 'yet to learn that good intentions give a man immunity from error, or that general ability is any adequate substitute for technical knowledge.'

The technical knowledge which Mr. Trollope on this occasion is displaying, is that of history, and of the history of ringing terms. As this appears, to use his own expression, to be inadequate, I propose to supplement it with some items of my own.

In order to show us how unprecedented a thing it would be to change the name of the 'London Scholars,' he tells us the history (of which he rashly assumes that I am ignorant), of the change of name of the society. Apparently he thinks it a good thing to change the name of the society, but a crime to suggest the change of name of the method.

Now it would be too cruel to quote the well-known lines:—

Teach not a parent's parent to extract  
The embryo juices of an egg by suction:  
The good old lady can the feat enact,  
Quite irrespective of your kind instruction.

But I will now give an item, which Mr. Trollope may, perhaps, add to the history of the society, of which he is so distinguished a member.

A quarter of a century ago, or more, as a result of some articles I wrote for 'Bell News,' on this very subject of Nomenclature, I received the unprecedented honour of being elected a member of the Royal Cumberlands, and of the College Youths, on the same night. I had to choose which honour I would accept, and it was because of this change of name as an act of sycophantic adulation to the 'Bloody Butcher' (whose character I hate more than any other in history) that I decided to decline the kindness of the Cumberlands, much as I should have otherwise preferred it.

If Mr. Trollope's argument has any value, we ought to call the method 'The Cumberlands' Pleasure,' or 'The Butcher of Culloden's Pleasure,' or even 'Bloody Butcher's Pleasure.' This latter has a fine full-mouthed flair about it, that would have commended it to conductors in the noisy belfries of olden time.

But the real lesson which history here teaches, is that some people, when they have found a good name, are foolish enough to change it for a bad one. Apparently Mr. Trollope approves of this, but he does not want any unsuitable names changed for the better.

Incidentally, Mr. Trollope shows quite clearly that I was right in speaking of 'London Scholars' Pleasure,' not as any of the things he says I wrote, but as a description, and not a name.

Mr. Trollope is so fond of labouring the obvious that he sometimes misses even obvious things altogether. Thus he says he does not know why certain societies called themselves 'Youths' or 'Scholars.' I would suggest that they so called themselves because they were Youths or Scholars. And, further, their choice of those modest names indicates that even in those early days there were older men, who, as to-day, insinuated that they only knew everything, and that it was no use such beginners attempting to assume 'that general ability is any substitute for technical knowledge.'

Another omission to elaborate the obvious is when he declines to tell us why dodging was called a 'bob.' May I here supplement his 'technical knowledge'? Ringers often see the bob of a church clock pendulum swinging, and when it appears and disappears from behind some obstruction, its motion is very similar to that of a bell dodging.

But there is a more serious instance of 'inadequate technical knowledge' in Mr. Trollope's account of what was a 'Bob.' He gives a correct account of 'Plain Changes,' and of 'Cross Peals,' except that he says that Stedman developed the former. A statement so unlikely to be true, that one can safely say that it is impossible. But, besides Plain Changes and Cross Peals, there was before Stedman's time also Bob methods. Now, these were not, as Mr. Trollope seems to imagine, at first methods with one dodge in them, but methods that were all dodges, or at least as nearly so as possible. Plain (or Grandsire) Bob was not the original, but the last development, of Bob method building, and it was here that Stedman's work was so valuable. A method was not considered a true Bob method unless one bell at least dodged all the time, after the Hunt left it, until it returned to it again. But a Court (Curt) Bob method, was one in which the long dodge was shortened. This re-

sulted in places being made at fourth's and third's: these latter are now called 'Court Places, and the meaning of the designation, Court Bob (i.e., 'shortened dodging'), has been overlooked.

It will be seen that there have been considerably more than the three uses of the word Bob which Mr. Trollope enumerates, and that there has, in fact, been much confusion in their use. I would go further and say there is likely to be more in future, especially in the ringing of spliced peals, and that the use of the word, except as the time-honoured call, should be restricted.

I am glad to note that Mr. Trollope has solved the puzzle of the meaning of the word Grandsire or Grandsir: he says it is a descriptive name; but unfortunately he does not say of what it is descriptive; until he does this the discovery is not of much value.

In conclusion, I must point out that, like all who have attacked our report, Mr. Trollope has not troubled to find out what we actually do recommend. Not one of his strictures on me personally, or on the committee generally, are founded on fact. We have never proposed that the three words of London Scholars' Pleasure, or the five words of the title of Norwich should be dropped, much less lost. What we propose is that the former method should have what it never yet has had, a name of its own; and that of the five words of the latter title, one only, and that the only distinctive one, should be its name and the name of that method only. If you call 'Go Norwich,' you do not mean nor imply that the method you want rung is not Double, that it has not Court Bob Places (or shortened dodging), and that it is not Major. In short, neither 'Double,' nor 'Court Bob,' nor 'Major,' are names of methods, none of them have at present anything to do with the Nomenclature Committee, and all that Mr. Trollope has written, so lengthily, and with so much repetition about them, is beside the point.

Will no one really read our report, and find some true objection to it?

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

## THE CONDITION OF THE ACTON BELLS.

In spite of the hard-going bells, and cold and foggy weather, the Crewe and District Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild held a thoroughly enjoyable meeting at Acton, near Nantwich, on Saturday, when there was a satisfactory muster of members from the local tower, Crewe, Nantwich, Norton-in-Hales, Wistaston, Church Lawton, and Ightfield, numbering 24 in all. It is a pity that this peal of six at Acton have not received the necessary attention by the church authorities. Practically nothing has been done since October, 1893, when the new wooden frame was erected, the fifth bell recast, and the remainder quarter-turned. The bells were all rehung on this occasion, and a new floor was laid. Since then the only expenditure which has been made has been on the six new clappers, and it is hoped that the authorities will give some little encouragement to the enthusiastic young ringers by putting the frame into proper order, for this is where the trouble lies.

In the afternoon the company rang touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Major, and afterwards adjourned to the ancient village hostelry, the Star Inn, where a substantial repast, provided by the Parochial Council, through the churchwardens, was thoroughly enjoyed.

There was little business at the meeting which followed.

Mr. W. Holding (Crewe) said he looked upon Acton as his 'second birthplace,' and expressed his pleasure at the visit he had paid. He moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Parochial Church Council for providing such an excellent tea, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Mr. R. T. Holding (Crewe) seconded, and said he would like to include the landlord of the Star (Mr. Trinder) in the vote of thanks. Mr. Holding expressed the hope that the bell frame would be attended to by the church authorities. He was surprised that the Acton ringers should be allowed to 'maul' themselves every Sunday, and they were very brave men to tackle it. He was sorry none of the church officials were there to hear their comments. Even if he resided in the parish he would not ring at Acton, and he thought it was a shame the bells should be in the condition they were. There was certainly something wrong with the frame, and it needed proper attention as soon as possible. Mr. Holding extended a hearty welcome to the Rev. M. Stevens, curate of Christ Church, Crewe, and said he hoped it would not be the last time he would be among them.

The Rev. M. Stevens said he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit. It was quite a change to leave behind such a large industrial centre like Crewe, and visit such a pretty spot, and the beautiful old church at Acton.

Mr. R. D. Langford, branch secretary, supported Mr. Holding's remarks with regard to the condition of the bells. He supposed the church officials would say they could only spend so much, but he sincerely hoped that things would get put right.

The company then visited the tower again, and rang touches of Grandsire Doubles, Minor and Stedman Doubles.



**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.****YOUNG ASPIRANTS' PROGRESS.**

Following the custom of previous years, when the above society has held its November meeting, a very representative gathering assembled at Sheffield Cathedral and St. Marie's on Saturday last. Members, to the number of 60, came from the Derbyshire and Nottingham areas, the towers in and around Sheffield being also well represented.

At the business meeting, held in the St. Marie's Presbytery, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. A. Knights, of Chesterfield, for his untiring and laborious efforts in compiling the necessary data for insertion in the society's peal book.

The secretary was also requested to write to all members who have not paid their subscription for the past and present financial years, urging them to do so at their very earliest convenience, so that the annual expenditure shall not exceed the annual income, and it is hoped that if any of them read this request they will comply without delay.

It was noticed that many of the younger aspirants to the art are making excellent progress, and continued assistance from the more advanced members will give them additional encouragement.

Ringings throughout the day was of a good order, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Bob Major, Little Bob Maximus, Double Norwich and London Surprise Major being the methods performed.

**RINGERS' GOLDEN WEDDINGS.**

Mr. and Mrs. A. Burgess, of Pontypridd, celebrated their golden wedding on November 9th. Mr. Burgess is 'father' of the local ringers, and in honour of the interesting anniversary, a presentation, as a token of respect, was made to Mr. and Mrs. Burgess at the Vicarage. The gift was subscribed to by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers, and afterwards a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at the Parish Church.

On Sunday afternoon, November 1st, an attempt for a peal of Superlative Surprise at Worlingworth, Suffolk, came to grief, after ringing 2 hours and 20 minutes, owing to the breaking of the clapper of the tenor bell. This was somewhat disappointing to the inhabitants of the village, as well as to the ringers themselves, as the peal was being attempted in honour of the golden wedding of the local veteran, Mr. David Collins, and his wife, which occurred a few days previously. The band were J. Hall 1, G. Pryke 2, L. G. Brett 3, G. A. Wighman 4, E. E. Grimes 5, T. H. Chappell 6, L. C. Wightman 7, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 8.

**BOW BELLS BROADCAST.****SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION AT FAMOUS LONDON CHURCH.**

Thousands of listeners—perhaps hundreds of thousands—heard bell ringing in perfection on Sunday night, when the famous Bow bells were broadcast from London. The ringing—a course of Stedman Cinques—was carried out by the St. Paul's Cathedral Sunday band, and this noble peal of bells was never heard to better advantage. As ringers, we all appreciate such broadcasting as this, but it is as well to know what other people think of it. Here is what the 'Daily Chronicle' said on Monday: 'To home-sick Londoners the full-toned, melodious message of the bells must have come as a breath of fresh air. "There are few sounds more beautiful than good bells, well rung," said Mr. W. Roughton, of the St. Paul's Cathedral band of the Ancient Society of College Youths, members of which rang the bells in the belfry of the famous old Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside. The broadcast came through vigorously and purely, and those who obeyed the injunction, "Please shut your eyes and listen to the message of Bow bells," were warmly rewarded. So perfect was the reception that each of the twelve great bells of Bow could be identified separately.'

**CORNISH BELLS TO BE BROADCAST.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On Sunday next, Nov. 22nd, the bells of St. Mary's Cathedral Truro, will be broadcast, from 6 to 6.15 p.m. As your leading article of Aug. 29th, 1924, truly stated, the Truro Diocesan Guild is one about which the Exercise hears very little. Perhaps this occasion will be appreciated by some of the 'experts,' although the time is somewhat inconvenient to those who ring regularly for Sunday Services. It is hoped to broadcast a course of Grandsire Triples on the peal of ten (tenor 34 cwt.), with 9, 8, 10, covering.

I shall be glad to receive a criticism from any ringer who may hear this ringing. Scientific change ringing is only practised in about six towers in the whole diocese of Truro, the majority of these being only able to ring Grandsire Doubles. I am glad to see other towers are beginning to look for help, but a lack of conductors does not allow all the assistance to be given that we would like to give.—Yours faithfully,

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The dedication of Carlisle Cathedral bells on November 12th was attended by about 120 clergy. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of York. The bells have been retuned and rebung at the expense of Mrs. Rashdall, widow of Dean Hastings Rashdall. The last time the bells were rung is said to have been in 1745, when Bonnie Prince Charlie entered the city.

Mr. Thomas Allibone, whose death we briefly recorded last week, was for 35 years parish clerk of North Wingfield Church, where he was also a member of the tower band. He was 71 years of age, and was formerly secretary and later president of the East Derbyshire Association. He had a wonderful general knowledge of church bells.

Another of the rare old school of ringers, Mr. John Buffery, 'father' of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, has passed away. He died on Armistice Day, and was buried on Monday.

Last Saturday an attempt was made at Warnham, Sussex, for a peal of 10,560 of London Surprise Major, the company consisting of the able band which Mr. Alfred Pulling, of Guildford, has got around him. Things were going along very merrily, when, after 5,568 changes had been rung in 3 hrs. 20 minutes, the tenor clapper broke, and put an untimely end to the ringing.

One of the most interesting anniversaries of the week falls on Sunday, and, curiously enough, is of a very early peal which was rung on a Sunday. This was on November 22nd, 1721, at Mortlake, Surrey, and is recorded as follows: 'On Sunday, November xxii MDCCLXXI. was rung in this steeple by the Mortlake Society a true and complete peal of 5,040 Bob Major Tribbles in 3 hours and 4 minutes: Will Patten, First; Willm. Smith, Second; Jno Tomlinson, Third; John Brown, Fourth; Henry Lyford, Fifth; Willm. Walker, Sixth; Uriah Jelly, Seventh; Henry Cook, Eighth. N.B.—This is the third time this peal was ever rung, and the first by the method designed and called by W. Walker.'

Can our historians tell us whether this was Major or Triples? We are inclined to think it may have been a peal of Major, and that the 'designer' in this case is what we now know as the composer.

In this connection it is interesting to recall that William Walker, as a member of the Richmond Society, rang in a peal of Richmond Triples (whatever that may have been) in 1741 or 1742, at Richmond, and a peal of 'Grandsire Trebbles Double' in 1767. He (or, more probably, a son of the same name—and it may have been a son who rang in the 1767 peal) took part in a peal of 10,640 'Bob Majors' at Mortlake in 1776.

We understand the illuminated album, recently presented to the Rev. Maitland Kelly by the Devon Guild, containing views of every subscribing tower, handsomely bound, was greatly admired throughout the county. It was the work of Southwood and Co., of Exeter.

This firm has had considerable experience in illuminated peal book entries, also framed addresses, and as a good number of their staff are ringers, they know how to execute such work sympathetically and give complete satisfaction.

We regret that owing to pressure on our space, the reports of several peals, and other items, including 'Notes by the Way,' are unavoidably held over.

## READY SHORTLY.

# METHOD-SPLICING

A reprint of the Articles

**'HINTS ON "SPLICING" AND  
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By JOHN P. FIDLER,

with an INTRODUCTION  
by JOSEPH W. PARKER,

**And a number of Minor Extents in Six,  
Eight and Ten Methods.**

# MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

## A MAGNIFICENT RING OF TEN.

Manchester Cathedral is now in possession of one of the finest peals of ten bells, at their weight, in the country, and not only are the Cathedral authorities to be congratulated upon having in their massive tower a ring of bells of which to be proud, but the Lancashire Association is fortunate to have set up in this important centre a peal of medium weight which should greatly facilitate ten-bell practice in that part of the county.

Some details of the bells themselves were given in our last issue. They have all been recast as the result of generous gifts of individuals and firms in Manchester, it having been due largely to the enthusiasm of the late Dean, Dr. McCormack, who, unhappily, did not live to see the scheme brought to fruition, that the project was taken in hand. Dean McCormack made the restoration possible by his personal appeal to various institutions and associations of the city, so that the bells have been almost entirely recast at the expense of different sections of the community, as revealed in the inscriptions which we quoted last week. It is, however, a touching fact that one of the bells should be given in memory of the man who, in his life, had secured the success of the project.



MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

The contract was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and although they have had to place the new bells in the old oak frame, they have completed an undertaking which will deservedly enhance their already high reputation. The 'go' of the bells could not be better if they had been installed in a modern metal frame, but this result has only been made possible by the strengthening that has been carried out. Heavy angle plates have bolted the timbers into a rigid whole, and the foundation beams have been supported by a massive steel girder crossing the tower under their centres, and carried on steel corbels anchored into the walls. The bells are hung on ball bearings and 'go' like the proverbial 'fiddles.' Musically the bells are a grand peal. They are tuned on the five-tone principle, and the vast experience in this method of tuning which the Croydon firm have gained, from the fact that they have not only turned out numberless peals for hanging in English churches, but have also been the founders of many carillons, including such great sets of bells as those recently sent to New York (in which there were 53 bells, with the heaviest weighing nine tons and the lightest 15 lbs.), and to Hertogenbosch, Holland (in which a carillon of 43 bells was built up upon one of Hemion's masterpieces), has resulted in Manchester having a peal in which this phase of the founder's art has reached a high pitch of perfection. In the ringing chamber the bells are a little noisy, and from the ringers' point of view, another floor—say, immediately under the main supporting girder—would probably be a considerable advantage. Outside the Cathedral there are places where the bells, swinging at the level of the great louvres, crash down a tumultuous sound, and we would urge the authorities to consider

the advisability of blocking up the louvres, if not altogether—there is ample opportunity for the sound to escape higher up the tower—at any rate, to a point above the level of the bells when they are ringing.

The bells have been hung with entirely new fittings, and an ingenious, patented device has been attached to the two trebles and the tenor. This is a 'gadget' which automatically lifts the clapper away from the bell the moment the blow has been struck, thus enabling the full effect of the note, or, perhaps more correctly, the chord to be heard. The device is actuated merely by the natural force of gravity. An arm standing up a foot or more on each side of the clapper, carries a toggle. As the bell travels upward in its revolution, this toggle lays back, as an extension of the arm, and clear of the clapper shaft, but slightly before the bell reaches the zenith of its turn, and after the clapper has struck the bell, the toggle drops inward—merely by gravitational force—and lifts the clapper from the bell. As soon, of course, as the bell reverses its motion the toggle drops back to the opposite position. The invention is simplicity itself, and it has the advantage that it can never get weak and 'tired' like a spring attachment. All the attention that it apparently needs is occasional lubrication. The effect of the device was strikingly manifest on the Cathedral tenor, for, when the bells were set up, the hum continued for a measurable period after all sound of the other bells had stopped.

As we briefly recorded last week, the bells were dedicated on the 10th inst., but Saturday was the ringers' day. The Cathedral authorities placed the bells at the disposal of members of the Lancashire Association, and other visitors, and there was a great gathering of 'the clans,' although, perhaps, that is not quite the right term to apply to the men of Lancashire. First of all they met for 'tea' at Winn's Cafe, Corporation Street, but if the repast put before the 120 men who were present at that stage is merely 'tea,' a mere Southerner is left guessing what a real Lancashire dinner would be like. Succulent steak and kidney pudding, which only a Dickens could adequately describe, 'hot pot' that was equally delicious—of such things was this tea composed, and there is no wonder that many who afterwards tried these light running bells were far too strong. It was a piece of subtle anticipation that induced the local ringers to lay in a stock of spare stays, although, be it said, the originals were of such stout stuff that they defied all efforts to break them—but more than one ringer will have to admit that he had a good try.

The tea was presided over by Mr. Manby A. Gibson (senior churchwarden), who offered the visitors a hearty welcome, and apologised for the absence of the Dean, who was unable to be present in the face of heavy duties on the morrow. Mr. Gibson was supported by one of the sidesmen, and Mr. C. F. Johnston.

Mr. W. C. Bridgford, leader of the Cathedral band, and Mr. A. Ridyard afterwards took the arrangements in hand, and bands of ten, each limited to not more than ten minutes, were sent off up into the belfry to try the bells. Thus for nearly four hours the new ring was kept going for brief spells. In that time nearly 200 ringers took part in the ringing, and if the striking was not always good there was no division of opinion as to the quality of the bells, or the satisfactory manner in which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had hung them. On both counts there was unanimous praise. Ringers from outside the county included Messrs. J. Cotterill, W. Salmon and F. Maud (Yorkshire), H. W. Wilde (Chester), W. Bibby (Frodsham), W. Walsley (Macclesfield), J. P. Fidler and J. Fernley, jun. (Hazel Grove), E. Garside (Glossop), etc. Lancashire ringers were present from, among other places, Ashton-under-Lyne, Bolton, Blackburn, Church, Didsbury, Denton, Flixton, Liverpool, Heywood, Miles Platting, Oldham, Pendleton, Redditch, Rishton, Rochdale, Salford, Southport, Todmorden, Tyldesley, Walkden, Worsley, etc., as well, of course, as the members of the Cathedral band, and representatives of that stalwart company of police who are privileged to ring the Town Hall bells.

Before the company separated from the belfry, a vote of thanks to the Cathedral authorities for their welcome and hospitality, and to the local ringers for their arrangements, was passed with acclamation, on the motion of Mr. Walsley, seconded by Mr. Garside.

The dedication on the preceding Tuesday was a simple ceremony. In the midst of the special service, attended by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, the Bishop, with the Dean and churchwardens, ascended to the ringing chamber, where the ringers and Mr. Cyril Johnston, the founder, were awaiting them. The ropes had been drawn together in the centre of the belfry, and the Bishop released them by pulling a cord. After the dedicatory prayer, a few rounds were rung, and other appropriate prayers were said, and the little procession then wound its way down the spiral stair to the Cathedral, where the service was completed. The ringing afterwards was only of short duration.

Later, the ringers and Mr. Johnston were entertained to supper by Mr. Bridgford.

## THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' FESTIVAL.

(Continued from Page 730.)

### THE YEAR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill responded to the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' and first referred to the death of Mr. Edwin Horrex, and the unexpected suddenness of his demise, as already reported in our columns. Mr. Cockerill added that during the last twelve months he had met Mr. Horrex three or four times every week. They had strolled together on Clapham Common, and Mr. Horrex had become endeared to him in that time even more than in the 40 years that he had rung with him. He felt the death of their old friend very much, and it had come as a bombshell to him. Proceeding, Mr. Cockerill said he had received letters of apology from Canon Haldane (Southwark), the Rev. Prebendary Isaacs (Cripplegate), Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), and Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham), and a telegram of good wishes from Mr. A. Padden Smith, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. During the year they had lost, by death, the following members: Rev. C. C. Child, Messrs. Harry Flower, Sam Perrett, William Tanner, Chas. Gordon, Joseph Cubitt Smith and Edwin Horrex. They had had 74 meetings for practice at the various city churches and Southwark Cathedral, and they had made 42 new members (applause). In the matter of peal ringing, they had been very abstemious, as, with one peal rung that day at Stepney, they had rung only 18 peals since the last dinner. On handbells, one of Stedman Caters and one of Bob Major: on tower bells, Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 1, Stedman Caters 3, Stedman Cinques 4, Bob Major 1, London Surprise 1, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Cambridge Surprise Minor 1, Cambridge Royal 2, Cambridge Maximus 1. This last was the peal at St. Paul's Cathedral on February 7th, and was the outstanding feature of the year's performances. The practices had been well attended, and although they had not much to show in the way of peal ringing, they had done a great deal of good in teaching young members (applause).

At the request of the Master, the company then stood for a minute in silence as a mark of respect for the late Mr. Horrex.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert (the vice-chairman) submitted the toast of 'London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and asked his hearers to think for a moment of what the pioneers of change ringing of a century or more ago had done for them. The Oxford Society, which was still going, had the cheek to come and compete against the College Youths in 1784, in a tower in his native county. The competition was for the cup they saw that night in front of the Master, and, said the speaker, 'we won it (laughter and applause). I have never seen it filled yet, but I hope to some day (laughter). There is another society in Essex, the Saffron Walden Society, who have taught change ringing for 300 years, and they still keep it up. Then there is another old society, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. I have rung with them, and if they keep on practising they will ring Stedman Cinques yet' (laughter). In his own days, he proceeded, there had sprung up the Diocesan Guilds and County Associations. He remembered a lot of them starting—they were only of mushroom growth compared with societies like the College Youths, but they were doing good work, and he hoped they would go on doing it (applause). Then he came back to their old friends, the Cumberlands. He hoped they would go on and prosper; and also that the London County and the Middlesex Associations would do the same. He hoped the old feelings and rivalries would disappear, and that in the future they would ring peals together (applause).

Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P. (Master of the Surrey Association), first responded, and said it was a great pleasure to again attend that dinner after an absence of between 30 and 40 years. In the provinces, he said, many of the helpries had been much depleted owing to the war, and it took a long time to get up again to the original standard. In his own village they lost five or six members through the war, three of them killed. It was very difficult to pick up again, and they looked to the College Youths and other kindred societies to help them as much as they could. With regard to the threat that had been made to suppress bell ringing, he was quite sure the author of it did not know what he was up against. Whoever it was, would find it difficult to overcome the traditions of a society like the College Youths (applause).

### 'A NATIONAL OCCASION.'

The Rev. F. M. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild) also responded, and said it was a healthy sign that those gatherings were becoming more and more provincial. During the few years that he had been attending them he had noticed a great increase in the number of those who came from distant parts of the country, and that evening there was quite a good representation from Dorset and Somerset (applause). In these counties, he said, they were still in touch with the 'real article,' such as Canon Coleridge had told them about. It was always a great pleasure, he added, to come to those splendid gatherings, and to receive the hearty welcome which

was always extended to visitors by the College Youths and other societies. Continuing, the speaker said in reading the abstract of the statement made by the gentleman who threatened to suppress bell ringing, it seemed to him that Mr. Lewis lacked a sense of humour. Bells were put in churches for the express purpose of being used for worship. Mr. Lewis would only allow them to be rung on national occasions, and not for worship, except a single bell for a few strokes. That was rather a topsy-turvy way of dealing with the subject, but at least it provided a great opportunity for ringers. If the Bill were passed into law, that would be a national occasion if ever there was one, and ringers would be able to celebrate the event with a whole week's ringing at reasonable house, and keep within the limits of the Act, defying Mr. Lewis to say it was not a national occasion (laughter).

Mr. C. H. Horton proposed 'The Visitors,' and gave them a hearty welcome. The society had no greater pleasure at that annual gathering, he said, than that of welcoming the visitors. They owed a debt of gratitude to the incumbents of the city and provincial churches where they rang: were it not for their great interest and kindly courtesy, that society would practically be unable to carry on its work—that of ringing for the services of the church, and for advancing the art of change ringing. He could assure them that the society greatly appreciated their very great interest (applause).

### SHARING IN A COMMON CRAFT.

The Rector of Stepney made an interesting speech, in replying to the toast, and expressed the pleasure which the visitors had in attending that annual gathering. They enjoyed it tremendously, because they met men from all over the country with no common link except that of their common craft. It was a great thing to think that they came there from village churches, from large towns and from city parishes to join in one united gathering, because they shared in a common craft. There were three things which appealed to him in regard to it. In their craft they were missionaries calling people into church, and, in doing their work, they needed a certain amount of imagination, and to think of what the bells meant to other people. They created vastly different thoughts in different people, and the ringers could have no conception of the varying emotions which their ringing stirred. Those who were at Stepney that afternoon, for instance, could not have known that they were welcoming back a Rector who had had the offer of another living, but had refused to leave his parish (applause). That kind of thing must be constantly happening, and ringers needed imagination to realise the kind of message they were sending out, and which was being received in different ways by people in different frames of mind. The second point was that they were handing on a tradition and an art which had come down to them through hundreds of years; an art which had been going on with dignified precision for centuries. It had remained unchanged in its conservatism through the whirligig of time, and brought to them something of the beauty of the past in the medley of the present (applause). Then, too, the ringers were people who were doing their job without being seen—he did not mean seen in church (laughter). Most people in these days liked to live in the limelight, and it was rather wonderful to have a job carried on by people who were content to do their work unseen, who were unknown to the people who heard them, except in a few single instances, but who did their work merely for the joy of the job (applause).

Mr. T. Faulkner proposed 'The Press,' and remarked that ringers owed a great debt of gratitude to the ringing papers, and particularly to 'The Ringing World.' When they found people putting their capital and brains into a paper for the benefit of ringers they ought all of them to give it their support (hear, hear). Indeed it was their bounden duty to support their own Press, and he hoped 'The Ringing World' would go on and flourish. If they wanted a larger or a cheaper paper it was in the hands of the ringers themselves to provide the necessary additional circulation to make this possible (applause). Mr. Faulkner paid a personal tribute to the memory of Mr. Horrex, who was a man, he said, not only respected, but loved by all of them, not least by himself (the speaker). When ringing at Bethnal Green that day he noticed the peal board recording the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob in 1868—a wonderful performance in those days—and the thought passed through his mind, 'There is only poor old Ted Horrex left; all the others have gone.' He did not know that at that moment the Great Conductor had called 'stand,' and that Ted Horrex had set his bell. Peace be to his ashes.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded to the toast of the Press in a humorous speech, in which he referred to the newly invented 'Autosonneur' for ringing church bells, and he added to the amusement with some verses denouncing the future before the Exercise, if the Bill for the 'suppression of Church Bells' was passed.

Thanks were accorded to the accompanist (Mr. H. Podger) and the artists who contributed to the programme, and the enjoyable evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.' The feature of the music was again the handbell playing of Mrs. A. A. Hughes, whose great skill

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## THE LATE MR. EDWIN HORREX

## FUNERAL AT WANDSWORTH.

The mortal remains of the late Mr. Edwin Horrex were interred last Friday in Wandsworth Cemetery. It was a bleak and cheerless November day, but, despite this, quite a number of representative London ringers gathered to pay a last tribute of respect to one who was held in the highest esteem, not merely for his long connection with the Exercise or his great ability as an exponent of the art of ringing, but for his sterling character and the genial nature which lay behind the somewhat rugged exterior. Ted Horrex was laid to rest with the same simplicity that had marked his life, but the beautiful words of the burial service, challenging death and holding out the promise of a Greater Life, were impressively read, and over the grave the hand-bells, quietly tapping out a course of Stedman Caters, paid a last farewell to one who for more than seventy years had given his best to the art he loved so well.

The first part of the service was held in his own parish church at Stockwell, but the majority of the ringers who attended awaited the cortege at the entrance to the cemetery. The family mourners were Mr. F. Horrex (son), Mr. and Mrs. E. Horrex (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. W. Horrex (son and daughter-in-law), Mrs. F. Mountain (daughter), Mr. and Mrs. McMenemy (son-in-law and daughter), Mrs. M. Mountain (daughter), Mr. W. H. Mountain (grandson) and Mrs. Mountain, Mrs. Dafford, Mrs. Waites, Mrs. K. McMenemy (grand-daughters), Mr. S. Horrex and Mr. W. Weston (grandsons), and Mr. P. Cornwall.

Among the ringers present were Mr. P. E. Clark (retiring Master), Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), Mr. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), Mr. Walter Prime and Mr. Challis Winney (trustees of the Ancient Society of College Youths), Mr. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. and Mrs. R. Deal, Messrs. J. W. Rowbotham, J. E. Davis, H. S. Ellis, T. Beadle, T. Faulkner, Fenn, J. Osborn, W. E. Garrard, C. S. Burden, L. Attwater, A. R. Macdonald, H. Pasmore, H. Langdon, F. E. Dawe, G. R. Channer, Bibby, J. T. Hayes (son of the late Mr. J. Murray Hayes), H. Dew (Bishop's Stortford), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), etc.

There were a large number of wreaths from members of the family and friends, and floral tributes were also sent by the College Youths, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and Mr. F. E. Dawe. The course of Stedman Caters was rung by Messrs. Dawe, Attwater, Winney, Pasmore and Cockerill.

In the evening, after the funeral, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Paul's Cathedral, where regularly for forty-seven years Ted Horrex had rung for the services.

A similar tribute was paid to the departed veteran at St. Stephen's, Bristol, earlier in the week, and at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Tuesday, while on Saturday a half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at his native town of Ipswich.

## IN MEMORIAM.

Of quiet mien, and inoffensive tongue,  
He trod the even tenour of his way;  
True to himself as night doth follow day.  
Nor envied those who reach Parnassus' heights,  
Of no distemper, of no shock he died,  
But fell, like Autumn fruit that mellowed long;  
E'en wondered at, because he dropped not sooner,  
Fate seemed to wind him up for fourscore years.  
Yet freshly ran he on eight winters more,  
Till, like a clock, worn out with eating time,  
The wheels of weary life stood still.  
Nature's best work, he was an honest man.

Chigwell Row, Essex. G. F. MARGETSON.

The recent 'Cumberland' tour had an amusing 'prologue.' The meeting-place was Lancaster, and one well-known ringer, having got leave of absence from his wife and his business, set out to keep the appointment. Arrived at Lancaster, he found he had come just a week too soon. However did it happen, Harry?

We do not know who is the youngest ringer to score a hundred peals, but Walter P. Whitehead, of Leicestershire, must come nearly within the record, if not quite. He has rung his one hundredth peal at the age of 17. This is a remarkable achievement, especially when it is remembered that he has conducted many of them.

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In her performance of Haydn Wood's 'Love's Garden of Roses' and Ballico's 'Killarney' was vociferously applauded. The vocalists were Mr. T. Warren ('The Wheel-tapper'), Mr. J. Bullock ('Friend o' Mine'), and Mr. E. E. Girling ('Wreck of the Birkenhead'). The course of Stedman Cinques was rung by Messrs. J. W. Goding, J. Thomas, C. F. Winney, H. Langdon, C. W. Roberts and W. A. Cave.

## THE SPLICING OF CATERS.

## To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While not having had time yet to go closely into Mr. A. J. Pitman's peal of Spliced Stedman and Grandsire Caters, I have no doubt, knowing this gentleman's work in past, of its correctness. It is a most ingenious blending of the two methods, and I congratulate the composer on the originality and cleverness of his peal.

However, it will not detract in any way from the merit of Mr. Pitman's work, if I point out, for the benefit of those who do not already know, the simplicity of splicing regular Cater methods into peals or touches. This is due to the fact that 'Cater' changes produce rows of like nature only, either all even or all odd. It follows then if one method is rung with all even changes, and the second with odd changes only, there can be no repetition of rows between the two. The only difficulty that presents itself is in cases where the Singles of the methods differ. This is easily got over by changing to the second method before calling the first single, when both singles will be alike. However, care must be taken that the even rows rung after the change over, and before the single takes effect, do not repeat with what has gone before.

As an example, take the two methods spliced by Mr. Pitman. A true half length of Stedman may be rung with bobs only, finishing with a quick six and the treble quick bell, the position of the remaining bells being immaterial. As the treble goes in quick, change over to Grandsire, at the same time calling and making a common Grandsire single. Note that although Grandsire is being rung from the point at which the treble comes into third's, the two following rows are the same as if Stedman had been continued; therefore, the even rows will be true. From the odd row produced by the Single, continue in the Grandsire method, so arranging the calls (bobs only till the finish), that the bells will be brought home true by a single at the end of the peal.

This ought to enable composers to arrange their own peals or touches, the only care needed is to be sure that each half-peal is true within itself.

Where the singles of the two methods coincide, as in Stedman and Erin, it is only necessary to compose a true half-peal of each by bobs only, and single one half-peal into the other. This may be done by ringing to about the middle of the half-peal of Stedman or Erin. At one of the calling positions (preferably 4, to keep the big bells together), introduce a single, followed by the half-peal of the second method, when another single will bring the bells to the point left in the first method, which is rung to the end of the peal.

It should be noted that if the single is in place of a bob, the second method must be commenced at a bobbed six.

It occurs to me that by these means, in combination with Mr. Pitman's plan, it may be possible to ring Stedman and Grandsire in the even rows, and Erin in the odd rows, giving three Cater methods in one peal. If this is so, no doubt Mr. Pitman will be able and willing to give us one.—Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

## THE MINOR METHODS.

The new book which is shortly to be issued on the subject of Splicing Minor methods, and the basis of which will be Mr. J. P. Fidler's recent articles, will contain, in the 'Introduction' contributed by that eminent authority, Mr. Joseph W. Parker, an exhaustive treatise on the whole subject. Mr. Parker is always a welcome writer upon ringing matters, not merely because of his long experience and unrivalled knowledge of the theory of campanology, but because of his ability to elucidate in plain language the knotty points inseparable from the subject. In dealing with the splicing of Minor methods, Mr. Parker gives a full explanation of the whole of this phase of ringing, telling us how and why certain methods will splice, illustrating the various ways in which they may be incorporated into true extents; in short, dealing with the whole subject in a manner, and to a degree never before attempted in print.

The combination of the two contributions, Mr. Parker's dealing with the theoretical, and Mr. Fidler's, based upon experience, directed to the practical side, will make the publication an extremely valuable one. It will be not only useful to six-bell ringers, but ringers on the higher numbers will find it indispensable if they wish their knowledge to keep abreast of the times.

## 720 IN EIGHT METHODS.

At Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on Thursday, Nov. 12th, a 'spliced' 720 of Minor, in the following methods, was rung: Wragby, Poynton, Grove, Wilsden, Neasden, Old Oxford, College Bob IV, and Bocking: John P. Fidler 1, William Fernley 2, Harry Langley 3, Walter W. Wolstencroft 4, James Fernley, sen., 5, John W. Hartley 6. This 720 was composed by Joseph W. Parker, and conducted by James Fernley, sen., and is the first true Minor extent ever rung in eight methods. It was also the first 720 on the new bells, and was rung on the back six.

**RINGERS' MASONIC LODGE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—Apropos of the Masonic peal at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, I notice that you inquire about the suggested ringers' lodge. I regret to say that personally I have been compelled to abandon the idea as impracticable. I find that it would be impossible to obtain a warrant permitting the meetings to be held otherwise than in some fixed place. This means that the lodge would always have to meet in London, and so would be useless to the country ringers.

What I had in mind was a movable lodge meeting in connection with the Central Council, and other large gatherings of ringers. It may be that the London ringers would like a lodge of their own with a fixed place of meeting, but that is a different proposition which I must leave to others to consider.

I think I replied to all those ringers who were kind enough to write to me personally; if I overlooked anyone I am sorry.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT,  
Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Warwickshire.

**HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of the district was held at Madley on Nov. 7th, when nearly 50 members, representing 13 towers, were present. A service was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Turner, and the ringers were afterwards entertained to tea by the Vicar, the arrangements being in the hands of Miss Turner.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar. The Cathedral was chosen for the December combined practice, and Holmer for January. One hon. member, two ringing members, and nine probation members were elected.

Mr. Edwards (Master of the Guild) proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding at the meeting, for his excellent address, and for providing tea for such a large gathering. The Vicar was, as they were all aware, hon. secretary and treasurer for the Guild, and a better man could not be found.

In thanking the Master for his remarks, the Chairman said that the Guild was a movement he had at heart, and he was always pleased to do anything in his power for the good of the Guild. He thanked Mr. S. T. Rackham for presiding at the organ, and congratulated him on his twelve months' office as Ringing Master for the Swansea and Brecon Guild, he being the first to hold the position in that newly-formed Association.

**A KING'S NORTON COMMEMORATION.**

The first annual dinner in commemoration of the recasting of the church bells at King's Norton was held by the members of St. Nicolas' Guild at the Bull's Head on Oct. 31st. The Ringing Master (Mr. F. B. Yates) was in the chair, and among those present were the Vicar (Rev. T. S. Dunn), Messrs. T. Izon and S. H. Smith (churchwardens), E. J. Boffey and W. E. Moore (ex-churchwardens), and P. O. Laffin (Deputy Ringing Master and conductor). The visitors included Messrs. A. Walker and J. Neal (St. Martin's, Birmingham), J. F. Smallwood (Derby), and Wiffen (Braintree).

After an excellent repast, the remainder of the evening was spent in music and handbell ringing, several good songs being rendered by Messrs. Dowding, Avery and Harry Withers. 'Auld Lang Syne' brought to a conclusion a very enjoyable evening.

**BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.****PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

A meeting was held at Sandal, near Wakefield, on Saturday last, when 16 towers were represented by forty members, viz., Badsworth, Barnsley, Cawthorne, Darfield, Crofton, Rotherham, Felkirk, Horbury, Royston, Rothwell, Wath, Shelley, Wortley, South Kirby, and the local company. The bells were kept going in good style during the afternoon and evening. Tea and business meeting were held in the Parochial Room, the president (Mr. R. Thickett, Horbury) being in the chair.

The chief item of interest was a proposal to hold a joint meeting with the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association, and the secretary was asked to make inquiries of the Rector of St. Mary's, Barnsley, with a view to holding the December meeting there on the 12th.

Of the meeting on Saturday, suffice it to say, that Sandal is adjacent to 'Merrie Wakefield,' but Sandal is 'merry, wise and good.' The generous hospitality, under difficulties, was goodness itself, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ringers' friend (the Vicar), the churchwardens, the ladies, and the local ringers, who contributed so much to the success of the occasion.

**ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.****A FIRST VISIT TO NORTHFIELD.**

For the first time in its history, the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham held an official meeting at the ancient Parish Church of Northfield on Saturday last, when members made good use of a new, well-balanced and very musical ring of eight, with a 14 cwt. tenor, recently put in by Messrs. Taylor and Co. It was somewhat surprising to find that among those who are now rapidly becoming 'old hands' there were several who had never been to Northfield before, probably because the tower previously contained only six—and those 'nothing to write home about.' It says much for those who saw the job through, including the complete restoration of the tower, recasting and augmentation of the bells, that the work was carried out at a time when a considerable section of the church people was in favour of replacing the organ by a larger and more powerful instrument, and considered this should be done before the bells were touched. But on this occasion (unfortunately, a rare case) the bells won.

The old Church of St. Laurence belonged, in 1373, to the priory of Dudley, and there are traces in a doorway on the north side of its Norman origin of a church having been in existence here at the time of the Domesday Survey.

The present church is chiefly in the Early English and Early Decorated styles, and consists of chancel, nave aisles and an embattled tower. The latter is rather squat in appearance, being only about 55 feet high, and as the belfry is about 15 feet up, there is not much rope between man and bell. Careful attention has been paid to the regulation of the sound, however, and in the ringing chamber the bells are not a bit too noisy. A place where good peals should—and doubtless will—be rung. (Mr. Lewis, please note.)

By the courtesy of the Rector, tea was arranged in the Schoolroom adjacent to the church, which was followed by the business meeting, with the Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker, in the chair, in the absence of the Presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman Pritchett. The latter gentleman had sent an apology, which the secretary read to the meeting, in which he explained he was unable to be present owing to the fact that he had promised to perform the initiation ceremony in connection with the admission to Freemasonry of a well-known ringer.

The Chairman made feeling reference to the loss the Exercise in general, and the College Youths in particular, had suffered by the passing over of that veteran, Mr. Edwin Horrex. He had conveyed the condolences of members of the Guild to Mr. Cockerill, and all present stood for a few moments in silence as a last mark of respect to the memory of 'Dear old Ted.'

Among new members elected was Mr. Harry Saunders, of the local tower, who is to be congratulated on the swift progress he has made in the art, and who owes much to the tutorship of Mr. Jack Withers, the Northfield Master.

Thanks are due to the Rector, the Rev. R. A. Haysom, M.A., for the use of his bells and the schoolroom, and to Mr. Jack Withers, who had everything in readiness.

After the meeting the tower was revisited, and ringing in many methods, including Cambridge and London Surprise, was indulged in, as well as 'simpler stuff' for the beginners.

Later on, as a bitterly cold north-east wind was blowing, several men sought shelter behind 'The Great Stone,' a relic of the glacial period, and were, perhaps, not too disappointed to find that at the back of the said stone some thoughtful soul had provided accommodation for cold and weary travellers, and warmth and sustenance were available.

Unfortunately bad news percolates everywhere, and the news that the 'father' of the Guild, Mr. John Buffery, had joined the great majority on the previous day, at the age of 73, cast a gloom over those present at the end of the day. A reference to his career will be made in our next issue.

A. P. S.

**DONCASTER BELL RINGER GOES TO AMERICA.**

On Saturday last, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Henson, late of Exchange Street, set sail from Liverpool for the United States, where they are to make a new home in Boston.

Mr. Henson was for three years a much-respected and enthusiastic member of the St. George's Society, Doncaster, and on Thursday evening a special meeting of the society was held in the belfry to bid farewell and 'godspeed' to him. As a small token of the esteem in which he was held, Mr. Henson was presented with a gold-mounted fountain pen, inscribed with his initials, from the ringers and vergers of St. George's. Mr. J. Holmes presided, and the presentation was made by Mr. G. Halksworth, the Ringing Master.

Owing to the condition of the tower of St. George's it was impossible to ring a farewell peal for Mr. Henson, but he takes with him to America the best wishes of the ringers of Doncaster and district, together with those of a large circle of friends.

**ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.**

The following were among the touches rung on Armistice Day, Nov. 11th:—

**BALDOCK, HERTS.**—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, on Armistice Day, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: W. D. Pooley 1, J. Morley 2, A. C. Rose 3, J. J. Cawdell (conductor) 4, L. Squires 5, A. Buck 6, W. C. Hanscombe 7, E. Gentle 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor.

**NORTHAMPTON.**—At St. Peter's Church, on Armistice Night, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 minutes: A. Slade 1, J. C. Dean 2, F. Hopper 3, W. R. Parker 4, J. T. Hensman 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin (conductor) 7, J. Wilkins 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Wednesday evening, Nov. 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, in commemoration of Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: F. Kemp 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, H. Prior 5, H. Kemp 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

**OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.**—At Holy Trinity Church, on Armistice Day, a date touch (1,925 changes) Grandsire Triples, composed by Mr. G. R. Newton, in 1 hour 15 mins.: \*W. Fendall 1, \*P. Hackett 2, \*B. Price 3, H. Johnson 4, J. Price 5, L. Johnson 6, W. Green (conductor) 7, A. Woodhall 8. \* First date touch rung in any method.

**BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.**—On Armistice evening, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Arnold 1, J. Brunt 2, R. Turrell 3, C. Carr 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**BISPHAM, Near BLACKPOOL.**—At the Church of All Hallows, on November 11th, on the War Memorial ring of bells, a date touch of Bob Minor (1,925 changes), in 1 hr. 10 mins., with the bells deeply muffled: G. Parkinson 1, A. Parkinson 2, R. Benson 3, G. Dewhurst 4, J. Jackson 5, C. Sharples 6. Arranged and conducted by C. Sharples. First date touch on the bells, and longest touch by all except the conductor.

**BRAINTREE.**—On Nov. 11th, at the Parish Church, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8.

**SUNDERLAND.**—At St. Ignatius' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Ainsley 1, G. S. Taylor 2, T. Stephenson 3, M. F. Harrison 4, R. Walker 5, J. W. Parker 6, R. L. Patterson (conductor) 7, Norman Patterson 8.

**WOLVERHAMPTON.**—At St. Peter's Collegiate Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with half-muffled clappers, in 52 mins.: G. A. Baker (first quarter) 1, H. Knight (conductor) 2, T. Roden 3, H. A. Farlow 4, E. P. Mitchell 5, J. D. G. Harris 6, T. Smith 7, R. Thompson 10. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

**EGREMONT, CUMBERLAND.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Armistice Day, with the bells fully muffled, 720 Oxford Minor: J. Hutchinson 1, A. Filbeck 2, B. Douglas 3, J. H. Rothery 4, W. Norman (conductor) 5, G. W. Tembey 6.

**WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.**—On Armistice Day, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Warnham Court: V. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, F. Turrell (first of Cambridge) 3, G. Warnett 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, jun. (conductor) 6.

**NEATH.**—On November 11th, at St. Thomas' Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. Hutton 1, G. W. Hollis (Aberavon) first quarter-peal, 2, E. Lake (Cadoston) 3, E. Stitch, conductor (Aberavon) 4, J. Pitman (Aberavon) 5, H. Boyce 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the fallen.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, London Bridge, on the 26th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) ready at 2.30. Tea at 5.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing from 3.15. Service at 5 p.m. Tea arranged for 5.30. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—Meeting at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, Saturday, Nov. 21st. Ringing at St. Dunstan-in-the-East 2.45 p.m. to 4 p.m. Service at Whitechapel 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after. All friends welcome.—W. Bottrill, 29, Queen's Mansions, North Road, N.7.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—South-Western Division.—The District annual meeting will be held at Hornchurch on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid by this date. Will members please note?—E. Butler, Dis. Sec., 3, Eustace Road, Chadwell Heath.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 3 to 8. Tea and short business meeting in the Church House at 4.30. All ringers and friends are invited.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4 o'clock, conducted by the Rector, who is very kindly providing tea.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Steyning on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available from 2.30 till 9 o'clock. Tea will be kindly provided by the Vicar at the Tea Gardens, High Street, 4.30.—A. W. Groves, Hon. Dis. Sec., 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.



**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Alverstoke on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brookfield Church, Gorton, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Expecting a good attendance of members.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Special meeting of Vale of White Horse Branch at Buckland on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. All neighbouring ringers cordially invited to attend.—E. B. Lock, Hon. Sec.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ormskirk on Saturday, Nov. 21st. Bells available 3 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—James Grounds, 8, School Lane, Standish.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Brading (8) on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea 4.30. Business meeting after. Please notify secretary the 23rd requirements for tea.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Isle of Wight.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Earls Colne. The bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The ringers' service will be held at 4.15, after which tea will be provided at the George Hotel. As this is the most important meeting of the year it is hoped that a goodly number of ringers will make an effort to attend.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. 9d. per head for those who notify F/Sergt. F. A. Holden, Elm-side, Drove Lane, Sleaford, by the Wednesday previous. Bells (8) available. — F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen specially invited. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, Nov. 25th.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Peterborough District.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Castor on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 4. Tea 5 p.m. Will those who require tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 24th? — W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, Peterborough.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Bushey Heath, Saturday, Nov. 28th. Ringing 3.30. Tea and meeting 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford, Rugby, on Nov. 28th. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Nov. 15th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec., Guilborough.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Wollaton on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Tower open 3 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome. — F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at St. Werburgh's on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Satchell. Tea and meeting to follow in Schoolroom. Please notify me by Nov. 23rd.—P. E. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—Swindon Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Brinkworth on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available at 2 p.m.—S. Hopper, Hon. Branch Sec., 2, Florence Street, Swindon.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, November 28th. Bells (8 and 10) available from 3 p.m. Service in St. Nicholas' Church at 5, when an address will be given by the Rev. F. S. Colson, Vicar of Godalming. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, followed by the annual business meeting. The chair will be taken by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., of Woking. After the business a smoking concert will be held. All ringers welcome. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Eaillie Rd., Guildford.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting has been arranged at Beaconsfield on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 5th (St. Michael's Parish Church). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea advise me as quickly as possible.—C. Beeston, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, King's St., Bishop's Stortford.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday (latest), Dec. 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea, at usual terms, and meeting to follow. As accommodation for tea will be



limited, those who do not advise me by Dec. 2nd may be disappointed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.**—The service of dedication of the new bells will be held at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 3 p.m. Seats in the church will be reserved for those who give notice before Nov. 28th of their intention to be present. Tea at 1s. per head will be served at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Room for those who make application at the same time.—A. J. Wright and R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Secs., 40, Hamilton Road, Reading.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Parish Church bells (10) available from 3.30 to 4 p.m., and All Saints' (8) from 1.30 p.m. onward. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea in All Saints' Church Room at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Applications to be made to Mr. W. Pearson, jun., 53, Northgate, Pontefract, on or before Thursday, Dec. 3rd. Business meeting to follow. Ringers of kindred associations heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. The following bells will be available from 3 p.m.: The Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas and Heavitree.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at reasonable charge. Good attendance expected.—S. H. Symonds, Assistant Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Hampton Court nearest station, 10 minutes' walk. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting. Kindly let me know for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS** will hold their fifth annual dinner at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, Jan. 9th, 1926. Commence 6 p.m. Chairman, Mr. William Knight; vice-chairman, Mr. Henry Way. Tickets, 5s. 6d., now obtainable. Full details later. It is hoped that permission to inspect 'Great George' will be given.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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|                           |                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
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Tenor 16 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED WINDSOR ... .. Treble | JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 5    |
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|                                  |                                 |
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|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
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On Monday, November 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE WHITING ... .. Treble     | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 5    |
| LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 2         | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 3          | WILLIAM T. LAST ... .. 7      |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... .. 4 | ERNEST E. GRIMES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by GEORGE WHITING.

## TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. James.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. Treble | * SAMUEL J. EVERY ... .. 5 |
| * WILLIAM H. TARR ... .. 2    | * HENRY BOSLEY ... .. 6    |
| SYDNEY WYATT ... .. 3         | JAMES HUNT ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. 4     | PERCY MERSON ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

\* First peal of Stedman; the tenor man has completed the circle in this tower.

## KIDLINGTON, OXON.

## THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK WEBB ... .. Treble | JOHN SIMON ... .. 5         |
| * FRANK TOFFREY ... .. 2     | * FREDERICK SELWYN ... .. 6 |
| MAURICE SMITH ... .. 3       | WALTER F. JUDGE ... .. 7    |
| JACK JUDGE ... .. 4          | THOMAS IMPEY ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

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

## LLANDUDNO.

## THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At Holy Trinity Church.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in G.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * EDMUND LODGE ... .. Treble  | JESSE POULETT ... .. 5        |
| ALBERT J. HUGHES ... .. 2     | ALLEN FAIRLIE ... .. 6        |
| THOMAS R. HENSHER ... .. 3    | WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... .. 7    |
| * SYDNEY T. R. BROWN ... .. 4 | ARTHUR E. PEGLER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung on ball bearings by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., consequently the 'go' leaves nothing to be desired.

## SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Old Church.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * MISS OLIVE G. FARROW ... .. Treble | WILLIAM GREEN ... .. 5         |
| SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... .. 2            | GILBERT GUEST ... .. 6         |
| JOHN PRICE ... .. 3                  | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... .. 7    |
| PERCY HACKETT ... .. 4               | WILFRED L. FARROW ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\* First peal, and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. Stanley Harold Astbury), who was inducted to the living on the previous day.

## STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| * ERNEST J. GOATER ... .. Treble | JOHN PHILIPS ... .. 5           |
| ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 2            | WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 6      |
| † ALFRED J. HISCOCK ... .. 3     | JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. 7       |
| † GORDON WALMSLEY ... .. 4       | FREDERICK W. SMITH ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES R. MACKMAN.

† First peal inside. \* First peal.

## BATH.

## THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Saviour.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... ..         |
| FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... .. 2   | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 6      |
| ARTHUR PRINCE ... .. 3         | SAMUEL J. HECIOR ... .. 7     |
| CHARLES W. BELL ... .. 4       | THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

Charles W. Bell's 100th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

## QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| CECIL DRAKE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM BARTON ... .. 5      |
| HAROLD PEARCE ... .. 2    | EDGAR WHITELEY ... .. 6      |
| FRED HUTTON ... .. 3      | JOHN AMBLER ... .. 7         |
| WILLIAM AMBLER ... .. 4   | VERNEY BAIRSTOW ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Master Ernest Ambler, son of the 4th ringer. Ringers of 5th and 7th are from Pudsey; tenor from Wenholme; the rest are members of the local company.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

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

On Sunday, November 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Andrew.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| *DENIS PERRY ... .. Treble | †ERNEST ANDREWS ... .. 4   |
| THOMAS EDWIN ... .. 2      | †JAMES BRADLEY ... .. 5    |
| *WILFRED NEWMAN ... .. 3   | *GEORGE MOORE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES BRADLEY.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. ‡ First peal as conductor. Rung half-muffled on Remembrance Sunday. All the ringers belong to the local band.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Two Hours & Thirty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicholas.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

|                                |                      |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| EDWARD BRADFELD ... .. Treble  | RONALD BECK ... .. 4 |
| EDWARD PAIN ... .. 2           | HARRY PRODT ... .. 4 |
| THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... .. Tenor |                      |

Conducted by RONALD BECK.

Rung for Armistice Day.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,  
At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ARTHUR WALLER, R.E. ... Treble | EDMUND J. HOBBS, G. Guards 4    |
| ALFRED DOLLIN, R.A.F. ... 2    | PEARL INSKIP, R.E. ... 5        |
| NOEL WILES, Tanks ... 3        | HORACE H. SMITH, 2nd Beds Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the men who fell in the war. First peal on the bells since they were rehung.

COUND, SHROPSHIRE.

(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JAMES EVANS ... .. Treble | JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 4       |
| CHARLES LEE ... .. 2      | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 5      |
| WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 3    | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal on the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. All the above ringers are from St. Chad's, Salop.

BRAUGHTON-IN-FURNESS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS & LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene.

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HARRY CASSON ... .. Treble | *MISS EMMA BUTTERFIELD 4      |
| WILLIAM T. CLARK ... .. 2  | FURNESS WOODEND ... .. 5      |
| EDMUND THOMPSON ... .. 3   | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

\* First peal. Arranged for Miss Butterfield, of Ulverston. The treble ringer is from Kirkby; 2nd and 3rd local; 5th from Brathay; tenor from Ambleside.

HEIGHINGTON, Nr. DARLINGTON.—On Thursday, Oct. 15th, for harvest festival, at St. Michael's Church, 336 London Surprise Minor. Also 840 Wells' Surprise Minor: J. T. Titt 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, F. W. Lupson 4, W. N. Park 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

BRAUNSTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising seven different 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

|                                  |                          |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| FREDERICK W. ROWLEDGE ... Treble | BERTIE O. SODEN ... .. 4 |
| FRANK ROLLINGS ... .. 2          | THOMAS LAW ... .. 5      |
| THOMAS H. WISE ... .. 3          | TOM TEBBUTT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

First peal on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| THOMAS BALDWIN ... .. Treble | BERT JONES ... .. 4        |
| ALBERT WRIGHT ... .. 2       | JOHN BALLINGER ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE ORCHARD ... .. 3      | WILLIAM JONES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for Minor.

SHARESHILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, November 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

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

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

With ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| †ROBERT PICKERING ... .. Treble | ALBERT G. HUNT ... .. 4     |
| JOHN PERRY ... .. 2             | †EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5   |
| THOMAS PERRY ... .. 3           | *HOWARD BUTLER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

First peal on the bells, and rung as a welcome to the Rev. W. Walkerdine, who was inducted as Vicar of the above parish on Nov. 4th. \* First peal, and a member of the local band and was proposed a member of the society previous to starting for the peal.

† First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal of Doubles on tower bells.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Werburgh.

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Seven different extents taken from 'Rope sight.' Tenor 12 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *THOMAS HAWLEY ... .. Treble | *JOHN BARKER ... .. 4       |
| HENRY CARNWELL ... .. 2      | WILLIAM CARNWELL ... .. 5   |
| JOHN G. CARTLEDGE ... .. 3   | ARTHUR W. HALL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ARTHUR W. HALL.

\* First peal. First as conductor. Also first peal in the method by all.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. Albert E. Parsons,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 17 in B flat

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

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by G. F. SWANS.

Referee: MR. ALBERT E. PARSONS.

The band thank Mr. and Mrs. Parsons for their very kind hospitality and entertainment after the peal.

HORNSEY, N.—On Oct. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: G. Northcott (first 720 in the method) 1, J. G. Nash 2, H. Blee 3, T. G. Deal 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 28 mins.: H. Blee 1, T. G. Deal 2, E. G. Hibble 3, J. G. Nash 4, A. Putland 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

## THE DEATH OF THE QUEEN MOTHER.

### MUFFLED BELLS THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

'The church bells of England, above the noise of cities, or the quiet of villages, spoke as no other voices could of the joys, sorrows, tumults, troubles and thanksgivings of our common lives.'

In these words the Archbishop of York, at the dedication at Carlisle Cathedral, described the manner in which the bells of this country interpret the feelings of the community on all national occasions, and the muffled bells which poured their mournful sounds from the steeples of England on Saturday and Sunday surely struck a chord in harmony with the spirit of the nation at the passing of the Queen-Mother, whose death has touched the nation as that of few others has done. Wherever ringing was done on Saturday, whether at meetings or for peals, the clappers were muffled, and on Sunday service ringing was universally carried out in the same sad but impressive manner.

Queen Alexandra, it is said, was a lover of bells. Rung in the English fashion, they were strange to her when she landed on these shores in 1863, but their welcome was one of the things which struck her when first she came to the country which was so long to be her home, and she is credited with describing the sounds of the bells as 'angel music.'

Following the usual custom, the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral was tolled for an hour on Friday evening. This bell is only used in this way on the death of a member of the royal family, or of a Bishop of London, a Dean of St. Paul's or a Lord Mayor who dies during his year of office. The last occasion on which its tolling was heard over the city was on the occasion of the death of King Edward VII., and now it has sounded for the passing of his gracious consort.

Immediately the news of Queen Alexandra's death became known the Rector of St. Clement Danes (Rev. W. Pennington Bickford) got together members of his ringing society, and the bells of the famous Strand church were rung muffled for her, who, seven years before, had opened the bells after their restoration.

Many muffled peals were rung on Saturday—not all of them specially arranged, of course—but wherever ringers met to pursue their art, muffles were put on the bells not only as a tribute of the ringers to the departed royal lady, but also as a mark of the public mourning.

## MEMORIAL PEALS.

The following peals have been rung with muffled bells as a tribute of love and respect to the Queen Mother:—

### BRISTOL.

#### GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mrs. W. H. THOMAS... .. Treble | REGINALD G. GILBERT ... 6 |
| HENRY PRING ... .. 2           | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 7  |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS... .. 3      | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 8   |
| CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 4      | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. 9  |
| RICHARD CLARK ... .. 5         | URIAH BRAVEN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

### LEICESTER.

#### THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

#### A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| JOSIAH MORRIS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM WILLSON ... .. 6      |
| SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 2      | JOSEPH S. CARTER ... .. 7     |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3   | *JOHN H. DREWERY ... .. 8     |
| REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4  | †ERNEST MORRIS... .. 9        |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 5  | FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor |

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung with bells half-muffled. First peal of Surprise Royal for the above Guild. \* First Surprise Royal peal. † First of Surprise Royal as conductor. The composition is now rung for the first time.

### CARLISLE.

#### THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

#### A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE ... Treble | JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... .. 5 |
| ARTHUR PAYNE ... .. 2           | WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 6  |
| JOSEPH ROWELL ... .. 3          | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 7 |
| RICHARD THOMPSON, JUN... 4      | JOHN FORMAN ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung, muffled, in memory of the late Queen Mother. The first peal of Stedman in the county of Cumberland, and the first peal on this historic peal of bells, which have just been reorganised and rehung.

### LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

#### THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

#### A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *DAVID COLLINS... .. Treble | †PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 5      |
| GEORGE A. NEWTON... .. 2    | WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 6      |
| WILLIAM THORLEY ... .. 3    | WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... .. 7     |
| THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. 4   | †LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD... Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

\* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell. ‡ 25th peal. The conductor's 25th peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

### LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

#### THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

#### A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE WILSON... .. Treble | FREDK. J. SMITH ... .. 5       |
| ALFRED KEEBLE ... .. 2     | ERNEST S. BAILEY ... .. 6      |
| JAMES M. BAILEY ... .. 3   | JAMES G. RUMSEY ... .. 7       |
| GEORGE BAILEY ... .. 4     | CHARLES F. BAILEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung with muffled clappers.

### BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

#### THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

#### A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| RENNIE HARTLEY ... .. Treble | *WALTER STEPHENSON ... 5    |
| HERBERT WORMWELL... .. 2     | EDWIN OGDEN ... .. 6        |
| WILLIAM MCCLEAVE ... .. 3    | HARRY ENTWISTLE ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM ROBINSON ... .. 4    | WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... Tenor |

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

Rung with the bells muffled. First peal on the bells after being recast. First peal in the method as conductor. \* First peal on an inside bell.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST.

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                                 |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble | ROBERT BRETT SMITH... .. 5      |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. 2   | CYRIL BRETT SMITH ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 3    | ERNEST B. CROWDER... .. 7       |
| JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 4        | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. Tenor |

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.  
The bells were rung half-muffled. \* First peal of Major.

## EWELL, SURREY.

## THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. Treble | JOHN BEAMS... .. 5          |
| HENRY HUTTON ... .. 2           | C.O.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6 |
| JOHN HOWES ... .. 3             | CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 7  |
| JOHN A. COLE ... .. 4           | OLIVER SIFFETTS... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells fully muffled for Queen Alexandra. Also for Mr. Walker, a loyal supporter of the church.

## KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

## THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM AND THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 23 lb.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| THOMAS J. SALTER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 5       |
| JOSEPH PIGOTT ... .. 2         | SAMUEL GROVE ... .. 6        |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 3             | JOHN SMITH ... .. 7          |
| CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 4     | ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal of Surprise on the bells.

## WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Plain Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 6 lb.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRED H. CRAWLEY ... .. Treble | ALBERT CRAWLEY ... .. 4   |
| ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 2         | JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 5    |
| GEORGE H. CRAWLEY... .. 3     | HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal in three methods by all the band and on the bells. Ringers of 2nd, 5th and tenor hail from Davenham; 3rd from Crewe; treble and 4th belong to local band.

## DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods, viz.: Single and Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 6½ cwt.

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| WILLIAM TILLEY... .. Treble | HORACE M. DAY ... .. 4     |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 2  | JOSEPH LONDON ... .. 5     |
| WILLIAM ROSE ... .. 3       | ARTHUR RIGGALL... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung with the bells muffled.

## GREAT BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF BOB M'NOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. (approx.) in G.

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| EDWARD LARGE ... .. Treble  | HARRY N. WAY ... .. 4        |
| LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS ... .. 2 | GEORGE E. LARGE ... .. 5     |
| SYDNEY ELTON... .. 3        | FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE E. LARGE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## KEMPSTON, BEDS.

## THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Lancashire, Stamford, York, Durham, Cambridge.

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| PEARL INSKIP ... .. Treble | CHARLES WM. CLARKE ... .. 4    |
| MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 2 | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 5       |
| HORACE H. SMITH ... .. 3   | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## MEETINGS POSTPONED.

The following meetings, which were to have been held to-morrow (Saturday) have been postponed or abandoned:—

Ladies' Guild, Central District, at Willesden, postponed to Dec. 12th.  
Herts Association, at Bushey, postponed to Dec. 12th.  
Winchester Diocesan Guild, Isle of Wight District, at Brading, postponed to Dec. 12th.

Winchester Diocesan Guild, Guildford District, at Guildford, postponed to Dec. 5th.

Midland Counties Association, Nottingham District, at Wollaton, abandoned.

Peterborough Diocesan Guild, Peterborough District, at Castor, postponed.

Lancashire Association, Bolton Branch, postponed to Dec. 5th.

## RANG WHEN THE QUEEN ENTERED LONDON.

Mr. Joseph Waghorn, of East Ham, still hale and hearty, and, happily, active among us, was handling the ropes when Queen Alexandra entered London in 1863. He would like to know if there are now any other old ringers in London who did the same.

## RANG FOR QUEEN VICTORIA'S DEATH.

In connection with the peal rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, it is interesting to know that five of the band (Messrs. H. Pring, R. Clark, W. A. Cave, W. Knight and J. A. Burford) took part in a muffled peal of Double Norwich on the same bells on the day after the death of Queen Victoria, nearly a quarter of a century ago.

## MUFFLED TOUCHES.

One of the first muffled touches rung was at St. John's Church, Hoylandswaine, Yorks, where, on Friday evening, with deeply muffled bells, 720 Bob Minor was brought round: W. Chappell 1, F. Broadhead 2, W. Marsden 3, E. Robinson 4, S. Fielding 5, E. Brooke (conductor) 6.

It will be impossible, we are afraid, to record in our columns all the ringing done for this mournful occasion, but below are given the particulars of some of the other touches:—

NEWPORT, MON.—On Saturday, Nov. 21st, at All Saints' Church, a peal of Stedman Triples, half-muffled, was attempted and lost after ringing over half-way. Before the morning service on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, 1,008 Stedman Triples, half-muffled: H. Ridout 1, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 2, J. W. Jones 3, G. Day 4, H. Morgan 5, F. Chapman 6, J. Hammond 7, H. Forbes 8; and before the evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Ridout 1, T. Foord 2, J. W. Jones 3, A. E. Morgan 4, G. Day 5, F. Chapman 6, J. Hammond (conductor) 7, H. Forbes 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 22nd, for service, with the bells muffled, except tenor, which was half-muffled, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Mackman 1, W. H. Hollier 2, H. C. Chandler 3, C. S. Bird 4, C. I. Edwards 5, E. R. Gladman 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, S. Rose 8.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for morning service, with bells half-muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Miss C. Newhouse 1, C. Riches 2, C. Barlow 3, E. Barlow 4, G. Englefield (conductor) 5, J. Moth 6.



**SOUTHAMPTON.**—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Nov. 22nd, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Roy Curtis 1, J. W. Faithfull 2, A. Newman 3, F. Mursell 4, F. White 5, H. Reeves (conductor) 6, F. Blondell 7, A. Reid 8.

**ROTHERHITHE.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. M. Eyles (first quarter-peal inside) 1, S. C. Moye 2, F. W. Chorley 3, H. Dyas 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, G. J. Harman 6, W. Berry 7, L. Bayliss 8.

**WICKEN, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for evening service, with half-muffled clappers, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. C. Case 1, C. Read 2, L. Smith 3, D. Chexfield 4, T. Roberts 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Read 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8.

**TUNSTALL, KENT.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells fully muffled (except the tenor, which was open on one side): Mrs. F. H. Spice 1, W. Spice, sen., 2, W. Spice, jun., 3, G. Eastman 4, H. E. Simpson (conductor) 5, W. Burley 6, E. H. Spice 7, G. Wilkins 8.

**CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Rands 1, G. Jackson (Doncaster) 2, M. Fowler 3, P. Gledson 4, F. Lewis 5, O. Greathead 6, H. Walker (Doncaster), conductor, 7, R. Sarsby 8. Arranged and rung, with muffled clappers, to the memory of her late Majesty Queen Alexandra, and also in memory of the victims of the M 1 disaster.

**RICKMANSWORTH.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. B. Marks 1, C. Lord 2, J. E. Jones 3, G. Foster 4, E. Hookham 5, W. Elliott 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, T. Reeves 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples ever rung in Rickmansworth by a local band, and first quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor.

**SELBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, with bells fully muffled, excepting the tenor, which was half-muffled, for morning service, 395 Grandsire Caters.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of 1,257 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins.: J. W. Hall 1, R. Fenton 2, F. W. Hinto 3, T. Morgan 4, H. S. Morley 5, E. Storr 6, F. Cryer 7, G. W. P. Fenton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, T. Strudwick 10.

**BRISTOL.**—On Saturday, Nov. 21st, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,344 changes): Mrs. E. J. Brown 1, Miss A. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, E. J. Brown (conductor) 4, P. C. Williams 5, R. C. Seager 6, F. E. Tyler 7, I. Long 8.

**HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, with the bells muffled, for morning service, two short touches of Stedman Triples; and for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins. \*Miss N. Cawthorne 1, Miss E. Hopkin 2, H. Bower 3, †F. Cardwell 4, J. Garth 5, W. H. Taylor 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, \*H. Taylor 8. \* First quarter-peal of Stedman. † First on an inside bell. All are members of the local company except the ringer of the 3rd.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Michael's, City, before the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: S. Isaacs 1, F. Headford (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Lea 3, A. Lake 4, G. Tudball (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, F. Maine 6.

**DEEPING, ST. NICHOLAS.**—At the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, for evensong, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, with bells half-muffled, 720 Plain Bob, in 24 mins.: A. Cummins 1, F. Duffy 2, H. Taylor 3, F. Taylor 4, H. Willerton 5, A. Riggall (conductor) 6.

**CARDIFF.**—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins., with the bells half-muffled, after an attempt for a peal, which failed after 2 hours and 9 minutes' ringing: L. Strong (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Smith 2, J. Davies 3, G. Large 4, W. Heath 5, A. Parnell 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

**OXFORD.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for early celebration, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, 720 Kent Treble Bob, rung half-muffled: W. Henagough 1, W. Finch 2, G. Stace 3, W. Harris 4, F. A. H. Wilkins 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6.—For men's service, in the afternoon, at the Church of St. Aldate, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung half-muffled: W. Henagough 1, W. Collett 2, R. Chaundy 3, H. Tolley 4, F. Clinkard 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6.

**BURFORD, OXON.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at the Parish Church, for evensong, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: \*W. Dixon 1, A. Bishop 2, W. Bransdon 3, R. Hudson 4, F. Soden 5, \*H. Terry 6, T. Bond (conductor) 7, C. Cook 8. † First quarter-peal in the method.

**HYTHE, KENT.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for service, with the bells half-muffled, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Swan 1, W. Bidnell, sen., 2, W. Bidnell, jun., 3, R. J. Birch 4, A. Wratten (conductor) 5, A. R. Manning 6, S. A. Gower 7, Cyril P. Munn 8.—In the evening, a quarter-peal in the same method: A. Swan 1, W. Bidnell, jun., 2, W. Bidnell, sen. (conductor), 3, S. Mowl 4, T. A. Vincent 5, A. R. Manning 6, S. A. Gower 7, C. P. Munn 8.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

It is a sad coincidence that two old ringing societies—the College Youths and the St. Martin's Guild—should lose their respective 'fathers' by the hand of death within a few days of each other. The bells of St. Martin's were rung muffled on Tuesday, the 17th inst., as a token of respect to their memories.

One hundred and ninety years ago to-morrow—on Nov. 28th, 1735—a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Southwark, a similar length to the peal rung three years earlier at Cripplegate by the London Scholars.

In those distant days the London Scholars were active in ringing long lengths, for on Nov. 27th, 1729, they brought off a 6,204 Grandsire Cinques at Cornhill.

They had scored 6,006 in this method as the first peal on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields—which was beaten on the same bells the next day by the College Youths. The 6,204 at Cornhill followed upon an attempt earlier in the month, when they broke down after ringing 4,200 changes in 3 hours 10 minutes.

William Doubleday Crofts died on Nov. 29th, 1809, and was buried at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on December 2nd, on which occasion a 'mourning peal of 1,494 Grandsire Caters' was rung.

In view of the first peal on the restored Maneroft bells, which we recorded last week, it is interesting to recall that a peal of Grandsire Cinques, the first on the present twelve, was rung on Nov. 23rd, 1775—exactly 150 years ago last Monday.

A peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung by the Cumberland Youths at Edmonton 130 years ago last Monday. It was composed and called by George Gross, sen., and Shipway was one of the band. Longer lengths of Bob Major had, however, been rung years before. On Nov. 25th, 1737, for instance, the Eastern Scholars had scored a peal of 15,120 in 8 hours 40 minutes at West Ham.

Friday was the anniversary of the first silent peal of Stedman Triples. It was rung on Nov. 20th, 1886, at Burton-on-Trent, by men whose names were household words in ringing in the closing years of last century—some of them, indeed, will be remembered as long as ringing lasts, and some, happily, are still with us: C. H. Hattersley, J. Carter, H. Bastable, J. Griffin, S. Reeves, W. Wakley, J. Jaggard, and A. Thomas.

St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, has still a band of ringers, who are able to practise Grandsire Triples, and are hoping to ring a peal. They got nearly half-way in an attempt a few months ago.

The Master of the band is Mr. J. H. Guest, who is now 85, and who left England half a century ago. He formed the first society of change ringers in Melbourne in 1882. There are ringers in the band from Bedfordshire, Cheshire, Gloucestershire, Leicestershire, Worcestershire and Oxfordshire.

Twickenham (Middlesex) bells, we are informed, have been retuned and rehung, and will probably be opened about Christmas.

Mr. Alfred Waite, who has been a ringer at Barnwood, Glos. since February, 1868, has now rung every bell in that tower to a peal, and he completed the circle on Saturday as the same time that Mr. F. T. Waite finished the round. One is tempted to comment that he waited a long time to fulfil this ambition, but his friends will wish him many more years of active enjoyment of the art.

## READY SHORTLY.

# METHOD-SPLICING

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**'HINTS ON "SPLICING" AND  
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by JOSEPH W. PARKER,

**And a number of Minor Extents in Six,  
Eight and Ten Methods.**

## CARLISLE CATHEDRAL BELL RESTORATION.

### HISTORICAL PEAL RING OUT AGAIN.

As already briefly announced in our columns, the restoration of the bells of Carlisle Cathedral has been completed, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who carried out the work, are to be congratulated upon their successful efforts. The old six (one of them an early 15th century bell) have been made eight by the addition of two trebles, and a great improvement has been effected by tuning the ancient bells.

The dedication was performed, at a simple but impressive service, by the Archbishop of York. There were a large number of clergy present, headed by the Bishop of Carlisle, the Dean of Carlisle and the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness. The congregation filled the Cathedral, and included the Earl of Lonsdale (Lord Lieutenant of Cumberland), the High Sheriff, the Mayor of Carlisle, and the chairman of Cumberland County Council.

After the opening hymn and psalm, the Archbishop, the Bishops, the Dean, and members of the Chapter, together with Mrs. Hastings Rashdall, to whose generosity the restoration is due, and Mr. Percy Matheson, a personal friend of the late Dean, proceeded to the north choir aisle, where Mrs. Rashdall set in motion the electrical chiming apparatus for the bells.

During the service also, Mr. Matheson unveiled and the Archbishop dedicated, a mural tablet placed in the south choir aisle in memory of the late Dean Rashdall.

The Archbishop gave an appropriate address, in the course of which he said the church bells of England, above the noise of cities or the quiet of villages, spoke as no other voices could, of the joys, sorrows, tumults, troubles and thanksgivings of our common life.

Crowds of citizens waited in the streets to hear the bells ring out, and were delighted with their pleasant chimings.

After the dedication, the bells were raised and rung by members of the Cumberland Association. Although nothing very great was accomplished in the way of ringing, as there was only the space of an hour before evensong, everybody was pleased with the 'go' of the bells. It is to be hoped that in the near future the Cathedral will have a band of ringers of its own to ring regularly for service.

A meeting of the association was held in the Refectory of the Cathedral, and the tower was affiliated to the association.—The election of eleven life members, proposed in Kendal belfry previous to starting for a peal, was confirmed. The Dean was elected a vice-president of the association.

Votes of thanks to the Dean, and everybody connected with the opening, concluded the meeting.

### THE BELLS.

The particulars of the bells are as follows:—

Tenor (4ft. 4in. diameter, Note E flat; weight 20 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.).—Inscription: 'I warne you how your time doth pass away. Serve God therefor whil life doth last and say Glorie in Axcelis Deo. Anno Domini 1657. John and William Langshaw, Workmen.'

7th (3ft. 8in. diameter; weight 15 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.).—'x Ihe x In : Voce : Sum : Munda : Maria : Sonando : Secunda : I : B.' This bell was cast about the year 1420.

6th (3ft. 4in. diameter; weight 10 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.).—'C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1845.'

5th (2ft. 11½in.; weight 8 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.).—'x Jesus be our speed. George Lees; Edmund Wright, Belfounders. Will: Orbell L.M. 1608.'

4th (2ft. 8½in.; weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb.).—'Georg. Fleming, D.D. Decanus (Ed: Seller. Ebor. Stamp) Gloria in Altissimis. Dec. 1728.' 3rd.—'I. W. L. 1659.'

2nd (2ft. 5in. diameter; weight 4 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lb.).—'To the Glory of God; and in Memory of Hastings Rashdall his servant I ring, 1924.'

Treble (2ft. 4in. diameter; weight 4 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.).—'In Remembrance: Hastings Rashdall and Constance gave me to God, 1924.'

The 6th was originally cast by the Langshaws, and became cracked whilst being chimed for the Peace celebrations after Waterloo. It bore the following inscription:—

THIS RINGE WAS MADE SIX TUNEABLE BELLS AT THE CHARGE OF THE LORD HOWARD AND OTHER GENTREE OF THE COUNTY AND CITIE. AND OFFICERS OF THE GARRISON, BY THE ADVICE OF MAGER JEREMIAH TOLLURST, GOVERNOR OF THE GARRISON, 1658.

This is particularly interesting as being a unique instance of restoration work in the church carried out under instructions from one of Cromwell's officers (Major Jeremiah Tollurst). The three bells restored were the old treble, 4th and tenor, which were recast by the Langshaws, who were bell foundries in Carlisle.

### CAST IN 1402.

The 'patriarch' of the tower is the 7th, which was cast about the year 1402 by order of William Strickland, Bishop of Carlisle from 1400 to 1419. Bells, however, hung in the tower long before this, for it is on record that in the beginning of the 14th century (A.D. 1307) the Pope's legate, Cardinal Petrus Hispanus, preached in the Cathedral, and later revealed himself, and with other Bishops which were

present—with candles light and causing the bells to be rung, they occurred in terrible wise Robert Bruce, the usurper of the crowne of Scotland with all his partakers aiders and maintainers.' Although Bruce badly ravaged the rest of Cumberland, he never succeeded in taking Carlisle. It was, however, taken and burnt in 1345 by Sir W. Douglas, and was again burnt (by accident) in 1392, when 1,500 houses and a great part of the Cathedral were destroyed: it must then have been in reparation of the damage done in 1392 that Bishop Strickland raised the tower and installed the four large bells, the second of which was the existing 7th. The tenor of that ring of four must, therefore, have been a bell of considerable weight. The present 7th is the only one of Bishop Strickland's ring now left, and from a casting point of view, is a beautiful piece of work.

Until the present occasion, the last time the bells are supposed to have been rung was on November 18th, 1745, when Prince Charles Edward (Bonnie Prince Charles) made his entry into Carlisle, and for this offence the Cathedral bells were 'sentenced' to silence for a period of one hundred years. For many years past, however, it has not been possible to ring the bells on account of the bad condition of their hanging.

The present restoration consists of the addition of two trebles to complete the octave, cleaning the old bells by sand-blast, tuning them, and hanging the peal with entirely new fittings in a very heavy teak frame.

With the exception of the tenor and 6th, the old bells were very poor in tone, but the Cathedral authorities were particularly anxious that no recasting should take place on account of the historical interest. The old bells cannot, of course, be expected to come up to the modern standard for 'tone,' but a vast improvement has been effected by the tuning, and by the addition of the two trebles.

The framework is of very massive proportions, and the bells swing in the latest type ball bearings, the 'go' being perfect. Over 11 tons of timber were used in the construction of the framework and the beams.

A carillon machine has also been installed by Messrs. J. Smith and Sons, of Derby, to chime sets of changes for the week-day services.

The whole of the restoration scheme, including the fitting up of the ringing chamber and repairs to the tower, has been carried out through the generosity of Mrs. Rashdall, in memory of her husband, the late Dean of Carlisle.

## COLLEGE YOUTHS' OFFICERS.

### THE NEW MASTER.

Owing to business having taken him away from London, Mr. W. Hibbert, jun., who, as Senior Steward last year, would, in the ordinary course of events, have succeeded to the Mastership of the College Youths, was unable to seek nomination, and at their meeting last week the society elected Mr. H. R. Newton to the vacant office. The other officers elected were: Messrs. A. A. Hughes, treasurer; C. F. Winney and W. Prime, trustees; C. W. Roberts, senior steward; J. S. Hawkins, junior steward; and W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary.

Mr. 'Bob' Newton, the new Master, has long been one of the best known of London ringers, having been associated for many years with the bands connected with St. Stephen's, Westminster; Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral. He has taken part in some memorable performances, and has rung the 'heaviest tenor' to each of the three Surprise methods, Superlative at Southwark Cathedral in 1904; London at Bow in 1910; and Cambridge at Southwark in 1924. He also took part in the record length of 21,563 Stedman Caters rung in 12 hours 25 minutes at Appleton in 1922 and rang the eleventh in that great performance, the record peal of Stedman Cinques, 12,675 at Southwark Cathedral, in 9 hours 47 minutes, on Whit Munday, 1923.

## BOW BELLS AGAIN NEXT SUNDAY.

### ANOTHER BROADCAST.

The success of the broadcasting of Bow Bells on Sunday week, has led the British Broadcasting Company to repeat the experiment, and next Sunday evening we are promised a 'full quarter of an hour of the same bells.' The ringing will begin at 8 p.m., and will again be done by the St. Paul's Cathedral band.

Our readers will doubtless be interested to know the names of the band who so perfectly rang the touch of Stedman Cinques on the first occasion. They were C. F. Winney, E. G. Fenn, H. Langdon, H. R. Pasmore, A. B. Peck, C. W. Roberts, T. Langdon, H. A. Newton, C. F. Burden, T. H. Taffender, W. T. Cockerill (conductor), W. Prime. Messrs. Fenn and Roberts acted in the place of the late Mr. E. Horrex, and Mr. E. Gibbs and the two other members of the Cathedral band, Messrs. W. E. Garrard and E. Wallage were in reserve.

The ringer of the tenor in the peal of Doubles at Trumpington on November 1st was William Rayner, and not Frank Rayner, as published.

**DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.****ANNUAL FESTIVAL.**

The 48th annual festival of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Durham on Saturday, October 31st. Service was held in St. Nicholas' Church (owing to the Cathedral not being available) at 1 p.m., the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. Bothamley) officiating, and giving a very interesting address. Luncheon followed at the Royal County Hotel, Mr. C. Todd (the president) being in the chair, supported by Bishop Wood, Rev. Canon W. Bothamley, Messrs. E. Ferry (hon. secretary), Arthur Payne (treasurer), C. L. Routledge (auditor), Rev. A. W. Lister, and others, the company numbering 55.

At the business meeting, the balance sheet showed a deficit of £3 17s. 10d., caused by the heavy expense of printing the annual report.

The report, read by the secretary, contained some interesting items. The sad note came first, reporting the loss, by death, of Mr. A. G. Euden, who had been a member for 20 years of the Cramlington tower, where he will be sadly missed.

Some 20 years ago a scheme was introduced whereby each band of ringers should enter on a sheet hung in the belfry (supplied for that purpose) the number of changes, and the method rung for the Sunday service. Points are given for each 1,000 changes, varying according to the quality of the method. Thus all the towers in the two dioceses are induced to compete in doing the best Sunday service ringing. For this a first and second certificate are presented for the 8, 10 and 12-bell towers, and also for the 6-bell towers. For the year just ended (Sept. 30th) Whitley Bay won the 1st, in the former class, for the sixth consecutive year. If a band wins it for three consecutive years, or four times altogether, the certificate becomes their own property, to hang in their belfry. Whitley Bay have thus won two certificates in succession. Their points this year were 1,599.924. North Shields, who were 4th last year, with 439, take 2nd place this year with 1,193.96, a splendid performance. The other competitors were Gosforth, 1,005.544; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, 948.274; Newcastle Cathedral, 948.05; St. John's, Darlington, 326.78; Gateshead, 179.55; St. Michael's, Sunderland, 159.48; St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool, 145.25; Tanfield, 131.37; Shildon, 103.21; Chester-le-Street, 98.84; Consett, 76.25; St. George's, Jesmond, 35.99.

In the six-bell towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, took first place for the fourth year in succession, with 1,185.54 points; Benfieldside, 590.75; Newton Hall, 566.76; Houghton-le-Spring, 223.68; Newburn, 148.15; Winton, 27.72; and Whickham, 21, being the other competitors. Twenty-eight peals have been rung during the year, against 29 last year. Ten of these were rung with friends from the South and Midlands, who were on a ringing tour in the district. In the 28 peals, 73 members took part, and there were nine conductors.

The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Rev. A. W. Lister; vice-presidents, Messrs. R. B. Robinson (Southern District), R. L. Patterson (Eastern), F. Sheraton (Western), J. E. Goffon (Northern); hon. secretary, E. Ferry; hon. treasurer, G. S. Taylor; hon. Editorial secretary, Arthur Payne; hon. auditor, C. L. Routledge; district secretaries, W. Story (Northern Division of the Northern District), A. Deas (Newcastle Division), G. S. Taylor (Eastern), A. Hunter (Southern), H. Tyson (Western).

Two hon. members and 30 active members were elected.

Mr. Routledge presented the certificates to the winning towers for the best Sunday Service ringing during the year.

The Cathedral bells were not available owing to a meeting at the Deanery, but the two peals of six were kept going in different methods. Meetings for 1926 were fixed as follows: Pre-Lent meeting, Newton Hall, Saturday, Feb. 13th; Whit Monday, Hartlepool, May 24th; summer meeting, Staindrop, Saturday, July 24th; annual festival, Newcastle, Saturday, October 30th.

We are extremely sorry Mr. J. A. Goffon has retired from ringing by doctor's orders; we sincerely hope he will soon be restored to health and strength, and will again take up the art in which his name has world-wide fame.

It was extremely unfortunate that two peals were arranged for the evening. It prevented some members coming to the meeting, and caused others to leave early.

**SWINTON RINGER'S FUNERAL**

On Saturday, Nov. 7, the funeral of the late Mr. J. Brockland took place. He was for many years the highly respected captain of Swinton Parish Church belfry. According to the wishes of deceased, the ringers acted as bearers, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the house, and also at the graveside. The first part of the service was held in St. Peter's Church, the interment following at the cemetery. In the evening a well-struck half-peal of Grandsire Triples (Taylor's six-part) was rung in 1 hr. 40 mins., with the bells fully muffled at St. Peter's Church, as a tribute to the late captain by a mixed band of St. Peter's and Christ Church (Pendlebury) ringers. Mr. Brockland was widely known among the ringing fraternity around Manchester.

**COVENTRY BELLS.****WILL A CAMPANILE BE BUILT?**

The announcement that the bells of Coventry Cathedral were to be used for a carillon has led to some natural anxiety on the part of change ringers generally. We are assured, however, that the authorities suggest nothing to prejudice the ringing of the bells in peal, whenever the time comes for the erection of a campanile. Though there are differences of opinion as to the propriety and need of recasting the existing bells, we are told that the metal for the proposed extra four will be entirely new. We may add that designs for a campanile have been hanging in the Cathedral vestry for some years.

**AN AMBITIOUS SCHEME REQUIRED.**

*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The Exercise will regret to learn that the efforts to prevent the destruction of these bells have not met with that success which was first hoped. It will be recalled that the proposal was to melt down the bells to use the metal towards that required for a carillon, and that earnest representations were made to those responsible to prevent such an act of vandalism.

We have been fortunate in securing support and sympathy from those representing important bodies outside our own Exercise, and the views of all interested can be summarised in the reference made in the 'Morning Post' of the 8th July last, which, speaking of the Coventry bells, said:—

'Whilst on the subject of bells, it is interesting to note that a proposal is afoot to melt down the ancient peal of ten bells, said to be the finest of their kind, which used to ring forth from the famous tower of St. Michael's, Coventry. The desire is to provide bell metal for a new carillon, the tower being said to be too weak for the bells. Although we have had occasion of late to comment favourably on carillons, this proposal rather savours of exchanging "new lamps for old." Carillons are good, indeed very good. But it would be a serious thing to destroy a celebrated peal for this object. Ringers throughout the country are much concerned, and, urged on by their organ, the 'Ringing World,' the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers will make representations to the Bishop of Coventry with the view of saving this fine peal. Thus the citizens of Coventry, who have enjoyed the possession of these bells for nearly 200 years, may hope to continue so to do for still further centuries to come.'

I learn, therefore, with regret that the proposal is again revived, and that though slightly modified, it still involves the sacrifice of the bells. And I feel that the Central Council will desire that every effort must be used to defeat this project, even if it calls for an ambitious scheme, such as building a bell tower! I believe that such a proposal initiated and supported by the Exercise, would receive that backing from the public, which would ensure its success.

It is melancholy to recall that the late Mr. Horrex, who died so tragically on the morning of the College Youths' Festival, devoted his last speech to this subject. In the course of his remarks, which for him were of unusual length, he expressed the firm hope that these famous bells should be preserved. He also gave an interesting account of how he formed one of a band of College Youths who visited Coventry to ring them, and how George Muskett, the then Master, preferred to stand outside and listen, rather than ascend and ring. Muskett's verdict on this occasion was significant, viz., 'a wonderful peal, these bells are all brothers and sisters.'—Yours faithfully,

155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

**HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****WESTERN DISTRICT.**

A very enjoyable (as usual) meeting of the Western District was held at King's Langley on Nov. 21st, when members and friends were present from Bletchley, Tring, Berkhamsted, Hemel Hempstead, Bray, Apsley, Watford, St. Albans, and the local tower.

Tea was held in the Church House, presided over by the Rev. and Mrs. Haythornthwaite. After tea, the Vicar, in a very eloquent speech, gave all present a very hearty welcome, and spoke feelingly of the death of the well-beloved Queen Alexandra, asking the company to stand as a token of respect, and loyalty to our King and Queen.

At the business meeting which followed with the Vicar in the chair, two new members were made, Messrs. Taylor and Russell, of Bray, Berks.—The next meeting was arranged for Hemel Hempstead in January, subject to the necessary permission being obtained.

Mr. F. J. Reeve proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the ladies for their insistent attention at tea, and the local ringers for providing such an excellent tea free of charge.

Mr. Walker (local secretary) replied that there were only one fault—the company hadn't eaten enough.

The ringers then adjourned for further ringing until 7.45 p.m. All the ringing done was half-muffled, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Little Bob Major, as well as rounds for the beginners.

Thus concluded another good meeting at King's Langley.



## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE LAST OF THE NORWICH SCHOLARS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Samuel Thurston's sudden death on January 9th, 1841, was a severe blow to Norwich ringing, although the full effect was not seen till later. The work such a man as he does lives after his death; and, besides, there was the great ringing tradition of the Norwich Scholars that John Garthorn had started, and that Thomas Melchior and others had handed on. For one hundred and thirty years there had continuously been a first-class band connected with Mancroft, and this tradition was not to be lost all at once. In 1842 the Norwich band was equal, and, perhaps, the superior to any other in the country. Other good performances had yet to be accomplished, but the top-most point was passed. There were no more peals of the same merit as the Double Norwich Maximus, or the London and Superlative Surprise Major. The year 1835 marks the zenith of Norwich ringing; after that there was decline, slow at first, but certain, and after a few years, rapid.

When Thurston died he left quite a number of good ringers, but none of outstanding ability as leader. At St. Andrew's, Thomas Hurry was supreme; he had given the two trebles in 1825, and was generally in charge of the tower. Hurry was an ambitious, forcible man, but his abilities were not equal to his ambition. A good ringer, no doubt, but not of the very first class. He was not included in the band which rang the Double Oxford and the Superlative and London. The reason is pretty obvious—he was not good enough; otherwise he was not the man to be left out. And his many attempts to call a peal were all unsuccessful. 'I have known him,' said Hubbard, 'many times call four parts of a peal correctly, and then run wild in the fifth. In the year 1825 we rang, at St. Andrew's, about 40,000 changes in trying for a 5,120 of Reeves' in five parts without doing it.'

At St. Peter's the mastership fell to James Truman, an excellent ringer, one of the London and Superlative band. He afterwards proved himself a competent conductor, but he was hardly of the same class as Thurston. He held, I think, some official post connected with St. Peter's Church, either sexton or parish clerk, or something of the sort.

The one man who seemed marked out as Thurston's successor was Henry Hubbard. He had a much greater experience of peal conducting than any of the others, and he knew far more about composition and methods and the theory of ringing. But I think he lacked just that amount of push that a good leader must have. If Hubbard had had some of Hurry's masterfulness or Hurry had had Hubbard's skill and knowledge, the third quarter of the nineteenth century would no doubt have been as brilliant a period in the history of Norwich ringing as the second.

As it was the next two peals were called by Hubbard. The first was 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal at St. Andrew's. It was the first peal on the ten bells, and the first peal of Kent rung in Norwich. The composition was Reeves' one-part peal in ten courses, with double bobs at Home, and the sixth the extent each way. It is given on page 105 of Snowden's collection, and is pretty well as good a peal as Treble Ten as there is. Kent Royal on an ordinary ring of bells is, to a good band, one of the easiest things to ring, but it is a different thing altogether when the ropes fall in this order—1, 3, 2, 7, 10, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8, as they did at St. Andrew's.

Melchior and Crane rang their peals of Stedman Triples in 1731, and then for one hundred and eight years no peal in the method was accomplished at Norwich. In 1839, Thurston called a peal of Triples at St. Giles', the composition of Lates, with 180 bobs, 218 common singles, and 22 bob singles. Hubbard did not ring in this peal, and now the Norwich Scholars turned their full attention to Stedman. On Sept. 15th, 1842, they rang 5,295 of Caters at St. Andrew's, and on November 24th, 1843, 5,296 at the same church, both conducted by Hubbard. Charles Middleton, the composer of the peal of Cambridge Surprise, rang in both these peals. Two years later, at Mancroft, they rang 7,126 Stedman Cinques, at that time the longest peal anywhere in the method. The following is a copy of the very fine peal heard in St. Peter's belfry.

On Thursday, January 18th, 1844, was rung in this steeple that most intricate and ingenious peal called Stedman's Cinques in 5 hours and 17 minutes, consisting of 7,126 changes without the misplacing of a bell or the repetition of a single change. The bold and regular striking attracted the notice of the public, and is allowed to exceed any other performance ever attempted in England upon twelve bells. The peal was conducted by James Truman, and rung by the under-mentioned persons. The Minister and Churchwardens with a portion of the Inhabitants, have contributed to the erection of this tablet, the remainder being subscribed for by the company of ringers.

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| Thomas Hurry      | ... | 1 | William Freeman  | ... | 7       |
| Robert Burrell    | ... | 2 | George Watering  | ... | 8       |
| Elijah Mason      | ... | 3 | James Truman     | ... | 9       |
| Charles Middleton | ... | 4 | Joshua Hurry     | ... | 10      |
| William Gaul      | ... | 5 | Henry Hubbard    | ... | 9       |
| John Greenwood    | ... | 6 | George Smith and | ... | } Tenor |
|                   |     |   | Robert Palgrave  | ... |         |

The tradition about this peal, when I started ringing, was that it was very finely rung indeed, and the claim as to good striking was well founded. Two of the band were alive in my time; Robert Palgrave was still a member of the company, but was an invalid, and had not rung for many years. William Freeman was still active, and still ringing. He had had a dispute with some of the later Mancroft men, and had left the company and formed a rival band which practised at St. Andrew's, and some of the six-bell towers. I do not think their performances went beyond Plain Bob Minor. I got to know the old man very well, and found him quite nice and agreeable, when you had made allowances for his age and real or imaginary grievances. He was steeplekeeper at St. Andrew's, and had rung the tenor there to the 1842 peal.

George Smith, who rang the tenor with the help of Robert Palgrave, was one of a family of ringers, all good men at the heavy end. The first was Matthew Smith, who helped Thurston to ring Mancroft tenor to the Double Norwich Maximus in 1817. His son was the George Smith of the 1844 peal, and his grandson, George Smith, the second, was the first man who turned Mancroft tenor in to 5,000 of Major, though for some reason or other the peal was false, and could not stand. He had, I think, the best action and pull of any heavy bell ringer I have seen.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.  
ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

After a lapse of many years, the annual meeting of the Rochester District of the Kent County Association was held in Gravesend. Nearly 100 ringers attended, including representatives from 18 towers in the Rochester District, Tonbridge, Maidstone and Lewisham districts, and Essex and Middlesex Associations. In the afternoon the bells of St. George's Church were rung, and later a special service was conducted by the Rector of Gravesend (the Rev. Elliott Mitchell).

Tea was served in the Co-operative Cafe, where the meeting followed. The Mayor of Gravesend (Alderman J. A. Axcell) presided, being supported by the Rector of Gravesend (the Rev. Elliott Mitchell), the Rector of Milton (the Rev. G. W. Mennie), Messrs. F. T. Grant, F. M. Mitchell (district hon. secretary), R. J. Tall, W. Haigh (Rochester Cathedral), and W. Harper.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell, who reported a record year, both in membership and financially, first thanked the Mayor of Gravesend for presiding, saying that was the first occasion in this county that a chief magistrate of the borough had presided at a ringers' district meeting. They had 21 towers in union, compared with 20 last year, Milton Regis being the newcomers. The number of practising members had increased from 177 to 185. Mr. John H. Chcesman headed the list of conductors with 16 peals. Gravesend tower had made history by having the first lady to conduct a peal in the county, when Miss Edith Parker, of Edmonton, acted in that capacity in November. Sunday service ringing had been fully maintained. The benevolent fund showed a balance of £90 19s 10d., and the district finances a balance of £17 18s., compared with £16 7s. 2d. The report expressed thanks to the incumbents and members of the towers for welcoming visiting ringers, and he (the secretary) personally added his sense of appreciation for the co-operation he had received from secretaries and members of towers in the district.

The Mayor warmly congratulated the secretary on the report, which, he said, showed they were a progressive body, and Mr. Mitchell was reappointed district hon. secretary.

Messrs. Haigh and Spice were elected district representatives to the Central Committee.

By 21 votes to 20, Upchurch (where the bells have been rehung), was selected for the next quarterly meeting, to be held in January.

It was moved by Mr. F. M. Mitchell, and supported by Mr. W. Haigh, 'that the Rochester district considers it advisable to discontinue the payment of half-railway fares up to 2s. to the half-yearly district meeting, and that the same facility be granted to members attending the annual meeting of the association, and that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next annual meeting.'—This was carried.

Mr. R. J. Tall said he was not very pleased that a tower like Southfleet should be silent for so many years. He suggested they should write to the Rector and ask if anything could be done so that the bells could be rung.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Lane, and carried.

The Rector of Gravesend was thanked for conducting the church service, and also the churchwardens for the loan of the church for ringing.—The Rector replied, expressing thanks to the Mayor for presiding.

Ringing in standard methods afterwards took place at St. George's Church.

## THE PASSING OF JOHN BUFFERY.

### 'FATHER' OF ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

There's nae sorrow there, John,  
There's neither could nor care, John,  
The day is aye fair  
In the land o' the leal.—Lady Nairne.

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. John Buffery passed out of human ken on the 12th inst., at his residence, at Smethwick, near Birmingham, after a long illness, at the age of 73 years.

He was the 'father' of St. Martin's Guild, in terms of years of membership (though not in age), having joined the St. Martin's Youths in 1863, and by his death another link with Birmingham ringers of nearly a century ago is severed.

John Buffery was born at Perry Barr, in 1852, and became interested in bells and ringing when the ring of eight was put in the tower of St. John's Church in 1868, the donor being the late Lord Calthorpe. He rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, there in 1870, and conducted his first peal there in 1879, the method also being Grandsire.

He soon became attracted to St. Martin's, and as he was a good striker, and could handle the heavy end when necessary, he made quite a name for himself at one time as a tenor man.

He rang the tenor to his first peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's in 1873, and took part in the first two ten-bell peals rung in Ireland, these being Stedman Caters at Christ Church Cathedral on May 20th, 1899, and Bob Royal at the R.C. Church of St. Augustine and St. John on the following day.

John Buffery had what he always called the great pleasure of witnessing the only peal ever rung on the high seas—a peal of Stedman Caters in hand by members of St. Martin's Guild, rung aboard the s.s. Cambria when crossing the Irish Sea on May 29th, 1901. A photo of this band, and the witnesses, kindly presented by Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, is carefully preserved in St. Martin's belfry.

Other notable peals in which he took part were the 9,238 Stedman Cinques in 6 hours and 48 minutes at St. Martin's on Feb. 28th, 1881 (then record), in which Henry Johnson (whose 72nd birthday it was) rang the 6th; and the 9,020 of Grandsire Cinques rung in 6 hours and 17 minutes at St. Martin's on March 23rd, 1887, which he conducted. He had a powerful voice, and the late Thomas Reynolds (who rang the 11th to this peal) used to declare that he called the last bob in such a loud voice that it could be heard in the Bull Ring, and was, in fact, heard by several outside!

In the early eighties John Buffery was also a prominent member of the Holt Society of Aston, later amalgamated with the St. Martin's Guild, for which society he called a number of peals. He 'called ye bobbes' in an attempt for a long peal of Grandsire Caters at Aston in 1883, when the peal was lost, after over 12,000 changes had been rung, and which he said was 'the longest breakdown he had ever had.'

Mr. Alderman Pritchett tells a story of how he invited Buffery, with others, to visit him at Oxford, when he was at college as a young man, and how John mistook the extra strong ale he had got in for the occasion for soda water, with the result, so says the alderman, that they could not get on with the Grandsire Caters at Magdalen in the afternoon.

John Buffery—how the name seemed to suit the man! To many of the elder brethren it will recall him as he was in his prime—sturdily built, with fresh complexion, plump cheeks and genial disposition—a typical John Bull.

Unfortunately he had not enjoyed good health for the last few years, and had been unable to take an active part in ringing. Towards the end he suffered with bronchitis, and had been confined to the house for some time.

It is interesting to reflect on the fact that it is now nearly 45 years since the 9,238 of Stedman Cinques was rung, in which John Buffery rang the 8th, and Henry Johnson, sen., rang the 6th. The latter was 72 years old that day (28th February, 1881), and had been ringing then for over 50 years, so these two men in the space of their ringing lives, span practically a century of Birmingham ringing.

The funeral took place at the Uplands Cemetery, Smethwick, on the 18th inst., and among the floral tributes was a wreath from members of St. Martin's Guild, who were represented by one of Mr. Buffery's oldest and most intimate friends, Mr. Thomas Miller.

No further seek his merits to disclose,  
Or draw his frailties from their dread abode  
(There they alike in trembling hope repose),  
The bosom of his Father and his God.—Gray.

A. P. S.

### A HALF-PEAL.

At Thorne, Yorks, on Armistice night, November 11th 2,520 Grandsire Triples: H. Rodwell 1, C. Thorley, jun. (conductor) 2, W. Sleight 3, D. England 4, C. H. Thorley 5, W. Hobson 6, R. Thompson 7, J. Thorley 8. The ringers of treble, 4th and 7th hail from Hatfield; the rest are local men.

## YORK MINSTER BELLS.

### HALF-TONE BELL TO BE PROVIDED.

So well has the appeal for funds for the restoration of York Minster bells been responded to that an effort is to be made to recast 'Great Peter,' and to provide a half-tone bell with the ring of twelve to give a light eight. Canon H. E. Nolloth has given particulars of the additional proposals, in a letter which appeared in the 'Yorkshire Herald.' He says: 'Since the report of the progress of the work recently appeared in your columns, more donations have been received. But, as often happens in these undertakings, additional expenditure has to be incurred. Only some £180 are now required to complete the task of furnishing the Minster with the deepest and finest-toned ring of twelve bells in the country, and the massive framework of iron and steel in which they are to be hung. But the ringers (who have shown their interest in the work by undertaking themselves the cost of recasting one of the bells) are very anxious that, as is usual in the case of so heavy a ring, an extra "half-tone" bell should be provided, in order that they may have a more manageable octave for practice than the lower or "back" eight; and this is, undoubtedly, most important for the cultivation of good ringing. The cost of this bell, if hung at the same time as the others, will be £179, in addition to the above-mentioned £180.'

'Now, with regard to the great bell "Peter," in size fully worthy of our great Cathedral, but so discordant, musically, that there is no reason to regret its present useless condition, impossible to be rung, and unconnected with the clock, to which it should serve as the hour-bell. As stated in the report already referred to, we propose to recast and retune it to a rich and musical E flat, in exact tune with the peal, hung in ball bearings, so as easily to be rung by two men without the slightest strain upon the tower. More than one-third of the cost of this work has already been given or promised, viz., £550, if it can be undertaken soon. If the balance of £975 can be provided, our desire to give the Minster we venerate a "Bourdon" entirely worthy of it, can speedily be attained.'

Donations will be gratefully received by me, as hon. secretary, or they may be paid to the account of the 'York Minster Bells Fund' at the Midland Bank, Ltd., Parliament Street, York.

## ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred, on November 8th, of Mr. Samuel Booth, president of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society, who passed away at the age of 52 years. He was buried at Hurst Cemetery on Nov. 12th, when the following members rang a course of Grandsire Caters over his grave: Joseph Mellor 1—2, Harry Heap 3—4, Samuel Wood 5—6, Jack Thomas 7—8, Harry Chapman (Manchester) 9—10.

The late Mr. Booth had rung in upwards of 200 peals, including the famous record length of Kent Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 changes), in 8 hr. 39 min., on Easter Monday, April 17th, 1911, at Ashton Parish Church. He also took part in that other celebrated performance on the same bells, the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal (14,000 changes), in 9 hours 24 minutes, on Easter Monday, April 13th, 1914. He was a safe ringer, and highly esteemed by his colleagues. He will be sadly missed by the members of the society.

A touch of Grandsire Cinques was rung on muffled bells at Ashton Parish Church on Sunday, November 15th, as a last tribute of respect: S. Wood 1, H. Heap 2, C. Bowers 3, W. Brammer 4, J. Mellor 5, F. Althorp 6, G. Gorrington 7, C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 8, B. Thorp 9, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 10, A. Adams 11, T. Jackson 12.

## ACCIDENT TO BEDWAS RINGER.

An accident to Mr. G. Martin, of the Bedwas (Mon.) band of ringers, occurred recently near Bristol. Mr. Martin was out for a walk, and, accidentally falling, broke his leg. He was found lying on the road in a very weak state by the occupants of a passing motor-car, in which he was conveyed to Bristol General Hospital, where he is now progressing as favourably as can be expected. His ringing friends in the district are very much concerned, and hope for his speedy recovery.

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**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 28th, at Earls Colne. The bells will be available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The ringers' service will be held at 4.15, after which tea will be provided at the George Hotel. As this is the most important meeting of the year it is hoped that a goodly number of ringers will make an effort to attend.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northern Branch.—A general meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., 1s. 9d. per head. Bells (8) available.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at Middleton on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting has been arranged at Beaconsfield on Saturday, Nov. 28th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Stockport Branch.—The meeting arranged for to-morrow (Nov. 28th) will be held at Hyde, instead of Stalybridge (H.T.). Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.15.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on December 1st and 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, St. Magnus on the 10th and 24th. \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, all at 7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, at 8 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service, on the 20th, at 6 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year, to vote on financial matters, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The bells of Lamberhurst Church will be dedicated (after restoration) by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, at 7 p.m. The tower will be open for visiting ringers on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 3 till 4.30 and from 6 till 8. Tea can be arranged for if sufficient number notify the local secretary, Mr. A. Relfe, Windmill Cottage, Lamberhurst, not later than Thursday, Dec. 3rd.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 5th (St. Michael's Parish Church). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea advise me as quickly as possible.—C. Beeston, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, King's St., Bishop's Stortford.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Tuesday (latest), Dec. 1st.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8 and 10) available from 3 p.m. Service in St. Nicholas' Church at 5, when an address will be given by the Rev. F. S. Colson, Vicar of Godalming. Tea at St. Saviour's Hall, followed by the annual business meeting. The chair will be taken by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., of Woking. After the business a smoking concert will be held. All ringers welcome. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea, at usual terms, and meeting to follow. As accommodation for tea will be limited, those who do not advise me by Dec. 2nd may be disappointed.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.**—The service of dedication of the new bells will be held at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at 3 p.m. Seats in the church will be reserved for those who give notice before Nov. 28th of their intention to be present. Tea at 1s. per head will be served at 4.30 p.m. in the Parish Room for those who make application at the same time.—A. J. Wright and R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Secs., 40, Hamilton Road, Reading.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Parish Church bells (10) available from 3.30 to 4 p.m., and All Saints' (8) from 1.30 p.m. onward. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea in All Saints' Church Room at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Applications to be made to Mr. W. Pearson, jun., 53, Northgate, Pontefract, on or before Thursday, Dec. 3rd. Business meeting to follow. Ringers of kindred associations heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The November meeting at Ossett has been postponed to Dec. 5th. Ringing from 2 to 7.30 and 8 to 9 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley, Leeds.

**DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Pontefract on Dec. 5th, in conjunction with the Yorkshire Association (Eastern Division). Applications for tea to be made to Mr. W. Pearson, 53, Northgate, Pontefract, before Dec. 3rd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Full particulars next week.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec., Walton House, Bournemouth.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Killmarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Will members endeavour to attend this meeting, being the only 6-bell fixture for the year?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. A 'hot pot' will be provided for all those sending in not later than Dec. 3rd to Mr. Saml. Lord, 1, The Square, Turnpike, Newchurch. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Those attending please notify me by Dec. 3rd, so that arrangements can be made for tea. All ringing friends welcome.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Annual general meeting immediately following tea. All desirous of attending please notify Mr. S. Churton, 11, Lonsdale Street, Stoke-on-Trent, on or before Nov. 30th. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

**MIDLAND COUNTRIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Quorn on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 o'clock. Buses leave Loughborough every five minutes.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at reasonable charge. Good attendance expected.—S. H. Symonds, Assistant Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Hampton Court nearest station, 10 minutes' walk. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting. Kindly let me know for tea by Wednesday, Dec. 2nd.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. The following bells will be available from 3 p.m.: The Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas and Heavitree.—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 6th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 7th and 21st, at 7.30; St. Mary, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 1st, at 8.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey, not later than first post Tuesday, Dec. 8th.—F. Hutchinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch) AND THE ALL SAINTS' AND ST. LAWRENCE (EVESHAM) GUILD.**—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Evesham on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. E. O. Burbidge) at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify either of the undersigned on or before Wednesday, Dec. 9th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham, J. D. Johnson, Guild Sec., Pershore Road, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen specially invited.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (being provided by the kindness of the Rector). Meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The fifth annual social of the above branch will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Will those who intend going please write for tickets, and state number they require as early as possible, to Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Postponement.—Meeting, Bushey Heath, Nov. 28th, postponed till Dec. 12th.—C. H. Horton, Bushey.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION (Southern District) AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the above associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Dec. 12th. It is desired that all members of each body will keep this date open and attend the meeting. Further particulars will be given in next issue.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Division, C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Barnsley and District Association.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. If tea required, please write by Dec. 10th to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service



at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. R. E. G. Newman (Vicar). Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Business meeting to follow. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Will those wishing to attend kindly let me know by Dec. 7th?—R. E. P. Gorringer, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea at 5, in St. Peter's Hall. The secretary regrets to announce his resignation, owing to working duties.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Phillip's, Nelson, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Second anniversary of the opening of the bells.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Isle of Wight District.—The meeting arranged for Nov. 28th is postponed to Saturday, Dec. 12th, owing to the lamented death of H.M. Queen Alexandra.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Isle of Wight.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Further particulars next week.—G. S. Taylor, Sec.

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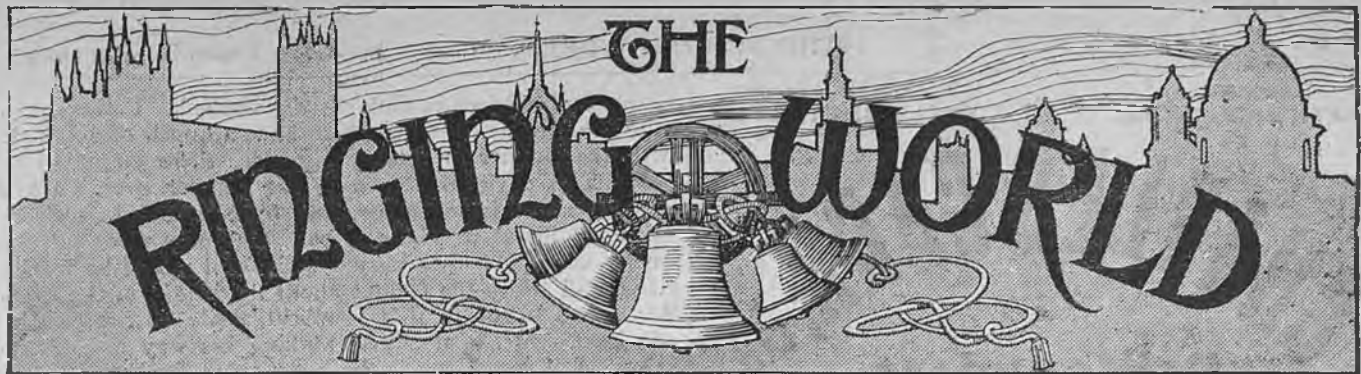
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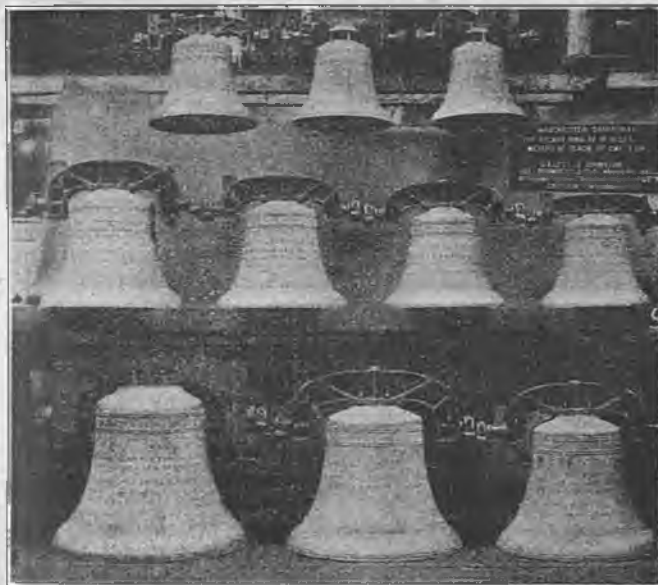
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## LESSONS OF THE BISHOPWEARMOUTH FATALITY.

The accident in the belfry at Bishopwearmouth, by which Major Robert C. Hudson lost his life, is one of those distressing fatalities which, though rare, are a tragic reminder of the fact that work among bells which are 'up' is always a risky undertaking. Scores of men every week go up among the bells without giving a thought to danger; they move about over the narrow frames and between the bells, which can come 'off,' many of them, quite easily; they turn clappers or make other adjustments involving, perhaps, leaning over the bell itself, and never once do they take count of the risk that is being run. Major Hudson was familiar with the belfry at Bishopwearmouth; for years he had been accustomed to going up among the bells, and the tragedy which has overtaken him probably came when he was thinking least of danger. He will be deeply regretted throughout the Exercise. In his own diocese he was known as a competent and accomplished ringer. He was one who made a name for himself when quite young, and he always maintained a keen interest in the art. But not only will his death be mourned by the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association; his loss to the church and town of Bishopwearmouth is equally lamented. Churchwarden and Sunday School worker, he was also a valued officer of the local Territorials, one section of which he commanded during the war.

This fatality is the second within less than a year caused by a bell going over, for only last December an elderly clockmaker was killed while mending the hammer connections at Thetford Church, Norfolk. Can these accidents be averted? Obviously it cannot be said at any time that it is really 'safe' to go among bells that are up. There is never room to spare, and in these days of iron frames the available space is even less than in the old days, when the bell cages were made of stout wooden beams. The foothold is often precarious, and the slightest slip may end in tragedy, as it did in the case of Major Hudson, for it is believed he slipped off the frame, probably on account of some snow caked on his boot. Despite the risks, however, it is often necessary for someone to go among the bells while they are in the 'danger' position, and the most that can be done is to exercise the greatest care.

At present no 'locking' device of an effective nature seems to be on the market, otherwise, we imagine, the bell founders would have adopted it. They have introduced many 'gadgets,' but this is one which does not yet seem to have been sufficiently explored. Something

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simple and efficient is undoubtedly wanted. Failing this, in the case of heavy bells which have a knack of going up with the clapper on the wrong side, there ought to be provided a device for turning the clapper over. There is such a one in existence, and founders might well be asked to instal it where a bell habitually goes up the wrong way. Another partial safeguard would be to run a handrail above the frames about the height of the average man's head, so that it might easily be grasped by one hand when a person is making his way among the bells. And then there is the question of lighting the bell loft. Often, even in daylight, this is a dark apartment, and in many cases there is no artificial illumination, except perhaps a candle. It is almost inviting accident for a man to go among bells thus equipped, and wherever possible church authorities should be made to see the importance of proper lighting in this part of the tower.

### MEMORIAL PEALS.

The following Memorial Peals were rung for the death and funeral of the beloved Queen-Mother.

#### TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes.

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| WILLIAM HEWITT ... .. 5       | THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11 |
| WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. 6     | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor 28 cwt.

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| ARTHUR N. HARDY ... .. Treble | LEONARD H. BAYBUT ... 7  |
| JOHN SPARROW ... .. 2         | HARRY SEAR ... .. 8      |
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| JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... .. 6    | EDWARD PUGH ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.  
Rung with the bells half-muffled for Queen Alexandra, and the crew of the lost Submarine M.I.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

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GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

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**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;**

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|                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| HENRY PRING ... .. Treble  | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... .. 6      |
| RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... .. 2 | ALFRED E. REEVES ... .. 7    |
| EDGAR GUISE ... .. 3       | HENRY J. WAY ... .. 8        |
| REGINALD GILBERT ... .. 4  | E. GEORGE TREW ... .. 9      |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... .. 5   | JOHN A. BURFORD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY. Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;**

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| THOMAS BENNEY ... .. Treble   | EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... .. 6      |
| FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... .. 2 | EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 7         |
| CHARLES J. CHOOET ... .. 3    | WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... .. 8    |
| CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 4   | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 9       |
| CHARLES F. WINNEY ... .. 5    | JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... .. Tenor |

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5003 CHANGES;**

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN W. JONES ... .. Treble | FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... .. 6      |
| GEORGE LARGE ... .. 2       | ALFRED PARNELL ... .. 7        |
| FRANK J. BAILEY ... .. 3    | WILLIAM HEATH ... .. 8         |
| ERNEST HUNT ... .. 4        | ERNEST COOMBS ... .. 9         |
| JOHN DAVIES ... .. 5        | SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. This is the 40th peal on these bells in which S. R. Barker has rung the tenor.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5067 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... .. Treble | GEORGE WALKER ... .. 6        |
| EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... .. 2      | JOHN NEAL ... .. 7            |
| STANLEY BRAGG ... .. 3          | JOHN BRAGG ... .. 8           |
| ALBERT WALKER ... .. 4          | JAMES E. GROVES ... .. 9      |
| MORRIS J. MORRIS ... .. 5       | SYDNEY J. JESSOP ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by A. WALKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in the inverted Titmums and Hand-stroke Home positions. The Guild very much regret being unable to ring a muffled peal at St. Martin's, Birmingham, owing to illness near the church.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... .. Treble | TITUS BARLOW ... .. 5        |
| ARTHUR HAGUE ... .. 2          | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 6    |
| FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 3       | BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... .. 7 |
| THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... .. 4     | EDWARD JENKINS ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 70). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Queen Alexandra, and also to the memory of the late Mr. Sam Thomas, Sheffield, and Mr. George Hollis, Chesterfield, two highly respected brother ringers.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 23, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *ROBERT GRIFFITHS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM ASTLE ... .. 5       |
| JOHN HAYES ... .. 2             | WALTER THOMAS ... .. 6       |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3        | WILLIAM GRIFFITHS ... .. 7   |
| ARSTIN GREGORY ... .. 4         | ARTHUR HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... .. Treble | *ALDERMAN LING ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM FLORY ... .. 2            | WILLOUGHBY F. MAULDEN ... .. 6 |
| VICTOR E. KERRIDGE ... .. 3       | JOHN HALL ... .. 7             |
| DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... .. 4        | HARRY HALL ... .. Tenor        |

Composed by THOMAS POLLITT (Bradford).

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal of Major. W. Flory was proposed a member before starting for the peal.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in G.

|                            |                        |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| HUBERT JONES ... .. Treble | H. DANIELS ... .. 5    |
| J. A. WAITE ... .. 2       | W. H. HARRIS ... .. 6  |
| F. T. WAITE ... .. 3       | T. BALDWIN ... .. 7    |
| A. A. WAITE ... .. 4       | T. HAWKES ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. A. WAITE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN &amp; STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

**A PEAL OF KENT AND OXFORD (SPICED) TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. in F sharp.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN P. FIDLER ... .. Treble    | JOHN W. HARTLEY ... .. 5     |
| WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... .. 2 | WILLIAM FERNLEY ... .. 6     |
| *JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... .. 3   | JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... .. 7 |
| †HARRY LANGLEY ... .. 4         | FRED HOLT ... .. Tenor       |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

Rung muffled. \* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Spiced Major. First peal on the new bells.

## HOGHTON, PRESTON.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. Treble | † THOMAS CALDERBANK ... .. 5 |
| JAMES HARRISON ... .. 2        | FRED HINDLE ... .. 6         |
| MISS M. CLAYTON ... .. 3       | * WILLIAM ILLSLEY ... .. 7   |
| * GEORGE HOOPER ... .. 4       | JOHN BROWN ... .. Tenor      |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung with bells muffled. \* First peal. † First peal in the method.

## CHESTER.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 25, 1925, in Three Hours and Six 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 LEA ... .. Treble    | FRANK FOX ... .. 5                |
| † GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. 2 | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6          |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 3      | WALTER THOMAS ... .. 7            |
| EDWARD HARRISON ... .. 4      | * JOHN BENNION, JUN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

## PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, 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.

|                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| GEORGE F. SPERRING ... .. Treble | ARTHUR WATKIN ... .. 5            |
| HENRY W. WILDE ... .. 2          | GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 6          |
| THOMAS BUTLER ... .. 3           | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7         |
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. 4         | WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION  
AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Peter and Paul,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| MRS. H. BAKER ... .. Treble  | HARRY BAKER ... .. 5        |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. 2   | CHARLES TRIBE ... .. 6      |
| CHARLES W. FRANKLIN ... .. 3 | HARRY PARKES ... .. 7       |
| KENNETH PATTENDEN ... .. 4   | GEORGE JOHNSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb. in G.

|                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| FREDERICK G. COLE ... .. Treble | WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... .. 5    |
| JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... .. 2      | OWEN H. GILES ... .. 6         |
| GEORGE POLLINGER ... .. 3       | FRANK BLONDELL ... .. 7        |
| GEORGE WILLIAMS ... .. 4        | WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

## GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Mary,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * ARTHUR HANDOLL ... .. Treble | WILLIAM DYER ... .. 5      |
| * WALTER C. ROSE ... .. 2      | CHARLES TOVEY ... .. 6     |
| GEORGE WALTERS ... .. 3        | † JAMES J. CAUSON ... .. 7 |
| WILLIAM HALE ... .. 4          | ERNEST SMITH ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by J. J. CAUSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

## ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Two 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.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CHARLES COTTEBILL ... .. Treble | HERBERT C. SPENCER ... .. 5 |
| JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... .. 2    | FRED PRICE ... .. 6         |
| GEORGE F. SWANN ... .. 3        | WILLIAM DAVIES ... .. 7     |
| GEORGE F. GARRISON ... .. 4     | JOHN E. PYWELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung by the Sunday band, with bells half-muffled.

## LONDON.

## THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Paul, HAMMERSMITH,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                              |                                 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| RALPH MACKRILL ... .. Treble | ERNEST H. COOK ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM E. STACEY ... .. 2   | GEORGE C. ILES ... .. 6         |
| HARRY DYAS ... .. 3          | FRANK SKEVINGTON ... .. 7       |
| ARTHUR CUTMOR ... .. 4       | CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## LONDON.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Botolph BISHOPSGATE,

## A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| RICHARD F. DEAL ... .. Treble | * CECIL C. MAYNE ... .. 5 |
| MRS. R. F. DEAL ... .. 2      | JOHN T. KENTISH ... .. 6  |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 3        | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 7   |
| CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 4    | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal in the method.

## HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

## THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Leonard,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| * PERCY ROSE ... .. Treble | CHARLES I. EDWARDS ... .. 5   |
| ERNEST R. GLADMAN ... .. 2 | WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... .. 6   |
| HENRY C. CHANDLER ... .. 3 | FREDERICK GOODFELLOW ... .. 7 |
| CHARLES S. BIRD ... .. 4   | JAMES R. MACKMAN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS. — At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 18th, for harvest thanksgiving service, morning, 720 Bob Minor: A. Cummins 1, C. Stiles 2, H. Taylor 3, F. Taylor 4, F. Duffy 5, J. G. Ames (conductor) 6. Evening, 720 Bob Minor: A. Cummins 1, F. Taylor 2, J. T. Brown 3, A. J. Farr 4, F. Duffy 5, A. Riggall (conductor) 6. After service, another 720: H. Gibbard 1, J. T. Brown 2, F. Duffy 3, A. Riggall 4, H. Willerton 5, A. J. Farr (conductor) 6.

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REPAIRS, or CHIME ADDITIONS,  
write to G. & F. COPE & Co.,  
NOTTINGHAM.**

## GREAT STANMORE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. John,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| † EDWARD LEVERSUCH ... .. Treble | GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 5   |
| CHARLES DYKE ... .. 2            | FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 6     |
| JOSEPH MILNER ... .. 3           | * GEORGE A. HUGHES ... 7    |
| CHARLES LEMAN ... .. 4           | ARTHUR BUCKELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. † First peal. \* First peal inside.

## GUILDFORD, SURREY.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Five Minutes,  
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

|                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... .. Treble | GEORGE W. STEERE ... .. 5  |
| JOHN H. B. HESSE ... .. 2        | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6  |
| OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. 3         | ALFRED H. PULLING ... .. 7 |
| C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R. E. 4  | HARRY HARRIS ... .. Treble |

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| * ARTHUR ROBBINS ... .. Treble | EDWARD ROBBINS ... .. 5  |
| HERBERT E. ROBBINS ... .. 2    | CHARLES MASON ... .. 6   |
| WILLIAM LAMBERT ... .. 3       | BERNARD DITCHER ... .. 7 |
| JESSE J. MOSS ... .. 4         | JOHN FLINT ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung with the bells fully muffled. \* First peal.

## ERITH, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,  
At Christ Church,

## A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                |                             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LIONEL J. CULLUM ... .. Treble | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5   |
| JOHN S. MORTON ... .. 2        | FREDRICK A. COLEY ... 6     |
| C. S. M. JAMES BENNETT ... 3   | FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 7 |
| ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 4        | WILLIAM BOND ... .. Tenor   |

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## ALDERSHOT, HAMPSHIRE.

## THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Michael,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

|                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| * E. J. BRAGG, Gren. Guards Treble | WILLIAM DENYER ... .. 5           |
| † CHARLES DENYER ... .. 2          | MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 6         |
| MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 3         | C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R. E. 7   |
| MISS NANCIE DENYER ... 4           | * SGT. W. ROGERS, R. E. ... Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R. E.

Rung with the bells fully muffled. \* First peal. † First in the method with a bob bell. This was an entirely local band and all Sunday Service ringers.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—At St. Mark's Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 11th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 49 mins.: J. Howarth (longest length) 1, S. Harrison 2, J. Freeman 3, W. Jones 4, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 5, A. Ridyard 6, J. Ridyard 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.  
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Giles,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ALBERT J. GREEN ... .. Treble | HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 5       |
| HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... 2     | THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 6       |
| WILLIAM M. J. PEDLEY ... 3    | ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7        |
| EDWIN YATES ... .. 4          | WILLIAM G. CLARKE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal in the method by all except conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

## CHURCH STRETTON, SHROPSHIRE.

(THE ST. CHAD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| † FREDERICK A. BARNETT ... Treble | † JAMES EVANS ... .. 5         |
| * CHARLES LEE ... .. 2            | WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 6         |
| JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 3           | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 7      |
| JAMES E. LILLEY ... .. 4          | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung with the bells muffled. The conductor's 60th peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich. \* First peal on the method away from the treble. All belong to St. Chad's, Salop, except Mr. F. A. Barnett, churchwarden, of Wem, late of Faruham, Surrey. The band tendered their best thanks to Mr. J. Hughes, tower master, of Stretton, for making arrangements and muffling the bells.

## EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,  
At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| T. HARRY WRIGHT ... .. Treble | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. 5        |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 2    | JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 6   |
| GEORGE THOMPSON ... .. 3      | C. HARRY WEBB ... .. 7        |
| * FRED COTTON ... .. 4        | JOSEPH B. FENTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

Rung half-muffled. First peal in the Oxford Variation on the bells, and by the ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th. Mr. C. H. Webb has now rung each of these bells to a peal. \* 50th peal.

## SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

## BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 23, 1925, in Three Hours,  
At the Parish Church,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 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.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

## DAVENHAM, CHESHIRE.

## THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,  
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARTHUR HANN ... .. Treble | ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 4     |
| HARRY EYRES ... .. 2      | JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 5    |
| HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 3  | HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by HARRY PARKER.

This is the first peal for 26 years that has been rung by all Sunday Service ringers at this church. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

[A number of other reports of memorial peals are unavoidably held over.]

**TEN BELL PEAL.**

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 21, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| SAMUEL WOOD ... .. Treble | FRED ALTHORP ... .. 6       |
| *JAMES CARTER ... .. 2    | †GEORGE GORRINGE ... .. 7   |
| CHARLES BOWER ... .. 3    | JOSEPH MELLOR ... .. 8      |
| *WILLIAM DYSON ... .. 4   | BENJAMIN THORP ... .. 9     |
| *SYDNEY MARSHALL ... .. 5 | THOMAS JACKSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mr. Samuel Booth, President of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society. \* First peal.  
† First peal of Caters.

**EIGHT BELL PEALS.**

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble | ALFRED S. HILL ... .. 5        |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 2       | CHARLES A. WINNER ... .. 6     |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 3     | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7      |
| FREDERICK A. COLEY ... .. 4   | PHILLIP C. SPRINGHAM ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

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|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 5      |
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2   | GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 6     |
| RICHARD SMITH ... .. 3      | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7   |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4     | HENRY SIMMONS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 11, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

WASBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble  | ALFRED G. HILL ... .. 5      |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2  | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6    |
| EDWARD J. BEER ... .. 3    | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7        |
| HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... .. 4 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers, in grateful remembrance of those who made the supreme sacrifice during the Great War.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 13, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| EDWARD J. BEER ... Treble | HERBERT A. HOLDEN ... 5   |
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2 | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6  |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 3   | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4 | JAMES GEORGE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

The first peal of Stedman Triples rung by the College Youths was accomplished at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on Dec. 4th, 1803. It was thus more than 70 years after the first peal in the method rung at Norwich. Incidentally, the anniversary of the Goslany peal, also rung in 1731, occurs on Saturday.

WYRARDISBURY, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 18, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| EDWIN BURLEY ... Treble    | WILLIAM WELLING ... .. 5  |
| †FREDERICK MIDDLETON ... 2 | ARTHUR CROSS ... .. 6     |
| HERBERT WORSFOLD ... .. 3  | SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG ... 7 |
| WILLIAM C. PARKER ... .. 4 | *HENRY NIX ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by ARTHUR CROSS.

\* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. The ringers of treble, 3rd and tenor, were proposed members of the association before starting the peal.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 1,440 changes each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and 2,160 of Kent Treble Bob each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

|                           |                               |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ARTHUR BAXTER ... Treble  | GEORGE BLAVELEY ... .. 4      |
| DANIEL REDHEAD ... .. 2   | JAMES HEWSON ... .. 5         |
| LEONARD J. WYMAN ... .. 3 | REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor |

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War.

STAUNTON-ON-WYE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CLIFFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings.

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *GEORGE J. PRICE ... Treble | DAVID H. BENNETT ... .. 4     |
| EDGAR R. JONES ... .. 2     | JAMES P. HYETT ... .. 5       |
| *WILLIAM DUFFY ... .. 3     | JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by D. H. BENNETT.

\* First peal. It is 19 years since W. Duffy visited this tower for his first peal, being then unsuccessful.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York and Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York and Violet. Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| ERNEST GATER ... Treble   | THOMAS HURD ... .. 4      |
| JOHN E. WHEELDON ... .. 2 | WILLIAM P. DEANE ... .. 5 |
| FRANK TRINER ... .. 3     | JAMES WALLEY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This peal was specially arranged for T. Hurd and E. Gater, who belong to the local company. The others hail from Norton-le-Moors.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

LONDON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 23, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT 130, CLONMORE STREET, S.W.18,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 18 in A flat

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 1-2     | HERBERT LANGDON ... .. 7-8   |
| JOHN SPARROW ... .. 3-4      | HARRY R. PASMORE ... .. 9-10 |
| Cecil J. MATTHEWS ... .. 5-6 | THOMAS NEWMAN ... .. 11-12   |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.  
Umpire: MR. G. A. CARD.



**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

The South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held its last meeting of the year at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, Nov. 21st.

Owing to the death of Queen Alexandra the bells were rung half-muffled, and unfortunately it made a great difference to the attendance.

However, some good practice was put it. Grandsire and Stedman Cutters and Cambridge Royal and Major were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kitcat).

After service, tea was served at the Church Hall by Miss Grace Baker. A company, numbering 30, sat down to an excellent repast, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the Ringing Master and Messrs. J. R. Mackman and C. T. Coles.

At the business meeting which followed, a vote of condolence was passed to His Majesty the King on his sad bereavement, the company standing in silence, with bowed heads, as a tribute to the late Queen.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist, hostess and her assistants, and to the steeplekeeper (Mr. F. T. Smith), for their services.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by several members, after which the tower was again visited, and standard methods rung. The meeting closed with the Ringing Master's and hon. secretary's best thanks to all for their attendance and support.

**BELL RESTORATION AT COUND, SALOP.**

On Saturday, Nov. 14th, six members of St. Chad's Society paid a visit to Cound to test the go of the bells at St. Peter's Church, which have just been rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. in a new iron and steel frame of the 'A' type, in plain bearings. A set of guides has been put in on account of the long draught of rope. The bells, which are by Abraham Rudhall, have been tuned, and are now a very nice musical ring. Mr. C. R. Lilley, of Shrewsbury, acted as clerk of the works for the Restoration Committee. The bells date back to the 17th century, and hang in a very large and massive tower. The committee have had a new frame put in for eight bells, and it is hoped to complete the octave in the near future. The 'go' of the bells is perfect.

After the peal rung on them on November 14th, the ringers and some of the local men were entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Lambert), who gave the visitors a hearty welcome. The band tendered their thanks to the Rector and to Messrs. Hartland (churchwarden) and Vincent for their assistance.

**A BIRTHDAY PEAL.****HOW 'HENRY THE EIGHTH' NEARLY BROKE A ROPE.**

'Henry the Eighth' decided we should go North for his anniversary peal this year. So on November 14th we hied us to that place which he had ordained. After groping our way through the fog ('we were led'), trying to view the ancient Abbey with its groined gateway, pointed out to us by the 'Deane of Bolton,' we eventually found 'ye kirk' of Whalley, but no sign of 'the Eighth.' Whilst viewing the stone coffin and very ancient tombstones, a bob loomed up out of the mist, 'Where's t'other' was hurled at it. 'Coomin,' was the reply. So we ascended the tower and pushed the bells oopside down.

'Eh, mon, but you tenor is a gradely bell.'

We sorted ourselves out, Henry planting himself on ye box, with the Knight of Preston for neighbour. Soon we were rolling along to Superlative. 'Ah wonder if yon pair were born on boxes.' We were tapping in grand style when it was observed that all was not well with the 'big un's' rope. He had about six feet too much; and, worse still, a large piece of fluff came floating down, followed by more and more. One and a half hours to go—would it hang on? Several faces were observed to be flat on one side, and a few hearts beat with a wooden clapper until 5-6 came home, followed by the welcome, 'That's all.' But ah felt real sorry for yon rope. Imagine seventeen stone leaning on a single strand. Mon, it were enough to bend it, but 'All's well that ends well,' and yon affair ended orest by Henry taking us to one of those houses where we had something damp, and cheese, bread and pickled onions in the titium position. Well, Sir Harry, many happy returns, and may you have 62 more of 'em, is the wish of

THE SIXTH BEHIND THE NINTH.

**HALESOWEN PEAL TABLET.**

An interesting event took place in the belfry of the Parish Church on Thursday, Nov. 5th, when Mrs. Kennerley, the wife of one of the churchwardens, unveiled a tablet recording the peal of London Surprise Major rung on the bells on 17th May, 1924, to celebrate the 80th birthday of Mr. Elijah White, Halesowen's oldest ringer. The Vicar (the Rev. H. C. A. Colville) dedicated the tablet, after which the non-ringing members of the congregation present in the belfry saw how Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were rung. Mrs. Kennerley very kindly entertained the ringers and friends to refreshments afterwards.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

Among the memorial peals rung, one of the most noteworthy was that at Liverpool, where a band of Liverpool ringers scored a peal of Stedman Cinques, the first in the method by a resident band in Liverpool since March 25th, 1863—the year in which Queen Alexandra came to England. Such a success as that scored the other day, seemed far distant a week previously, but a quarter-peal rung during the week encouraged the band to make the attempt, and a splendid peal at the first attempt was the reward of their efforts.

In reference to the peal, at St. Clement Danes, in which Mr. Tom Bennet, one of the oldest and most respected members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, took part, it is interesting to recall, that previous to this peal, Mr. Bennet's last peal of Stedman Caters was rung at St. Dunstan's, Stepney, in the year 1878, conducted by the late Mr. Henry W. Haley.

It will interest members of the Exercise who are Freemasons to know that Mr. John D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberlands, who conducted the half-muffled peal of Stedman Cinques at Shore-ditch on Saturday, is a member of the 'Rose of Denmark' Lodge, and that this lodge, established in 1863, was named after the Princess Alexandra of Denmark.

Another illustration of 'a way they have in the Army' was forthcoming on Saturday. C.O.M.S. Gilbert, R.E., rang in a muffled peal in the afternoon at Guildford, and the bells came round at 5.35 p.m. At 6 o'clock he was in Aldershot, ten miles away, ready to start for another peal, with his own band, and this also was successful. Some going this! We haven't heard how fast he travelled over the Hog's Back on his motor-cycle.

Master John Roscamp, son of the enterprising Vicar of St. Nicholas' Wallasey, recently gave a lecture on change ringing to his school-fellows at Birkenhead School, in the presence of their Form Master. The lecture was illustrated by pictures and diagrams, and was followed with close interest. The youthful lecturer is 16 years of age. He rings the treble to Minor methods, and hopes shortly to begin the inside work.

On December 8th, 1746, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham, Kent, and on the same day in 1883, the then record of 11,111 Stedman Caters at Fulham. Half of the band that rang in this latter peal are still alive.

For the first time, the anniversary of the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, rung on Dec. 10th, 1881, will find no survivor of that interesting performance, Mr. Ted Horrex having been the last of that company.

A peal of 'Real Double Caters' was rung at St. Magnus', London Bridge, on Dec. 10th, 1770, composed and conducted by George Gross.

At the age of 17 years, Robert Porter called '5,040 Holt's Grandfire Trebles' at Kingston-on-Thames on December 10th, 1780. This was probably a record in youthful accomplishment at that time, for in those days young men were not encouraged to rapid progress, and the art of 'conducting' was made something of a mystery by the men who were the 'bob callers', and their knowledge was only grudgingly imparted to others.

Members of the Surrey Association are advised that the meeting arranged for to-morrow at East Molesey has been postponed to Dec. 12th.

## READY SHORTLY.

# METHOD-SPLICING

A reprint of the Articles

**'HINTS ON "SPLICING" AND  
RINGING MINOR METHODS.'**

By JOHN P. FIDLER,

with an INTRODUCTION  
by JOSEPH W. PARKER,

**And a number of Minor Extents in Six,  
Eight and Ten Methods.**

## TRAGIC ACCIDENT IN A BELFRY.

### MAJOR R. C. HUDSON KILLED AT BISHOPWEARMOUTH.

A terrible fatality occurred in the belfry of Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Durham, on Thursday of last week. Major Robert Challis Hudson, churchwarden, and one of the ringers, went to the church to muffle the bells in readiness for the memorial service for Queen Alexandra, which was to be held the next day, and while engaged in the task, apparently slipped on the frame, and pulled the seventh bell over with him, jamming him between the bell and the ironwork, and killing him. The tragic discovery was made by his brother, Mr. Thomas Hudson, who went to the tower when Major Hudson failed to return. It was necessary to obtain the aid of police and firemen with block and tackle to release the body. Needless to say, the fatality caused deep regret in the town, where Major Hudson was well known and highly respected, and widespread sympathy has been expressed with the relatives.

The distressing circumstances were inquired into by the Deputy Coroner on Friday. Mr. Thomas Hudson said his brother was a member of his firm, which carried on business as ironmongers at 314, High Street West, Sunderland. About 11.15 a.m. on Thursday he went to the belfry to muffle the bells in preparation for the memorial service. He went alone, and was familiar with the work, having done it on previous occasions. It was his custom to do it alone. Witnesses heard the noise of the bells being raised while his brother was up, indicating that he was engaged on the work of muffling. As he seemed a long time in returning witness went up among the bells, and saw three of them turned up in position ready to be muffled. He found his brother lying over the framework between the two heaviest bells, Nos. 7 and 8. His head was hanging down into the pit, and the body was jammed between No. 7 bell and some of the ironwork between the bells. He was then quite dead.

The Coroner: What do you think was the cause?

Witness: I think the most likely thing is that he had some snow on his boot, which caused him to slip on the framework. I think he would fall against the wheel, and bring the bell over on to him.

Further questioned, the witness said the bell weighed about 11 cwt. His brother had been connected with the belfry about 35 years. He saw it was impossible to get the body out, and after ringing the bells down for safety he sent to the Ambulance Station for assistance. A block and tackle had to be obtained to get the body released, and it was taken to his residence close by. Witness did not think there would have been any advantage if another person had been there; it might have meant double risk. There was no one else in the church at the time. Drs. P. Hickey and G. Robinson saw the body before its removal from the belfry.

P.C. J. R. Bailes said that at 1.3 p.m. a telephone message was received from headquarters, and he took the ambulance to the church door. He went up to the belfry with Sergt. Harrison and other officers, and found the deceased man fastened between the wheels of the bells. They endeavoured to release him, but without success. A chain block and tackle was sent for, and by this means the bell was moved, and the body released. The injuries were about the chest and back, and there was bleeding from the nose and mouth, indicating internal injuries.

This concluded the evidence, and the Coroner, in recording his verdict of 'Accidental death,' took the opportunity of expressing his deep sympathy with the family in their bereavement. By the death of Mr. Hudson they had lost a faithful brother, the Parish Church and Sunday School a zealous worker, and the community a loyal citizen and a patriot. It seemed to have been very unfortunate that he should have met his death while performing a voluntary act to assist in the service of his Church and State, to both of which he had given so much time during his life. It would be some consolation to the family to know that they did not grieve alone, but that there were others that mourned his loss, especially on such an occasion.

The Rector (the Rev. Preb. A. B. Wynne Willson), who was present said he would like to be associated with those expressions of sympathy. There would be a further opportunity to deal with it, and he only desired to add that the family, the officials and congregation of the Church greatly appreciated the admirable way the police worked to extricate the body.

Mr. T. Hudson: I thank you, gentlemen, for your expressions of sympathy.

Major Robert Challis Hudson, who was born on December 31st, 1873, was the second son of the late Mr. Thomas Hudson, whose father established the ironmongery business in High Street West, with which the deceased gentleman was connected. He was a bachelor, and lived above the shop with a brother and two sisters.

From boyhood he had been connected with Bishopwearmouth Parish Church. For many years he had been in charge of the bell ringers' band there. He was a prominent member of Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, which he joined in 1889, and was vice-president for the two years before the war.

Major Hudson started ringing when quite young, and rang his first

peal when 15 years of age. When only 16, he was included in a band which visited the Midlands, and he rang in two peals—at Leicester and Nottingham. He took part in the first peal of Royal by the Association at Newcastle Cathedral in 1892, and the first peal of Maximus by the Association, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1894. In all he rang some 60 peals, but his activities outside his own tower were curtailed in later years by the claims of business. It was he and his father, the late Mr. Thomas Hudson, who taught the rudiments of ringing to the band of St. Ignatius, Sunderland, when the bells were put in 27 years ago.

Major Hudson held several positions in connection with Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, to which he was devoted, and for the last three years he had been people's warden. He was a teacher in the Church Sunday School, and took a keen interest in the Church's Mission work and in work among the young people.

Originally joining the artillery as a private, he afterwards was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and then transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps, where he received a commission.

For many years before the war he had been an officer in the local Transport Section of the Royal Army Service Corps (Territorials), and when war broke out he was Major in charge of the section. In April, 1915, he went to France, attached to the 7th D.L.I. Territorials, for the provisioning of which his section was responsible. Major Hudson served in France until the end of the war, and for some time after, and was twice mentioned in dispatches.

Major Hudson was exceptionally well known in Sunderland and district in Church circles, and among military men, and he was held in the highest respect. He was present on the day before his death at the memorial service at Christ Church to the late Col. Vaux. His tragic death came as a great shock to his many friends, who treasured him for his sunny, warm-hearted disposition, and for his unselfish service to many good causes.

At the memorial service, for which Major Hudson was muffling the bells when the fatality happened, Canon A. McCullagh (Vicar of Christ Church) said, in the course of an address: May I say at the outset what I am sure must be appermost in all our hearts, how deeply we all feel the tragic calamity which took place yesterday within the precincts of this church, and which has cast an added sadness over this memorial service. It is hard for us to realise that only on Wednesday afternoon Robert Hudson was taking part in a memorial service such as this, and that now he has passed 'to where beyond these voices there is peace.' Words are poor things at a time like this, but I feel I must say on your behalf, as I do on my own, how deep and real our sympathy is with those whose home is darkened, and whose hearts are bleeding by this loss. It is with feelings of disappointment, I am sure, that the Rector finds himself unfitted to speak the few words we hoped to hear from him this morning, and it is at his request that I stand in his place.

The funeral took place on Monday.

At St. Oswald's Church, West Hartlepool, 648 Grandsire Caters were rung for evening service on Nov. 29th: G. Wright 1, Miss E. Stephenson 2, S. Cook 3, S. Breeze 4, S. Smith 5, F. Robson 6, E. Burnett 7, H. Champion 8, R. Stephenson (conductor) 9, A. Stone 10. All the above are local ringers, and the bells were rung muffled as a mark of deepest respect to Major R. C. Hudson.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NEWBURY BRANCH SECRETARY RETIRES.

The annual meeting of the Newbury Branch was held at Newbury on Saturday, November 21st, 53 members being present. A service was conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), and tea was afterwards served in the Parish Room by the ringers' wives.

The business meeting was presided over by the Rector, the Rev. L. R. Majendie (chairman of the branch), who welcomed the ringers.

The Rev. E. M. Thorpe (hon. secretary and treasurer) wished to resign, after 17 years' service, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the work he had done for the branch. Mr. H. W. Curtis, of Newbury, was then elected to the office of hon. secretary and treasurer.

The general secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) being present, thanked the Newbury branch for the way they had subscribed to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. Reference was made by the Master in his address, and by the chairman, to the death of Mr. George Davis (foreman of Bucklebury tower), and all present stood for a few moments in silence as a last mark of respect.

Mr. H. W. Curtis proposed a vote of thanks to the Master for his excellent address, also to the Rev. L. R. Majendie for presiding at the organ.

The bells were rung fully muffled during the day as a token of respect to the late Queen Alexandra.

The broadcasting of Bow bells on Sunday was again a great success, and the striking was perfect.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

### HENRY HUBBARD'S LAST DAYS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In 1843 Hubbard rang the tenor to 5,248 Oxford Treble Bob at St. Michael's. James Truman, who had now made good his place as conductor, called the bobs. And then, from 1845 to 1852, Hubbard was away from Norwich, and did no ringing of any account. After his return he took part in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Michael's Coslany, and 5,076 Stedman Caters at St. Nicholas', Yarmouth. This last peal also was called by Truman. The composition was by Shipway, and turned out to be false. That was the last peal Hubbard rang with the Norwich Scholars.

On February 2nd, 1856, he went to live at Leeds, where he passed the remaining twenty-five years of his life. He reached Leeds on a Saturday, and like a good ringer, went the next day to the parish church to ring for service. They were short-handed, and asked him to join them, and for the rest of his days he belonged to the Leeds St. Peter's Society of Ringers. But the St. Peter's, Leeds, band was a very different thing from the St. Peter's, Norwich, band. Some were incompetent, and some were indifferent, and nothing of any account was done all the time he was connected with them. It is related that as one of the band could not master the slow work of Stedman, Hubbard composed touches, and even a peal in which one bell always went in quick. We are not surprised to hear that the peal was never rung. He did ring a few peals in Leeds and the neighbourhood, one of Grandshire Triples, one of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and the rest Kent Treble Bob Major. His last peal which he conducted was 5,088 Kent Major, at Guiseley on August 23rd, 1868, when in his sixty-first year. In 1881, from bad health he had fallen into a state of destitution, and, at a general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, a fund was started for his relief. An appeal, signed by Jasper Snowden, was printed in 'The Bell News' (then just started and appearing in monthly numbers); but before all the money was collected Henry Hubbard was dead. He was buried at Hunslet, and after paying the funeral expenses the balance of the fund was devoted to providing a headstone to the grave. It is lettered as follows:—

As a Tribute of Respect to  
HENRY HUBBARD, CHANGE RINGER,  
Born at Norwich, August 25th, 1810.  
Died at Hunslet, October 9th, 1881.  
Aged 71 years.

Author of the 'Elements of Campanologia,' twenty years a member of the Society of Norwich Scholars, and afterwards for twenty-two years a ringer at the Leeds Parish Church. This stone was erected by the contributions of change ringers from different parts of the country.

Among the subscribers appear the names of J. R. Haworth, William Banister, C. H. Battersley, H. Johnson, J. Carter, Rev. F. E. Robinson and J. F. Penning.

Hubbard had one son, also called Henry, who rang a few peals. He was born while his father was up in St. Giles' belfry ringing the peal of Double Oxford in 1832.

With the departure of Hubbard from Norwich, the history of the old Norwich Scholars practically came to an end. There was still a first-class band and still first-class ringing, but they were now inclined to rest on their laurels. A peal or two was rung, but nothing worthy of any particular notice. The older men dropped out, and their places were not filled by men of the same capacity. Charles Middleton was the last man of outstanding ability that joined them. Especially they lacked a good leader. If such a man as Melchior or Chestnut or Thurston had appeared, there is no reason why the old tradition should not have lasted unbroken to the present day. But there was no such man. About 1880 ringing in Norwich had reached its lowest ebb. And then, when the bells were relung, the turn came. A younger generation was growing up, and under the leadership of Mr. Frederick Kinghs Norwich once more became a peal ringing centre. Circumstances, however, were now different. In other parts of the country progress was much more rapid, and Manroft had lost and has never recovered the predominant position in the Exercise it held for more than a century and a half.

The Society of Norwich Scholars still exists, but in a feeble and dormant condition. It has now no connection with St. Peter Mancroft. Some years ago a clean break was made with the past, and the Guild that now rings there is a recent society. The property of the old society is held by a small benefit or 'nurse' club, which was originally, and I dare say is still, composed of persons more or less connected with ringing. The property includes a leather trunk made by Porter, the composer of Double Norwich Court Bob, a set of handbells, a set of pewter flagons, a peal book, and several portraits of bygone ringers. As this nurse club has held this property for many years, its title to it is quite good, and so long as the present members are alive there is no fear that it will be lost. It would be a great pity, however, if in the future anything should so happen that it

should be dispersed. The old ringers' jug of brown earthenware did get lost, and after some adventures was purchased by a local antiquary, and re-presented to St. Peter's belfry. It has now been placed among the other church treasures, but in the sacristy at the east end, and not, as it should be, in the tower. One must respect the rights and feelings of the remaining Norwich Scholars, but it would be a very desirable thing if some time in the future all this old and interesting property could be collected and placed in St. Peter's belfry.

## THE FIRST PEAL AT CARLISLE CATHEDRAL.

### NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD'S VISIT.

The lure of the reorganised peal of bells in Carlisle Cathedral tower drew the Newcastle Cathedral Guild to fix their annual week-end vacation so late as November 21st, the new bells having been dedicated only as recently as November 12th. Starting early that Saturday morning, they arrived in time to find the Dean, Dr. Stuart, in consultation with the local saddler in regard to mufles for the bells, to the memory of the beloved Queen-Mother. Here our one and only, W. H. Barber, slipped in and fixed up the right stuff for an efficient half-muffle, and these were fixed in the afternoon while a band had a shot for a peal of Stedman at St. Stephen's. These, too, were muffled beforehand by Mr. Robt. Brown, of the local society, but unfortunately the peal only survived the second part of 'Heywood's No. 6,' and fell to a 'swap-course.'

The event of the visit 'got away' by 5.50 p.m., and a beautifully struck 5,040, necessarily slow, ran home at 9.20, much to the delight of both ringers and listeners. Here we must state our regrets that both Mr. Story, the ex-president of the Association of Durham and Newcastle, and our 'young' friend, Mr. Alf. Hillier, could not stand in the peal, through temporary indisposition, but their places were splendidly filled by Messrs. Payne and Sinclair, the former assuring the Ringing Master that he felt as if he had at last got his 'cap in the county team.' Thus was rung the first peal on the bells, and the first peal of Stedman in Cumberland.

The whole peal is now a most harmonious ring of eight, though there has been no recasting. They are a well-balanced and a perfectly running peal, and do credit to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who took the work in hand.

On Sunday, the 22nd, we rang for service at the Cathedral in the morning, with the 'whole pull and stand,' to finish, and in the afternoon practically the same band rang for that service also, bringing round three touches of Stedman Triples: J. E. Keen (conductor) 1, A. F. Hillier 2, G. Pickering 3, G. W. Murray 4, J. Foreman 5, W. W. Sinclair 6, R. Thompson 7, A. M. Hall 8. The other six of the 'fourteen strong' went to St. Stephen's, and were joined by two of the local company in a touch of 1,092 Stedman Triples, the first in the method for both these latter for over 13 years: C. L. Routledge (conductor) 1, W. Story 2, A. Payne 3, J. Rowell 4, W. H. Barber 5, Robt. Brown (Carlisle) 6, Oswald Simm 7, John Partington (Carlisle) 8.

We all attended the service, after ringing, by the kindly invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. D. W. Irving). The Dean of Carlisle gave the address, which had as its basis the history of the bells of Carlisle Cathedral.

After the service, we thanked the Dean and the Vicar of St. Stephen's for their kindly hospitality, and for the use of their bells, and wended our way back to the hotel for tea. Thence to the station for home, having spent a most agreeable, successful and happy time in Carlisle. The peal report appeared in last week's issue. C. L. R.

## SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

### CENTRAL DIVISION AT STEYNING.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex County Association was held at Steyning on Saturday, Nov. 21st, when there was a good attendance of members from Brighton, Hoene, Shoreham, Shipley, Billingshurst, Pulborough, Slinfold, Ardingly, West Grinstead, Henfield, Warnham, and the local band. Owing to the death of the Queen-Mother, the bells were half-muffled. Some excellent courses and touches in the standard methods were rung during the afternoon, and the company were entertained to tea at 'The Tea Gardens,' High Street, by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Cox). Before the meal the company stood in silence as a tribute of respect to Queen Alexandra.

There was but little business at the meeting which followed, two members only were elected, viz., Mr. Bowden, of London, and Mr. J. F. Cole, of Godalming. Angmering was chosen as the venue for the next meeting.

Mr. J. T. Rickman (the Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, for granting the use of the bells, and for providing the excellent tea.—After a suitable response from the Vicar, during which he gave a brief history of the ringing of bells in Steyning some 500 years ago, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. W. Hills for making the local arrangements. Another visit was then made to the belfry, and the bells kept going for another hour or so.



## A HANTS PEAL RESTORED. SOPLEY BELLS HEARD AT ABERDEEN.

On Saturday, November 28th, the Bishop of Southampton dedicated the restored tower of the ancient Church of St. Michael, Sopley, and the light peal of five bells. A few years ago a serious fissure was found in the tower masonry, owing to the vibration of the loose bell frame. The belfry was cleared out, and with the use of liquid cement grouting the stonework was made sound. In the meanwhile the bells were sent to Croydon, where Messrs. Gillett and Johnston found it necessary to recast the first three and the tenor. The whole peal was originally cast in 1784 by Robert Patrick, a cheesemonger, who married Sarah Oliver, the grand-daughter of the celebrated Thomas Lester of the Whitechapel Foundry. Patrick started an opposition foundry in Whitechapel in 1782, which apparently closed down in 1786. His sole contribution to Surrey is the peal of eight at Reigate, one or two bells in Essex, the treble at Iwer, 2nd and 3rd at Pitstone, both in Bucks, and a few more elsewhere. The new tenor is 11 dia, and weighs 7 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs., the whole peal weighs 26 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lbs. They were all rehung with new fittings in a new steel frame by the Croydon firm, and the tuning and 'go' of this light ring are admirable.

The dedication service was at 6 p.m., when the church was completely filled with parishioners and others from the district. The Bishop was attended by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Rural Dean of Lyndhurst, and vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, as chaplain. The other clergy present were the Rers. R. F. Pechey (Holy Trinity, Bournemouth), Dr. M. C. Potter (New Milton), W. G. Cobbett (Barton), A. K. Cobb (Bisterne), and the Vicar of Sopley (Rev. J. F. Vallings). The usual dedicatory prayers were said by the Bishop: Psalm 150, hymns 308 and 396, and the Te Deum by Villiers Stanford, led by the choir of Holy Trinity, Bournemouth, were sung.

The Bishop gave a short address, based on Psalm xvi, 12, 'In Thy presence is the fulness of joy.' He dwelt on the joyous voices of the bells in Christian lands, as opposed to the monotonous clang of single bells and gongs in heathen countries (especially Japan), and reminded his hearers of various notes of joy before, in, and after worship in God's church. Might these bells reflect some message of joy and happiness in the hearts of all who heard them, and called them to the House of God.

Mr. George Preston, hon. secretary of the Christchurch district, made admirable arrangements for the opening ringing. After service, various six-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung by Miss C. Sparshott, Rev. Dr. Potter, Messrs. A. N. Wooff, G. W. Stone, F. Sparshott, G. Preston, Cyril Johnson, (Croydon), G. Pullinger (hon. secretary of Diocesan Guild), W. Simmonds, W. Robinson, and others.

Ringers attended from Bournemouth, North Stoneham, Bransgore and Christchurch. The service and ringing were broadcast from the Bournemouth wireless station, and distinctly heard at Aberdeen.

The total cost of the restoration work was £1,200.

## SEVENTY-TWO YEARS—YOUNG. MR. JAMES GEORGE'S GREAT FEAT.

Wonderful, and still more wonderful, are the feats of that concentrated essence of physical energy—James George, of England. Last Friday he celebrated his 72nd birthday; on Saturday he stood for four hours and seven minutes on the tenor box at Bow, Cheapside, London, and turned in the 53 cwt. bell to a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. Most men at his age would be resting on their laurels, and talking of what they had done. Mr. George, on the contrary, is adding conquest to conquest, and is talking of what he is going to do—and he has got a lot more in his programme yet.

We cannot say what his tally of peals is, because he goes ahead faster than we can keep count, but up to last Saturday he had rung no fewer than 58 this year. If he had only thought about it in time he might have put in one for every year of his life, but he can see about that next year, when he will have to make it 73. His grand aggregate is—or was—870, it is probably more before this appears in print. Last Saturday he finished 'as fresh as paint, and just as pretty,' and we really believe he would have started for another peal on the same bell the same night if he had had the opportunity. Instead, he had to start for Birmingham.

But, jesting aside, Mr. George is to be congratulated upon his great performance. For a man of his years it is little short of marvellous. Twice, in 1925, within a year of reaching the 'allotted span,' he turned Southwark tenor (50 cwt.) in, and since he passed this memorable milestone, he has rung Sheffield (40 cwt.), Great Yarmouth (30 cwt.) and Bow (53 cwt.) tenors, to peals of Treble Twelve. Saturday's peal had been arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. George, but it was converted into a memorial peal for Queen Alexandra, and rung with the bells half-muffled.

## M.P. ON THE SUPPRESSION OF BELLS.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, having written to a prominent M.P. on the subject of Mr. Lewis' proposed legislation, has received the following answer:—

'If the "Society for the Suppression of Expressions of Joy" try it on the bells, they will be sat upon by me and by every right-thinking member of the House. I have heard nothing yet of their activities, but they will hear of me, if they come into the light.'

## A PEAL IN AUSTRALIA.

### MELBOURNE CATHEDRAL BAND'S SUCCESS.

We referred last week to an attempt for a peal of Grandsire that had been made at St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne. News has now come to hand, via a letter to Mr. George Williams, of Southampton, from Mr. W. P. Madgwick, that another attempt made on Sept. 20th was successful. Reeves' variation of Holt's ten-part was rung on the back eight of the twelve in 3 hrs. 25 mins. This is the fourth peal rung on the bells, and it is 21 years since the last peal was rung there.

Mr. J. H. Guest, the Master of the band, who is 83, rang the sixth, and 'rang it very well.' When it is remembered that the tenor is 31 cwt., and that opportunities to practise long lengths are rare, this will be recognised as a fine achievement on the part of Mr. Guest, who was responsible for forming the first society of change ringers in Melbourne in 1882.

We hope we may receive full particulars of this peal by an early mail.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### NORTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, November 28th, the annual meeting of the Northern District was held at the beautiful Church of St. Andrew, Earls Colne, and notwithstanding a blinding snowstorm, and the dangerous state of the roads for cyclists, a good number of ringers met, and a very successful meeting was the outcome.

Earls Colne is noted for its connection with the De Vere family, Earls of Oxford and hereditary Great Chamberlains of England. They were also connected with Castle Hedingham, the Castle there being built by Aubrey de Vere (a general who fought with the Conqueror at Hastings), probably between 1088 and 1107. He also, about the same time, founded Colne Priory, where there are preserved four Altar-Tombs to the memory of various De Veres, Earls of Oxford.

The usual ringers' service was held, conducted by the priest-in-charge (the Rev. M. Wontner), who gave an interesting address to the ringers from the words, 'Let all things be done decently and in order.'

After the service, the ringers sat down to tea at the George Hotel, the Rev. M. Wontner being in the chair. Ringers, to the number of 23, were present from Earls Colne, Braintree, Greenstead Green, Feering, Rayne, Sible Hedingham, Great Tey, Halstead, whilst others from Maldon had had to leave earlier.

At the close of the tea, the annual business meeting was held. Mr. L. W. Wiffen, District Master, presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, and Mr. W. H. Dyson, district secretary. The secretary gave a report of the results of the past year in the district, which showed that 11 peals had been rung, viz.: Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 1, Superlative Surprise 3, Cambridge 4, London Surprise 4, on tower bells; and one of Bob Major on hand-bells, all of which had been conducted by Mr. Wm. Keeble, of Feering. During the year six meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 31, and 18 new ringing members and six probationers were elected. The secretary also touched upon the numerical and financial position of the district, and upon two important events; first, the opening of a peal board at Braintree recording four Surprise peals; and, secondly, the reopening of the restored ring at Welbersfield. He also mentioned that Mr. C. Bearman, of Bocking, had passed away in his 88th year, he being one of the original founders of the Essex Association.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen, the retiring District Master, declined, for business reasons, to stand again, and the meeting unanimously elected Mr. F. Claydon, of Earls Colne, to that office, and thanked Mr. Wiffen for his past services.

The district secretary, Mr. W. H. Dyson, was re-elected for the year 1926.

It was resolved that, subject to the approval of the authorities, the first meeting in the New Year be held at Kelvedon.

Votes of thanks were accorded, on the proposition of Mr. C. H. Howard, and seconded by the district secretary, to the Rev. M. Wontner for his helpful address, and for holding the service; to the organisers; and to the Earls Colne band for the arrangements they had made for the meeting.—To this suitable replies were made.

During the day, a number of touches of various methods were rung, the bells being deeply muffled.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S DEATH.

A considerable number of muffled peals were rung last week as a tribute to the dead Queen-Mother, and in practically every church, where there is a ring of bells, there has been muffled ringing. Among the large number of touches rung have been the following:—

**OFFENHAM, WORCESTER.**—On Saturday, Nov. 21st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a half-muffled peal, in memory of Queen Alexandra, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. C. Perkins 1, Miss N. Johnson 2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3, L. Jelfs 4, E. J. Johnson 5, J. Hall, junr., 6. First 720 Surprise Minor by all the band, and in the Southern Branch.

**ISLEWORTH.**—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: E. Webb 1, T. Beadle 2, F. Goddard 3, A. Beckensale 4, J. Milnes 5, W. Liddeter (conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, E. Hadlow (Gravesend) 8.

**SMARDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: E. King 1, R. Cornes 2, B. Alcorn 3, F. S. Macey (conductor) 4, W. Brown 5, G. Grant 6. Rung with the bells fully muffled for Queen Alexandra, and also for Mr. W. Gyton, a respected member of the Church Parochial Council, who died suddenly on the 16th inst.

**CHELMSFORD.**—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Cutter 1, Gentry 2, R. Clark (first quarter-peal on inside bell) 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, J. Wood 5, L. J. Clark (conductor) 6, P. Timson 7, G. Cooper 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Petty 1, J. Evans 2, A. C. Jones 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, "A. W. Wright 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright 8. \* First quarter-peal with a bob bell. Rung half-muffled.

**CHESTER.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: O. Hallows 1, G. Lea 2, G. F. Sperring 3, E. Harrison 4, S. Burton 5, G. R. Jones 6, R. Sperring (conductor) 7, A. Harrison 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 420 Original, 480 Plain Bob, and 360 Grandsire: W. Stockford 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, H. Marlow 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: G. Hales 1, F. Newman 2, W. Faulkner 3, P. Asplin 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**REIGATE, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, with bells muffled, for evening service, 1,008 Grandsire Triples; and on Saturday, Nov. 28th, 1,260 from Holt's one-part: A. Cheasley (first quarter on treble) 1, H. Ewin 2, M. Northover (first inside) 3, J. Foster 4, A. Killick 5, H. Jordan 6, G. Hoad (cond.) 7, W. Whitehead (longest length) 8.

**PORTSMOUTH.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at St. Thomas' Church, for morning service (with the bells half-muffled), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: H. Hooper 1, F. Burnett 2, Mrs. F. Burnett 3, E. Martin 4, P. Giles 5, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 6, R. Hasted (Farnham), conductor, 7, H. Aitken 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

**ALVERSTOKE, HANTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd at the Parish Church, for evening service (with the bells half-muffled), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Barron 1, H. Nobes 2, W. Wheeler 3, C. Barron 4, F. Nobes 5, A. Noble 6, R. Hasted (Farnham), conductor, 7, G. Gunston 8.

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD.**—At St. Michael's Parish Church, with the bells muffled, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Springham 1, Dan Haydn 2, C. Beeston 3, H. White 4, F. Bird 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, H. Wacev 8. Also 468 Stedman Triples.

**TENTFRDEN, KENT.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Mrs. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. E. Pitman 3, H. Baker 4, C. Tribe 5, W. Button 6, W. Wenhan (conductor) 7, A. Baitin 8.

**RYE, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Baker 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, G. Hodson 3, G. Farr 4, J. Bennett 5, P. Bryant 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, A. Frampton 8.—For evening, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) in the same method: R. Curd 1, G. Farr 2, Mrs. Baker 3, H. Baker 4, J. Bennett 5, G. Hodson 6, K. Pattenden (conductor) 7, T. Lay 8.

**LIVERPOOL, YORKSHIRE.**—On Monday, Nov. 23rd, with the bells fully muffled, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 49 mins.: C. Blackburn (longest length in the method) 1, A. Blackburn 2, A. Marshall 3, T. Scott 4, J. Banks 5, R. Goddard 6, E. Rattle 7, F. Hodson 8.

**LONDON.**—At the Church of St. Clement Danes on Monday, Nov. 23rd, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. N. Eyles 1, J. C. Moya 2, J. Watkin 3, T. Wyatt 4, T. H. Taffender 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, L. Bayliss 8.

**HAVANT, HAMPSHIRE.**—On Tuesday, Nov. 24th, with half-muffled clappers, at St. Faith's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: F. W. Rogers 1, F. A. Burnett 2, \*W. Monk 3, \*B. Clarke 4, \*M. Marshall 5, R. J. Stone 6, R. Hasted, jun. (conductor), 7, \*S. Parsons 8. \* First quarter-peal.

**LIVERPOOL.**—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Tuesday, Nov. 24th, in 1 hour and 1 minute, a quarter-peal, 1,311 changes Stedman Cinques, with the bells half-muffled: W. Davies 1, W. Fisher 2, E. Jones 3, G. R. Newton 4, J. Wilkinson 5, T. C. Larkey 6, T. Hammond 7, P. W. Cave (conductor) 8, J. Martin 9, C. L. Davies 10, E. Counce 11, W. H. Pickett 12. This was the longest length of Stedman Cinques rung by an entire Liverpool band for upwards of half a century.

**MITCHAM.**—On Wednesday evening, Nov. 25th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardecastle 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, S. King 4, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 5, J. H. Rumley 6, W. S. Smith 7, J. H. Lott 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 4th and 8th.

**LONDON.**—On Friday evening, Nov. 27th, at the Church of St. Clement Danes, with the bells half-muffled, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss F. E. Orr 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, H. Langdon 3, E. F. Pike 4, Rev. F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna, Dorset), 5, Miss E. E. Hardecastle 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, Mr. R. F. Deal 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. S. Hawkins 10.

**DOVER, KENT.**—On Thursday evening, Nov. 26th, the St. Mary's Society rang a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes), in 1 hr. 35 mins., with the bells muffled: G. Eagles (longest length) 1, R. H. Stevens 2, J. Eagles 3, H. J. Saunders 4, C. Turner 5, C. R. Walker 6, C. R. Millway (conductor) 7, L. Sibley 8. Muffled bells were also rung for the special town memorial service, which took place on the following day.

**GREAT BARDFIELD.**—On Friday evening, Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), with the bells fully muffled, except the tenor, which was half-muffled, being 240 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Woodbine, 60 Plain Bob: W. Richardson 1, A. Piper 2, W. Piper 3, F. Suckling 4, E. Townsend 5, J. Jennings (conductor) 6.

**AVERAVON.**—On Friday, Nov. 27th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: C. Jones (first quarter away from a cover bell) 1, W. Hallit 2, W. Nulton 3, F. E. Stone 4, E. Stitch (conductor) 5, J. Weathersby 6. Rung half-muffled.

## LADIES RING STEDMAN CATERS.

At St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Sunday, November 29th, prior to the Memorial Service for Queen Alexandra, 1,071 Stedman Caters: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, Miss N. E. Shorter 2, Miss P. Upsher 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, Mrs. A. D. Barker 5, Miss E. Hardecastle 6, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 7, Mrs. R. F. Deal 8, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 9, Miss R. Hawksworth 10.

## LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The bi-monthly meeting of the Northern District was held at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Nov. 21st. The bells of St. Dunstan's-in-the-East were available during the afternoon. Ringing commenced at St. Dunstan's at 3 p.m., and good touches in standard methods and a course of Cambridge Major being brought round. A move was then made to St. Mary Matfelou, where a touch of Stedman Triples was rung prior to service, at which the Rector (the Rev. J. O. Mayo) officiated. Tea was provided in the Church Hall by the kindness of the Rector, about 25 members and friends being present. At the business meeting, the District Master (Mr. Allaway) presided. The tower of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, Lower Thames Street, was decided upon for the annual district meeting on Saturday, January 16th, subject to permission.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. O. Mayo for the use of the bells, and for so kindly providing tea; to the ladies who waited at table; to Mr. Wallage (steepiekeeper), and to the Vicar of St. Dunstan's and Mr. Taffender for the use of that tower.—In his reply, the Rev. J. O. Mayo alluded to the beautiful solemnity of the half-muffled ringing, the bells having been half-muffled during the whole of the meeting as a mark of respect, on the nation's loss in the death of the Queen-Mother.

## SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.

On Saturday, November 21st, at Hambledon, Hants, Mr. John Knight was laid to rest in the local cemetery. He had been for upwards of 60 years a ringer in the Hambledon band, and as a last token of respect 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, and 720 open, were rung at St. Peter and Paul's Church by H. Perkins 1, W. F. Hunt 2, W. B. Batts 3, J. Turner 4, W. Boyes (conductor) 5, E. Marsh 6. The bells were again rung half-muffled on the following day, after morning service.

## NOTICES.

**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on December 29th, Southwark Cathedral on the 8th, St. Magnus on the 10th, and 24th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, all at 7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, at 8 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service, on the 20th, at 6 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year, to vote on financial matters, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Tonbridge District.—The bells of Lamberhurst Church will be open for visiting ringers on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 3 till 4.30 and from 6 till 8.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 5th (St. Michael's Parish Church). Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. Business meeting to follow. All requiring tea advise me as quickly as possible.—C. Beeston, Hon. Dis. Sec., 5, King's St., Bishop's Stortford.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**—A quarterly meeting will be held at Netherton on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, December 5th. Bells (8 and 10) available from 3 p.m. Service in St. Nicholas' Church at 5, when an address will be given by the Rev. Palliser David, Rector of Merrow. Tea at St. Nicholas' Hall, followed by the annual business meeting. The chair will be taken by Admiral T. P. Walker, D.S.O., of Woking. After the business a smoking concert will be held. All ringers welcome. It is hoped as many members as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea, at usual terms, and meeting to follow.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

**SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.**—The next meeting will be held at Killamarsh (6 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Will members endeavour to attend this meeting, being the only 6-bell fixture for the year?—Colin Harrison, Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 62, Roach Road, Ecclesall, Sheffield.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5th, at St. Nicholas, Newchurch. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Parish Church bells (10) available from 3.30 to 4 p.m., and All Saints' (8) from 1.30 p.m. onward. Service in Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea in All Saints' Church Room at 5 p.m., at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Business meeting to follow. Ringers of kindred associations heartily welcome.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m.—Walter Sear, Hon. Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Quorn on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30 p.m. Business meeting 5 o'clock. Buses leave Loughborough every five minutes.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**SUFFOLK GUILD.**—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Bells (8) ready 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at reasonable charge. Good attendance expected.—S. H. Symonds, Assistant Sec.

**GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. All ringers welcome. The following bells will be available from 3 p.m.: The Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas and Heavitree.—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Address by Vicar (Rev. A. L. Keith). Tea at 5 in Church House. The towers of Canford, Corfe Mullen and Sturminster Marshall will be open for ringing.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head to those who notify Mr. W. Barton, 10, Carlisle Road, Pudsey, not later than first post Tuesday, Dec. 8th.—F. Hutchinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds.

**WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (Southern Branch) AND THE ALL SAINTS' AND ST. LAWRENCE (EVESHAM) GUILD.**—A combined meeting of the above will be held at Evesham on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (10) available 3 p.m. Service in All Saints' Church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. E. O. Burbidge) at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided for all those who notify either of the undersigned on or before Wednesday, Dec. 9th.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham, J. D. Johnson, Guild Sec., Pershore Road, Great Hampton, Evesham.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The fifth annual social of the above branch will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Will those who intend going please write for tickets, and state number they require as early as possible, to Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.



**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The meeting at East Molesey has been postponed to Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Hampton Court nearest station, 10 minutes' walk. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen specially invited.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (being provided by the kindness of the Rector). Meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30. G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. If tea required, please write by Dec. 10th to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. R. E. G. Newman (Vicar). Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Business meeting to follow. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5). Will those wishing to attend kindly let me know by Dec. 7th?—R. E. P. Gorrings, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea at 5, in St. Peter's Hall. The secretary regrets to announce his resignation, owing to working duties.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Phillip's, Nelson, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Second anniversary of the opening of the bells.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**HERTS ASSOCIATION.**—Meeting at Bushey Heath, Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open from 3.30. Tea (1s. each) 5.30.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

**DEVON GUILD.**—North-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A meeting will be held jointly with the M.C.A. at Bulwell on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Business meeting will be held after ringing concludes. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill (8 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ardleigh, Essex, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Short service at 4.30 p.m., and tea at the Parish Hall at 5.15 (1s. a head). All wishing to attend the tea, will they notify me by Wednesday, Dec. 9th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern Division) **AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the above-named associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready early at St. Mary's, Barnsley, and Monk Bretton. Tea 1s. each. For tickets, apply C. D. Potter, 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley, before Dec. 9th. A hearty welcome is offered to all ringers.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Division, C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Barnsley and District Association.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.**—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells of St. Peter's (6) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 2.30. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe at 5. Members intending to be present please notify me by Thursday, Dec. 9th.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Dec. 12th, when the bells will be ready at 3. A short service in church. Tea at the Welcome. Business meeting after. All will be heartily welcomed, members or otherwise.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Collingtree on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 8th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.



**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Beales and Son, The Cross. All will be welcomed.—E. W. Day, Hon. Dis. Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Will all conductors of peals since Easter, 1925, for above association send record of same to me as soon as possible? Future conductors please note and oblige. — W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

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**OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Sonning Deanery Branch.—A combined ringing practice will be held at Finchampstead on Saturday, Dec. 5th, from 6 to 9 p.m.—R. Darvill.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., St. Mary's Lodge, Newport, Mon.

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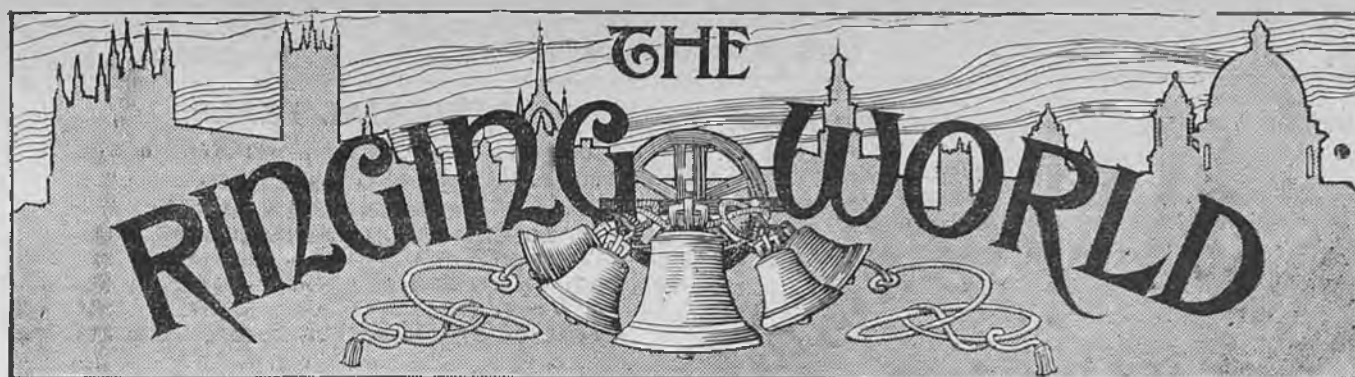
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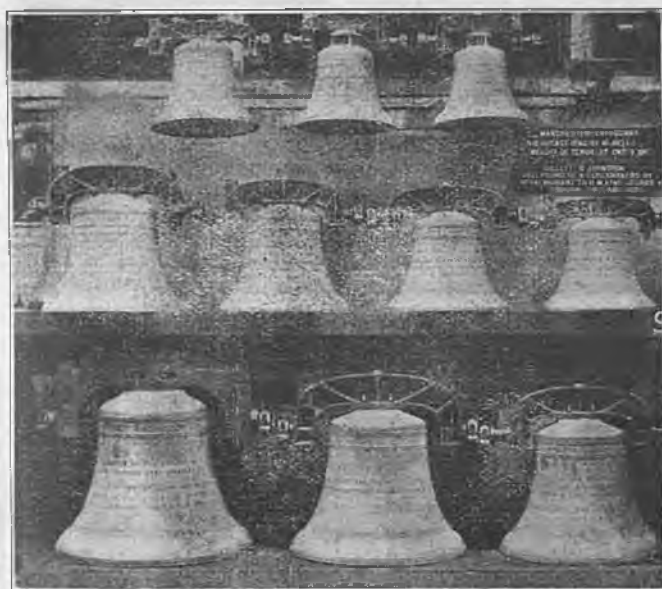
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**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                                |                                    |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| RALPH JACKSON ... .. Treble    | SIDNEY TUNNELL ... .. 5            |
| JOHN G. HALL ... .. 2          | WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... .. 6       |
| *MISS LAURA LANCASTER ... .. 3 | THOMAS LANCASTER ... .. 7          |
| THOMAS METCALFE ... .. 4       | JOHN W. PASSMAN, JUN. ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by J. G. HALL

\* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... Treble | J. GARTH ... .. 5      |
| F. CARDWELL ... .. 2           | W. H. TAYLOR ... .. 6  |
| H. BOWER ... .. 3              | F. WATKINSON ... .. 7  |
| A. HILL ... .. 4               | H. TAYLOR ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal of Stedman by all except ringers of 3rd and 7th. The ringer of 3rd hails from Sheffield, and 4th from Tickhill. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

LEWISHAM, LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

|                               |                                 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| GEORGE R. SIMMONDS ... Treble | WILLIAM W. FOX ... .. 5         |
| CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. 2    | ISAAC EMERY ... .. 6            |
| GEORGE DEERLING ... .. 3      | HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... .. 7    |
| ALBERT E. DARVILL ... .. 4    | HERBERT G. GOODWIN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. WARNETT, SEN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *ROBERT SUMMERS ... .. Treble | WALTER T. BENNETT ... .. 5  |
| ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... .. 2    | ALFRED T. POULTON ... .. 6  |
| *THOMAS BEVAN ... .. 3        | *FRANK VOYCE ... .. 7       |
| †WALTER A. POSTON ... .. 4    | WILLIAM POSTON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung half-muffled. \* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on inside bell.



NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.  
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION  
On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

|                         |                          |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHN SLY ... .. Treble  | WILLIAM CLAYTON ... .. 5 |
| JAMES MUSTON ... .. 2   | DENNIS HILLS ... .. 6    |
| ROBERT WESTMACOTT ... 3 | CHARLES WESTMACOTT ... 7 |
| JOHN C. ACOCK ... .. 4  | JOHN COOK ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by CHARLES WESTMACOTT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. This was the first peal rung by an entirely local band, and the first peal by all except the ringers of 4th and 5th. First peal as conductor.

IRETHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.  
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.  
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 10½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *NORMAN THOMAS ... .. Treble | ALPHRUS PERKINS ... .. 5    |
| *CLIFTON NEWMAN ... .. 2     | JAMES S. WARD ... .. 6      |
| *ARTHUR BIGLEY ... .. 3      | †WALTER PERKINS ... .. 7    |
| JOHN J. MAWBY ... .. 4       | ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... Tenor |

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

Rung with the bells fully muffled. \* First peal in the method. † 60th peal in the method.

MILES PLATTING, LANCASHIRE.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| JOSEPH H. HAYDOCK, Secretary Rossendale Branch... | ... .. Treble |
| JOSEPH HALL .. Manchester ..                      | ... .. 2      |
| JAMES W. GROUNDS .. Wigan ..                      | ... .. 3      |
| CHARLES SHARPLES .. Fylde ..                      | ... .. 4      |
| *FRED RIGBY .. Preston ..                         | ... .. 5      |
| WALTER HUGHES .. Liverpool ..                     | ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM H. SHUKER, Association General Sec. ...   | ... .. 7      |
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON, .. Ringing Sec. ...             | ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Queen-Mother. \* First peal in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.  
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 20 cwt. 42 lb. in E flat.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *H. BERNARD WELLS ... Treble | ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 5    |
| MISS FREDA E. ORR ... 2      | FRANK E. DARBY ... 6        |
| FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3   | DANIEL COOPER ... 7         |
| *JOHN F. GALVER ... 4        | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor |

Composed by the late Sir ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung with the bells fully muffled. \* First peal in the method.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| MISS PHOEBE UPSHER ... Treble | JOHN THOMAS ... .. 5      |
| WILBY J. HAZELL ... .. 2      | GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 6  |
| MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3    | JAMES PARKER ... .. 7     |
| WALTER J. BOWDEN ... .. 4     | GEORGE PAICE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 17½ cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| GEORGE R. HOLMES ... Treble | STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 5  |
| RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 2     | ADAM DEAS ... .. 6          |
| JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 3    | THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 4  | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Queen Mother, and also as a token of esteem and respect for the late Mr. R. Hudson, of Sunderland, who lost his life on November 26th, 1925. The band take this opportunity of conveying to the bereaved relatives their deepest sympathy.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

|                         |                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| F. MORGAN ... .. Treble | C. CREASEY ... .. 5       |
| *G. KING ... .. 2       | W. HOAD ... .. 6          |
| E. MILLS ... .. 3       | T. HOAD ... .. 7          |
| T. BOOTH ... .. 4       | J. GOODSSELL ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. HOAD.

Rung with the bells muffled. \* First peal with 'inside' bell.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours & Twenty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble | THOMAS CHINERY ... .. 5     |
| SAMUEL EVANS ... .. 2         | ARTHUR MAXIM ... .. 6       |
| *GRANVILLE C. BIXBY ... 3     | ROBERT GOWERS ... .. 7      |
| ARTHUR SYMONDS ... .. 4       | FREDK. A. POULSON ... Tenor |

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung with deeply muffled clappers. \* First peal. Messrs. Bixby, Chinery and Gowers hail from Long Melford; Evans and Maxim from Foxearth, Essex; the rest are local men.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| *HARRY HOLDEN ... .. Treble | JOHN KENDALL ... .. 5        |
| *WALTER MASTERS ... .. 2    | *CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 6     |
| WILLIAM POTTER ... .. 3     | JOHN LLOYD ... .. 7          |
| JAMES WHATMORE ... .. 4     | CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Tenor |

Composed by J. BARBER.

Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal of Bob Major. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. All are members of the local band of service ringers. This same peal was lost in the last course on Nov. 14th, for Armistice, by the same band, after 3 hrs. 20 mins.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, November 30, 1925, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| *WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Treble | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5   |
| *GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 2      | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE WHITING ... .. 3       | T. WILLIAM LAST ... .. 7   |
| GEORGE PRYSE ... .. 4         | ERNEST E. LANHAM ... Tenor |

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. W. LAST

Rung with bells half-muffled. \* First peal of London Surprise.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.

(THE ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. in B.

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *FRANK LYCETT ... .. Treble | WILLIAM SHORT ... .. 4        |
| CHARLES LEE ... .. 2        | CHARLES R. LILLEY ... .. 5    |
| †JAMES EVANS ... .. 3       | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal of Minor in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods on an inside bell.

SPOUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                               |                        |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| *SIDNEY C. MOSS ... .. Treble | H. J. MEE ... .. 4     |
| G. W. MEE ... .. 2            | C. H. MEE ... .. 5     |
| L. E. RIVERS ... .. 3         | E. RIVERS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers for the late Queen Alexandra, and Mr. F. Hope, an old parishioner, who was interred that day at Sproughton. \* First peal.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 26, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| KENNETH BOWYER ... .. Treble | MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4  |
| MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT ... 2   | HARRY TYSOE ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. 3   | HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

Rung with the bells muffled.

BREDON NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *ARTHUR CARTER ... .. Treble | JAMES ATTWOOD ... .. 4      |
| CHARLES TRAPP ... .. 2       | FRANCIS MILES ... .. 5      |
| *JOHN MILES ... .. 3         | OLIVER ATTWOOD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal. First peal on the bells by a local band.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, November 27, 1925, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HAROLD BARTON ... .. Treble | EDWARD J. BARTON ... .. 4     |
| EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2    | ARTHUR W. RUMP ... .. 5       |
| EDWARD HOWES ... .. 3       | WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ... Tenor |

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal by the ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th, who are to be congratulated on doing so well at their first attempt.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**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.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES LAYTON, JUN. ... Treble | CHRIS. BOWERS ... .. 4     |
| WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 2        | DAVID HORNE ... .. 5       |
| CHARLES LAYTON, SEN. ... 3      | GEORGE JORDON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by D. HORNE.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

|                                 |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| *FREDERICK SEABRIGHT ... Treble | JOHN BURLS ... .. 4             |
| *FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2    | GEORGE MORRAD ... .. 5          |
| HARRY ARGENT ... .. 3           | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. It was at the Royal Terrace Pier in this parish that Queen Alexandra first landed on British soil in 1863. \* First peal. † 25th peal.

FLAMSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 22 cwt. (approx.)

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| FREDERICK JEFFS ... .. Treble | JOHN MALYAN ... .. 4      |
| CHARLES JEFFS ... .. 2        | HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5 |
| BEN JARMAN ... .. 3           | WALTER AYRE ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung half-muffled. The first peal on the bells. The back five are by Chandler, 1664, and the treble is 1709. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. F. C. Clare, for permission to ring, and also the local ringers for their splendid preparations.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Consisting of seven 720's called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *ALFRED BLOGG ... .. Treble | HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4    |
| FRED BLACKLIDGE ... .. 2    | WILLIAM SHARPLES ... .. 5   |
| *BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3  | WILLIAM FOWLER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

\* First peal of Oxford Minor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the late Queen Alexandra. Also in memory of Sir Charles Brown, an hon. freeman of the borough of Preston.

STEVENTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

With ten different callings.

|                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *WILLIAM BOSHER, JUN. ... Treble | FRANK W. BONCE ... .. 4        |
| JOHN NOBES ... .. 2              | ALBERT P. W. FLETCHER ... 5    |
| DANIEL H. WOODLEY ... .. 3       | ALFRED BREAKSPEAR ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal. The ringer of treble bails from West Hendred, and 3rd from Milton.

At St. Albans, Herts, on Wednesday, Nov. 18th, at 105, Fishpool Street, on handbells, in 1 hour and 20 minutes, a half-peal of Bob Major, 2,512 changes: J. Malyan 1-2, W. Ayre (conductor) 3-4, H. E. C. Goodenough 5-6, Charles Jeffs 7-8.

## MILLOM, CUMBERLAND.

## THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS &amp; LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                         |        |                           |       |
|-------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| JOHN P. BARKER ... ..   | Treble | * WILLIAM CAMPBELL ... .. | 4     |
| EDMUND THOMPSON ... ..  | 2      | WILLIAM ROBINSON ... ..   | 5     |
| WILLIAM T. CLARK ... .. | 3      | GEORGE SLATER ... ..      | Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

Rung with the bells muffled. First peal on the bells. \* First peal of Minor, and elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

## FARMBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

|                            |        |                     |       |
|----------------------------|--------|---------------------|-------|
| * A. GOULD ... ..          | Treble | W. T. SHORE ... ..  | 4     |
| R. T. CLARK ... ..         | 2      | W. ROSEWELL ... ..  | 5     |
| REV. L. G. KETCHLEY ... .. | 3      | * A. CONDUCT ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by R. T. CLARK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal.

## MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAC.

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's as follows: College Single, Double and Single Oxford, Double and Single Bob, Double and Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

|                       |        |                        |       |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| JOHN LUNN ... ..      | Treble | WILLIAM TILLEY ... ..  | 4     |
| * WILLIAM NEAL ... .. | 2      | JOSEPH LONDON ... ..   | 5     |
| HORACE M. DAY ... ..  | 3      | GEORGE H. WELLS ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung half-muffled for the late Queen Alexandra. \* First peal in 10 methods.

## BARLEY, HERTS.

## THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of Queen Alexandra; also as a tribute of respect to Mrs. J. C. Wilkerson, whose interment took place on the day previous.

## TEN BELL PEALS.

## NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

## THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt, 2 qr. 20 lb.

|                            |        |                              |       |
|----------------------------|--------|------------------------------|-------|
| HARRY PAGE ... ..          | Treble | FREDERICK LASBURY ... ..     | 6     |
| * JOHN W. JONES ... ..     | 2      | SIDNEY DAVE ... ..           | 7     |
| * HERBERT DAVIES ... ..    | 3      | FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN ... .. | 8     |
| FREDERICK J. BAILEY ... .. | 4      | WILLIAM PAGE ... ..          | 9     |
| GEORGE LARGE ... ..        | 5      | * WILLIAM BOLTON ... ..      | Tenor |

Composed by JAMES WOOD.

Conducted by HARRY PAGE.

The band was arranged specially by Mr. Harry Page, of Pentre, and the peal rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the association, who on this day reached his 60th birthday. \* First peal of Kent Royal, and first peal on ten bells for the ringer of the 3rd. First peal of Royal on the bells.

## SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

## THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours &amp; Twenty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt, 1 qr. 20 lb.

|                          |        |                           |       |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| KEITH HART ... ..        | Treble | * HORACE WHITEHEAD ... .. | 6     |
| JOHN T. RICKMAN ... ..   | 2      | JOHN DEARLOVE ... ..      | 7     |
| EDWARD C. MERRETT ... .. | 3      | ROBERT J. DAVE ... ..     | 8     |
| ALFRED W. GROVES ... ..  | 4      | ALFRED J. TURNER ... ..   | 9     |
| FRANK BENNETT ... ..     | 5      | JAMES A. HART ... ..      | Tenor |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

\* First peal of Stedman Caters with an inside bell.

## BRADFORD.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt.

|                          |        |                           |       |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------|-------|
| GEORGE LEWIS ... ..      | Treble | FREDERICK W. DIXON ... .. | 6     |
| JAMES COTTERILL ... ..   | 2      | JOSEPH BROADLEY ... ..    | 7     |
| THOMAS B. KENDALL ... .. | 3      | SIDNEY F. PALMER ... ..   | 8     |
| JOHN HOLMAN ... ..       | 4      | JOHN THORPE ... ..        | 9     |
| PERCY J. JOHNSON ... ..  | 5      | FRANCIS BARKER ... ..     | Tenor |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James Barraclough, of Huddersfield, on his 78th birthday. Each ringer has rung upwards of one hundred peals for the Yorkshire Association, with an aggregate of 1,740 peals, and this is the first band to establish such a record in the county of Yorkshire.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

## FRITTENDEN, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

|                          |        |                        |       |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|
| CHARLES TRIBE ... ..     | Treble | BEN. F. BAKER ... ..   | 5     |
| MRS. H. BAKER ... ..     | 2      | * CHARLES BAKER ... .. | 6     |
| CHARLES W. PLAYER ... .. | 3      | CHARLES H. SONE ... .. | 7     |
| HARRY BAKER ... ..       | 4      | HARRY PARKES ... ..    | Tenor |

Composed by JOHN HOMES.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rector (the Rev. Cecil Sumner Stooks) and Miss Edith May Homewood. This is the first peal on the bells since 1891. \* First peal.

## KING'S LYNN, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHAPEL OF EASE OF ST. NICHOLAS,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |        |                         |       |
|------------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-------|
| ALFRED E. BACON ... ..       | Treble | † TOM GREENACRE ... ..  | 5     |
| † WALTER J. CURSTON ... ..   | 2      | † JAMES H. RAPER ... .. | 6     |
| * ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... .. | 3      | WALTER N. ASHBY ... ..  | 7     |
| † ROLAND NEWSON ... ..       | 4      | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..  | Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 264). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and the peal was to welcome the conductor home from Manchuria. \* First peal of Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

## MARTOCK, SOMERSET.

## THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 4, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

|                        |        |                       |       |
|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| * P. J. FARRANT ... .. | Treble | * A. E. WORNER ... .. | 5     |
| * T. GALE ... ..       | 2      | J. T. DYKE ... ..     | 6     |
| * F. STRICKLAND ... .. | 3      | * F. SWEET ... ..     | 7     |
| † F. FARRANT ... ..    | 4      | * A. ALEXANDER ... .. | Tenor |

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

\* First peal. † First since 1907. This tower is the 50th Somerset tower in which which the conductor has rung a peal.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 2, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.  
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN.

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| REV. H. EARLE BOLWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. |                               |
| JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. Treble                          | JAMES PAGETT ... .. 5         |
| MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. 2                               | E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 6    |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 3                                  | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7         |
| JOSEPH BAILEY ... .. 4                                   | GEORGE F. NEWMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition has all the 6-7's at backstroke, and is now rung for the first time by the M.C.A. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

CAVERSHAM, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                                      |                            |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. |                            |
| EDGAR HUMFREY ... .. Treble          | ARTHUR BAILEY ... .. 5     |
| LEONARD OSBORNE ... .. 2             | *ALFRED JEFFRIES ... .. 6  |
| AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ... .. 3          | HORACE OSBORNE ... .. 7    |
| JAMES ABERY ... .. 4                 | REUBEN SAWYER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.

\* First peal. Ringer of 4th from Englefield, remainder from Reading.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

|                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tenor 12½ cwt.              |                                     |
| WILLIAM BOND ... .. Treble  | *HERBERT E. ADSLEY ... .. 5         |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 2   | EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... .. 6        |
| *C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... .. 3 | *FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. ... .. 7 |
| *ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4    | EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... .. Tenor    |

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

\* First peal of 'Real' Double Norwich. E. Barnett, sen.'s 660th peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| JOHN LEE ... .. Treble      | FRANK E. DARBY ... .. 5        |
| DANIEL COOPER ... .. 2      | FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... .. 6  |
| ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 3     | CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... .. 7    |
| WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... .. 4 | CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

Rung after meeting short for Royal, Mr. J. W. Chapman kindly standing out. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. in F.

|                                   |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... .. Treble | EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... .. 5        |
| RICHARD T. HOLDING ... .. 2       | WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... .. 6           |
| WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... .. 3     | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 7            |
| HARRY OVERTON ... .. 4            | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Treble | JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 4   |
| ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... .. 2  | WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. 5  |
| *EDWARD GREENACRE ... .. 3    | GEORGE HAWES ... .. Tenor |

Arranged by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

\* First peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

GRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
| Being seven different compositions. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb. |                              |
| MISS KITTY MOORE ... .. Treble                               | CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... .. 4    |
| C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 2                                   | HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5        |
| FRANK LEWIN ... .. 3   | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. D. Nichols, it also being his first peal away from the treble.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Being seven extents. Tenor 11½ cwt. |                               |
| JOHN C. PERKINS ... .. Treble       | LEONARD J. JEFFS ... .. 4     |
| THOMAS HANDS ... .. 2               | FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... .. 5 |
| *JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... .. 3         | JOHN HALL ... .. Tenor        |

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

First peal of Surprise by all the band except the conductor. \* First peal of Surprise Minor, and first peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Surprise in the branch. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. C. Perkins, the popular towerkeeper.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                               |                                |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HORACE H. SMITH ... .. Treble | EDMUND J. HOBBS ... .. 4       |
| ALBERT FLEET ... .. 2         | LEONARD TURNER ... .. 5        |
| CHARLES W. CLARKE ... .. 3    | ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;**

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| †ALFRED BARNES ... .. 1—2  | *ALLAN F. BAILEY ... .. 5—6 |
| †HAROLD JACKSON ... .. 3—4 | †FREDERICK PAGE ... .. 7—8  |
| HARRY CHAPMAN ... .. 9—10  |                             |

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. PAGE.

\* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Barnes.

[Other Peal Reports are unavoidably held over.]

CHIPPENHAM.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service (Eve of St. Andrew's), on Nov. 29th, by St. Andrew's Juniors, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Dale 1, E. Truman 2, R. Pearce 3, E. Perry 4, S. Wiltshire 5, L. Ambrose 6, W. Hulburt 7, F. Lambeth (conductor) 8.

EDGBASTON.—At the Old Church, on Sunday, Nov. 8th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Russell 1, L. Griffiths 2, G. Pigott 3, T. Heavers 4, G. Lodge (conductor) 5, E. Rose 6.



### MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT HACKNEY.

The last meeting of the year in the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday last at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, and, being attended by nearly 40 members, was voted a success. Divine service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. T. McLean), and the address was given by the Rev. J. O. Vince, Vicar of St. Mark's, Dalston. Subsequently the party sat down to tea in the Rectory as the guests of Mrs. McLean, who was, however, unfortunately prevented from being present to welcome the members. The Rector presided, and was supported by the Rev. J. O. Vince, Mr. F. A. Milne (president), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president), Mr. N. A. Tomlinson (District Master), Mr. C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), Mr. W. I'ye (Master), and many others.

At the usual business meeting, five new members were elected, and St. Giles'-in-the-Fields announced as the place of the next meeting on January 23rd, this being the annual meeting of the district.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. McLean for their hospitality, and to all others concerned in making the meeting a success, including Mr. Riley (towerkeeper), Mr. Alleyway, etc.—This was seconded by Mr. F. A. Milne, and carried unanimously.—The Rev. G. T. McLean, in acknowledging the thanks of the members, welcomed them to South Hackney, and proceeded to amuse the company with quite a number of humorous anecdotes, but to relate them all would occupy too much space. Here is one, however:—

Johnny had swallowed a penny, and Tommy was sent by his mother for the doctor. As the local parson was also known by that title, Tommy went to the Rectory and knocked, asking for the doctor. The Rector said, 'Well, Tommy, and what do you require?' 'Oh, sir, Johnny has swallowed a penny, and mother wants you to come and get it out of his inside.' 'Oh!' said the clergyman, 'you have made a mistake. It is the medical doctor you want.' 'No,' said Tommy, 'it must be you, as I heard father say the other day that you were the best man he knew for getting money out of people!'

Some Stedman Caters having been rung on the handbells, the tower was again visited, quite a large number of methods being practised, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and London, Bristol, Superlative, Cambridge and Norfolk Surprise.

### LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. PRESTON BRANCH.

A well-attended meeting of the above branch was held at Hoghton on Saturday, November 14th, when over thirty ringers were present, amongst whom were visitors from the Blackburn and Wigan branches, as well as representatives from eleven of the Preston branch towers. During the day, touches in the standard methods, as well as Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise, were rung.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish School, where the members' wants were well attended to by the local ringers' wives and friends, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was given for their services. One of the ladies responded.

The business meeting was held in the ringing chamber, at which Mr. J. R. Taylor presided, and welcomed the members from the neighbouring branches.—Mr. Wilson, of Blackburn, replied, on behalf of the visitors, saying that he had pleasant recollections of coming to Hoghton, as it was there that he rang his first touch.

The Chairman then said he had, with regret, to move a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Wm. Nelson, of Leyland, who was interred that afternoon. A 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor had been rung, as a last token of respect to one who had been connected with St. James', Leyland, as a ringer, chorister, sidesman and warden, for nearly fifty years.

Mr. E. R. Martin, in seconding, said he would like to extend the vote also to the relatives of the late Mr. Edwin Horrex, of London, who died on the previous Saturday. He added, that although most of the members would not know Mr. Horrex personally, his doings as 'the grand old man' of the Exercise were well known to most of them.—The vote was then passed, with the members standing in silence.

Among other items of business was the confirmation by the meeting of the election of four new members, these being Mr. H. Foster, of Chorley; Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough; Mr. W. J. Nevard, and Mr. Cecil Mayne, of Bucks, the last three having been proposed as life members previous to ringing a peal at Samlesbury.

The meeting also congratulated three branch members on ringing their first peal of Cambridge Surprise, but the writer is sorry to say that congratulations to Mr. B. A. Knights, on his having rung peals of Kent Treble Bob on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells, were omitted, and would like to offer them to him, on behalf of the branch, through the medium of this report.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the light six at Loughborough Bell Foundry, the tenor being only 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs., and 22 inches in diameter, constitutes a record for light weight. It was also the quickest tower bell peal yet rung. By this peal, G. Stedman Morris, who is not yet 18, has now rung in peals of Cambridge Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus, and is the youngest to do so. The lightest tenor previously rung to a peal was Lye, Worcestershire, where the weight is just over 3 cwt. It would be interesting to know how the weights of the two trebles compare.

It is good news to learn that the people of Camberwell are inquiring what has become of the bells at St. Giles' Church, which have not been heard in peal for a considerable time. The cause of their silence is the want of overhaul, and now that the public are becoming interested the church authorities may think it an opportune moment to raise a restoration fund.

The Taunton band, who rang last Saturday the first seven-method Surprise Minor peal in Somerset, are to be congratulated upon their success, which is the reward of their continued perseverance.

The bells of Blackawton, Devon, have been silent for ten years, and the parishioners are now anxious to hear them again. Their silence is stated to be due to the fact that the ringers would not regularly attend church, and therefore the Vicar debarred them from ringing. Another attempt is now to be made to organise a band of ringers in the parish.

One of the earliest peals rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, was a peal of Grandsire Triples on December 12th, 1735, so that to-morrow is the 190th anniversary. It was recorded in the 'Ipswich Gazette,' and it is curious to note that the names of the ringers are given in reverse order, that is, beginning with the tenorman. He was James Kieridge, and his age was 61.

A peal of 6,400 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Isleworth, Middlesex, on December 11th, 1770.

On December 12th, 1848, 7,392 Stedman Cinques was rung at Birmingham. Henry Johnson composed and conducted the peal, which was the longest in the method at that date.

In the year 1806, the week from Dec. 13th to Dec. 20th was productive of a great deal of ringing at Christ Church, Spitalfields, where at that time there was a ring of twelve bells. On Dec. 13th, the Senior Cumberland Youths rang over 5,500 changes in a fruitless attempt for a peal of Stedman Cinques, but were successful on the following Saturday, Dec. 20th, when they brought round a 6,334 in 4 hrs. 55 mins.

Between these two bouts of ringing, viz., on Dec. 15th, the Junior Cumberlands rang a peal of 5,886 in the same method. What would the inhabitants say to-day to such a 'feast' of ringing?

'Uncle' Joe Sykes has landed safely in England, after his adventures in the wilds of Manchuria. He had not been long on his native soil before he was busy with 'Yorkshire Glory,' and would probably have scored a peal before this had not a forgetful verger turned off the electric light at the main switch, in the twelfth course. In another attempt, however, he landed his peal of 'welcome,' and is now getting down to ringing business.

**READY SHORTLY.**

## METHOD-SPLICING

A reprint of the Articles

**'HINTS ON "SPLICING" AND  
RINGING MINOR METHODS.'**

By JOHN P. FIDLER,

with an INTRODUCTION  
by JOSEPH W. PARKER,

**And a number of Minor Extents in Six,  
Eight and Ten Methods.**

## THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL. DEDICATION OF BELLS AT OXFORD.

A congregation of about two hundred people, mostly ringers, assembled at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, on Saturday afternoon, for the dedication of the Washbrook Memorial. Among those present were: Canon Stansfeld (Rector of St. Ebbe's), the Master of the Oxford Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Master of the Salisbury Guild), the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, Misses S. Davis and M. M. Webb, Messrs. A. A. Hughes (College Youths), G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham), H. Chapman, Councillor Trippier, J. W. Washbrook (Manchester), G. A. Smith, R. T. Hibbert (general secretary, Oxford Guild), A. J. Wright (treasurer, Oxford Guild), R. White, G. Holfield, J. F. Barlow, W. J. Nevard, D. Napper, and representatives from eleven of the branches, including the following towers: Chipping Norton, Shipton, Chalgrove, Witney, Benson, Ardington, Eynsham, Goring, Stanton Harcourt, Chilton, Abingdon, Newbury, Appleton, Tackley, Yarnton, and St. Giles', St. Ebbe's, and All Saints', Oxford.

The memorial, as is well known, takes the form of the addition of two trebles to the six bells of St. Ebbe's, the existing six having been cleaned, tuned and rehung. In addition a bronze tablet has been placed near the entrance to the ringing chamber, bearing the following inscription:—

A.D. 1925.

The bells in this tower were repaired and rehung, and the two trebles added by the Oxford Diocesan Guild and ringers of the British Empire, in memory of James William Washbrook, a highly skilled ringer and talented composer, able conductor, and for many years instructor in the Guild.

Born 27th April, 1864. Died Christmas Day, 1923.

The ceremony, which took the form of the dedication service from the Oxford Diocesan Service Book, was conducted by the Master of the Oxford Guild, and the address was given by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge. Led by the St. Ebbe's choir, the singing of such a large body of men was very hearty and inspiring.

In the middle of the service, the clergy, the choir, and a band of ringers chosen for the purpose, went in procession to the ringing chamber, where the new bells were consecrated and dedicated by Canon Coleridge, after which a few rounds were rung by the following: Canon Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. R. T. Hibbert, H. Chapman, R. White, W. H. B. Wilkins, J. Monk, and H. Miles.

In the course of his address, Canon Coleridge said that the ringers there assembled had just joined together in dedicating a memorial to James William Washbrook, one of the most noted ringers, if not the most noted, of all time. They had given these bells into the care of the parishioners of St. Ebbe's to be used in his memory, and for the honour and glory of the church. Canon Coleridge said that there were three reasons why he had been specially asked to undertake the dedication ceremony, and to address the ringers: (1) Because the Bishop of the Diocese was unable to come, as he had two Confirmation services that afternoon; (2) because as President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers he represented in a sense all the associations and individuals who had contributed to the erection of the memorial; and (3) because he was the only living ringing cleric who knew James W. Washbrook from his youth upwards, and the only one among the ringing clergy who had rung 87 peals with him, including a number of long peals, one of which was the 15,000 of Stedman Caters at Appleton. The preacher said he had visited many counties in company with Mr. Washbrook on ringing tours, and thus had had many opportunities of noting and admiring the character of this veritable prince among ringers.

Speaking of his recollections of Mr. Washbrook, Canon Coleridge said that he had first come into contact with him nearly fifty years ago, when he (Canon Coleridge) was an undergraduate member of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers. Every Wednesday afternoon in term at 4.30, the society used to meet at St. Thomas's Church to ring on open bells. Young Washbrook took every possible opportunity, and made every possible excuse to be in the ringing chamber when this ringing took place, creeping up to watch the undergraduates painfully endeavouring to ring six-scores, and as he watched he wondered when he, too, would be able to do the like. When only about eight or nine years old, Washbrook was able to ring a bell, and chime three bells for the daily services, and whenever possible he would carry out the duty of tolling the death-bell for a death in the parish. Washbrook and his great friend, John Jagger, would often climb the ivy on the tower walls at night, effect an entrance, tie some bells, and practice on them until the small hours of the morning. When Washbrook was about 16 years of age, one of the clergy of St. Thomas's Church gave him Troyte's book, and soon he was able to instruct others in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and in Minor (probably Grandsire). About two years later (1881) he rang his first peal of Grandsire, and soon afterwards took part in a peal for the first time as conductor. In 1884 he conducted a peal of Stedman Triples from a non-observation bell, and from that time his ringing records grew apace. The year 1888 stands out as a most conspicuous example of his great feats in ringing a number of long peals,

including 10,080 Double Norwich, 13,265 Grandsire Caters, and 12,041 and 15,041 of Stedman Caters. Later on he had to give up his work as instructor to the Oxford Diocesan Guild owing to the pressing claims of an increasing family, and he went to Hereford, where he did a great deal to promote the art of change ringing.

From Hereford he went to take up a post at Arklow Church in Ireland, where, out of very unpromising material, he formed a good band of ringers, and after a time astonished the ringing world by the wonderful feat of ringing two tower bells in a peal.

After some years in Ireland, domestic reasons caused his return to England, first to Staffordshire, and afterwards to Lancashire, where he rang many peals, and where he spent the last part of his life. Canon Coleridge suggested that it would be of great benefit to the Exercise at large if someone who had the necessary leisure and ability would study the available documents (such as the 'Bell News' and 'Ringing World'), and compile a complete record of Washbrook's peals.

The preacher emphasised the fact that Mr. Washbrook was an all-round man being distinguished not only for his wonderful knowledge of the science and art of change ringing, but by his general ability and knowledge. To this knowledge he was always adding, so that he became a many-sided man. He was, too, a man who was appreciative of his religion. He was fondest of all of going to the Cowley Fathers' Church, 'for there,' he used to say, 'you can always hear the best sermons by the best men in the church.' In conclusion, Canon Coleridge said, 'Two years ago this great ringer passed away. May that life go on in the Paradise of God, and may this peal keep alive his memory.'

Immediately after the service, the first touch on the bells (Stedman Triples) was rung by the same eight ringers who rang during the service. Many other visiting ringers then took the opportunity of ringing in touches of Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, and Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, while those who were not actually ringing strolled about for a while to hear the bells from different parts of the parish. All agreed that the bell founders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) had effected an excellent blend, and that the bells went remarkably well.

By the kindness of Canon Stansfeld, tea was served at 4.30 in St. Ebbe's Parish Hall, and more than one hundred ringers participated.

After tea, the Master of the Oxford Guild said how tremendously he had been looking forward to that day, and how much he hoped that the bells had proved to all present that the Washbrook Memorial Committee had not betrayed their trust. The committee had to consider the work that could be done with the money likely to be placed at their disposal. They then took steps to get the opinions of experts, who advised the committee that the work of augmenting the six bells of St. Ebbe's could be undertaken with confidence. He and the Oxford Diocesan Guild were very glad to welcome the ringers from other associations who were present that day, and to be the hosts at the tentable of those who had come from far-off districts. He was especially glad to welcome there young James W. Washbrook. He was very pleased to hand over the bells to Canon Stansfeld, because the people who lived in this rather drab parish enjoyed the sound of the bells, and he sincerely hoped that the present ring of bells would bring to these parishioners the message of peace and joy. The speaker then suggested that the bells should be rung slowly in order that their beauty might be brought out, and he concluded by remarking what a splendid opportunity the young Oxford ringers now had of a step between six and ten bells.

Canon Stansfeld, in a few heartfelt words, voiced his own pleasure and that of his parishioners in welcoming them all that day, and said how very grateful they were for the generous and unexpected gift of the beautiful ring of bells.

Mr. A. J. Wright gave a brief account of the financial side of the undertaking, during which he stated that £232 9s. 4d. had been subscribed in all, of which £92 12s. 9d. came from outside the Oxford Diocesan Guild, Lancashire having sent a donation of £20. He estimated that there were some 600 subscribers to the memorial, and he wished to take the opportunity of thanking the ringers throughout the country for their generosity.

Mr. A. A. Hughes (Mears and Stainbank) said that he considered it a great honour and privilege to have been asked to make the new bells. The old six, although very light bells, were unusually deep in pitch for their weight, and it was, therefore, decided that two trebles could be added to them successfully if the old six went to the foundry and were adjusted in tune. Upon weighing the tenor bell, it was found to be but a few pounds over 4½ cwt.

Mr. R. White, who undertook the work of hanging the bells, expressed his thanks for having had the honour of hanging this light ring, and his pleasure that everything proved so satisfactory.

Mr. H. Chapman (Manchester) said that he was delighted with the two trebles, and that he would be able to take back to the north a very satisfactory account of the Washbrook Memorial.

Mr. G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham) expressed it as his opinion that the result of the work was most satisfactory.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert said that he spoke with a full heart, and that he was very proud that there were now eight bells in St. Ebbe's, put

there to the memory of Will Washbrook, who was one of the finest of men.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn thanked Canon Coleridge for dedicating the bells, and for addressing the congregation, and also expressed the thanks of all to Canon Stansfeld, the organist, and the choir for their help that day.

In responding, Canon Coleridge indulged in a number of reminiscences of his association with J. W. Washbrook, some of which had a distinctly humorous side.

Mr. G. Hollifield, senr., made a few remarks about the long peal of Stedman Caters at Appleton in 1888, after which Mr. J. W. Washbrook said how proud he was to know how much his father's memory was esteemed by so many ringers, and he expressed his most sincere and grateful thanks for what had been said and done.

After a few words about the wisdom of the choice of the memorial from Mr. H. Miles, the proceedings terminated, and the members of the assembly made their way to St. Ebbo's and other city towers for further ringing.

The following members of the Oxford University Society of Change Ringers were present: Mr. G. H. Phillott (one of the original members of the society when it was founded in 1872), Canon G. F. Coleridge (Master in 1881-2), the Rev. R. L. C. Newhouse (sometime hon. secretary), Mr. H. Miles (Master, 1921-2), Mr. W. E. Collier (present Master), Miss C. W. M. Small (late hon. secretary), and Mr. T. E. Green (present hon. secretary).

Four ringers who took part in the Rev. F. E. Robinson's 1,000th peal twenty years ago (1905) were present, namely, Canon Coleridge, and Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, G. A. Smith and H. Miles.

## HISTORY OF SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It would be a kindness, for which I should be exceedingly grateful, if any of your readers could supply me with a list and particulars as far as possible of peals in the three Major Surprise methods of Superlative, Cambridge, and London, to and including the year 1900, i.e., to the end of last century. By the goodness of Mr. Trollope, Mr. Burton, Mr. Samuel Page, and one or two other friends, I have the following:—

Superlative.—Norwich, 6th February, 1835

Cambridge.—Benington, 11th February, 1875.

London.—Norwich, 17th November, 1835.

" Woolwich, 1849.

" Benington, 26th December, 1870.

" Burton-on-Trent, 1st September, 1887.

" Burton-on-Trent, 1st October, 1888.

" Burton-on-Trent, 8th October, 1888.

" Fulham, 8th December, 1888.

" Burton-on-Trent, 20th December, 1888.

Beyond this I cannot as yet get, and should be very thankful if anyone can help me to complete the list. I should imagine that hon. secretaries of Diocesan and County Associations would have them at hand, and easily accessible in their records. All that I require is the reference to 'Church Bells' or 'Bell News,' if later than 1874 or 1875. If earlier than that I should be glad of full particulars as far as possible.

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## DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

### EXETER BRANCH MEETING.

The sixth annual meeting of the Exeter branch was held on Saturday at St. Sidwell's, Exeter. A hearty service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Lanyon Owen), who gave an interesting address on the origin and antiquity of bells generally, and those of that church in particular, was followed by a tea at the Institute, at which about 130 members assembled.

At the subsequent meeting, Mr. E. Shepherd, chairman of the branch, presided, among those present being the Revs. Canon McLaren, B. C. Bennett, C. W. Bates, E. A. Julian and F. Knight, Sir Robt. Newman, Bart., M.P., the president and general secretary of the Guild, Mr. P. G. Bartlett, treasurer, and Mr. F. J. Laxton.—Nineteen affiliated bands were represented, and apologies for absence were announced from the Bishop of Exeter, the Archdeacon of Exeter, the Revs. C. E. Burditt, H. B. Clark and H. C. Onslow, and Mr. S. Hull.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Topsham on February 13th, 1926.—Three honorary and two associate performing members were elected.

Mr. E. Shepherd was re-elected chairman; Mr. J. C. Oke elected secretary and treasurer; and Mr. T. J. Stokes assistant secretary for the ensuing year.

Canon McLaren, in returning thanks, on behalf of the hon. members present, gave an amusing description of his early experiences in bell ringing, and Sir Robert Newman, who also spoke, declared his resolve to stand by his church, and oppose any attempt to interfere with its rights and privileges.

## CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

### INTERESTING DISCUSSIONS.

The last meeting of the year of the Stockport Branch was held at Hyde on Saturday, November 28th, and those who braved the wintry elements were amply rewarded for their trouble. As a mark of respect for the late Queen-Mother, the bells were fully muffled, and ringing commenced on this fine-toned ring soon after 3 p.m. The usual Guild form of service was taken by the Vicar of Hyde, who also gave the address. Those present afterwards made their way to the cosy parish room, which was well warmed, and supplied with one of the chief features of a ringers' gathering, viz., 'a gradely tea,' to which about 25 sat down. This disposed of, the business of the day was transacted under the chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Jackson, and at his request all stood for a moment to honour the memory of the late Queen.

Mr. George Gorringe was elected a ringing member, and Stockport (St. Mary) was selected as the place of the annual meeting, to be held on the last Saturday of January, 1926.

Mr. T. Wilde then commented upon the leading article of the 'Ringing World,' published the previous day, on 'Noisy Bells and Fast Ringing.' In the opinion of the speaker, it was a pity such a one had not been written much sooner, and he hoped that it would have good effect. He said it behoved all to try and get the best out of the bells.—Several other members voiced their opinion and approval.

Eventually the topic turned into a most interesting and entertaining debate; first on the correct way of teaching a learner, in order that he may ring his bell to the best advantage, the primary object, of course, being striking, and it was unanimously agreed he should first be put on a light bell, and only be permitted to go into changes when he could ring rounds correctly. Afterwards, the discourse moved on to the ringing of the more difficult methods. Mr. J. P. Fidler suggested that a band who could ring Kent Treble Bob Major well, and who desired to make good progress, should commence to practise the Minor methods which had been detailed by him in the 'Ringing World,' and which would shortly appear in book form. In them they would find a good stepping-stone to higher things, and eventually the Surprise methods would appear less formidable.

Mr. W. W. Wolstencroft supported this view. In his own personal experience he had found that the knowledge of Minor methods obtained at Norbury had thrown a new light on the higher methods, and he had found them much easier to ring, through possessing a good knowledge of six-bell work.

Mr. A. Barnes took up the opposite view, stating that a six-bell band would find the two extra ropes an obstacle to good Major ringing without a vast amount of practise, and that the chief thing was ample study at home, not leaving it until arrival in the ringing-room, and relying on someone else to pull them through. This was agreed upon, but the argument had been on a band conversant with eight-bell ringing, and who desired to master the more intricate work. Therefore, being used to eight bells, once they had acquired a good knowledge of Minor methods, the two extra ropes would cause no trouble.

Eventually the Rev. A. T. Beeston was prevailed upon to express his opinion, and stated that if a band desired to make progress they must stoop to conquer. Many eight-bell ringers thought they were lowering their dignity if they came down to six-bell ringing, but if only they would lose that mistaken idea, then they had a much better chance of attaining the desired object, and he hoped that those who were so prejudiced would remove the bias, get down to work, and practise Minor methods. The work would be hard and slow, yet nevertheless, sure, with much better results when it came to ringing Surprise Major, etc.

The Hon. Secretary gave notice that at the annual meeting he proposed to bring forward a resolution, which he hoped would be passed on to the Central Council for their consideration and action. Knowing full well that many bells are almost inaccessible to Rural Deans, and even when they can get at them their lack of experience makes it a difficult task to report on the condition of the bells, etc., and, as it is the duty of Rural Deans to inspect belfries periodically, as with other church property, it is unfortunate that the bells are too often overlooked. He suggested, therefore, knowing the condition of many bells and belfries, that the Central Council, through Diocesan or other channels, draw attention to the advisability of Rural Deans, when they have no personal technical knowledge of bells, to appoint as their deputy for the purpose of inspection, some person with the requisite qualifications. A leading article bearing upon this subject appeared in the 'Ringing World' of July 10th, and the subject was one which ought not to be pushed in the background.—The Vicar of Hyde said he thought that Rural Deans would welcome the idea, and this was also the opinion of several clergy with whom the matter has been discussed.

The meeting terminated with the usual votes of thanks for the use of the bells, Church and Parish Room, and to the local ringers and their leaders for their efforts in attending to the comfort of the visitors; also to the chairman for his services.

Further ringing, notable for its good striking, took place.—J. P. F.



## NOTES BY THE WAY.

HISTORY—AS WRITTEN BY MR. DRAKE.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Really, I cannot congratulate the Rev. H. Drake on his history.

He tells us that 'besides Plain Changes and Cross Peals, there were, before Stedman's time, also Bob methods. Now, these were not at first methods with one dodge in them, but methods which were all dodging, or at least as nearly so as possible. A method was not considered a true Bob method unless one bell at least dodged all the time after the Hunt left it until it returned to it again.'

There is not the slightest foundation for this statement.

All we know of the beginning and early development of ringing comes from Stedman's book, the 'Tintinnalogia,' published in 1668. Stedman was an accurate, thorough and accomplished writer, and can safely be trusted. He describes ringing under two distinct heads. The first is Plain Changes, which occupies roughly the first half of his book; the second is Cross Peals, which occupies the other and rather larger half. As these terms, no doubt, mean nothing to a good many readers of 'The Ringing World,' let me explain that the distinctive feature of Plain Changes was that only one pair of bells changed at a time. Plain Changes were like modern 'stoneys,' with the following important exceptions. They were composed on a highly scientific plan, and with as much skill as any modern peal. The truth of the changes was scrupulously adhered to. The bells changed at every blow; the conductor was dispensed with, every man himself knowing when to make a change. It will easily be seen that to ring a 720 under these conditions would require a skilled band, and we must not suppose that these conditions obtained everywhere. In some places the ringing was by whole pulls, and in others the changes were 'walked.' 'By walking them is meant that the bells go round four, six, eight or more in one change, which is commonly used by young practisers.' And when the bells were 'walked,' we may assume that there was a conductor.

It was not till a good many years after the birth of ringing that Plain Changes reached this stage. We may safely conclude that they were fully developed somewhere about 1680. Mr. Drake tells us that it is so unlikely that Stedman developed Plain Changes that one can safely say that it is impossible. I can only ask in astonishment, does he know who Fabian Stedman was, when he lived, and what he wrote? Perhaps the explanation is that he thinks I meant that Stedman invented Plain Changes. I said nothing of the sort. I said that he and other seventeenth century ringers developed them with great skill.

But Plain Changes had scarcely been brought to perfection before they were superseded by Cross Peals. The feature of Cross Peals was that instead of only one pair of bells changing at a time, general movement of all the bells was introduced. Our modern Change Ringing would have ranked as Cross Peals, but it was some time before methods in the present meaning of the term appeared. The first Cross Peals pretty obviously were variations of Plain Changes, but with the invention of 'Doubles and Singles on four Bells,' and 'Grandsire on Five Bells,' an entirely new thing was introduced into ringing composition, which made modern method ringing possible. By 1700 the distinction between the method and touches and peals produced by bobs was recognised in London. Previously everything was a 'peal.' Thus Stedman gives as Grandsire Bob on Six Bells a particular 720; but a man (whose name I do not know) who wrote on ringing in a book called 'The School of Recreation' in 1701 gives as Grandsire Bob what we now call Bob Minor, with Plain Course and touches produced by bobs. This writer says, 'There are two kinds of changes, viz., Plain Changes and Cross Peals.'

It is thus clear, both from direct testimony and from the nature of the case, that there was no room for a third kind of changes (the Bob methods), which Mr. Drake so confidently tells us existed before Stedman's time. Stedman only once used the word Bob as the equivalent of method, or in connection with methods, and that is in the case of Grandsire Bob, which is the exact opposite of what Mr. Drake says these Bob methods were. I have no means of consulting his second book, 'The Campanalogia,' to see if there are any developments shown there. The unknown man I just now quoted gives what he tells us are the methods rung in London in 1701. Eight of them are on six bells. Two of them have the sub-title 'Bob,' viz., Grandsire Bob and College Bob, and while the second might come under Mr. Drake's definition, the first certainly would not.

But we should not, I think, have heard anything about this phantom class of Bob methods if it were not for what I hold to be the gem of Mr. Drake's letter. Court Bob is not really (so we are told) the name of that method. It is a corruption of Curt Bob, and was given to methods (apparently more than one), because the long dodging of the Bob methods was shortened. A likely tale to tell anyone who has rung both Bob Minor and Double Court Minor (the old Court Bob Minor). Since there are no facts to warrant this statement, I suppose Mr. Drake will say that he arrived at it by a process of logical deduction. A rude person would call it reckless guessing.

Nor can it be said that Mr. Drake shows any understanding of history in his hysterical references to the London Scholars. To say that

their change of name was an 'act of sycophantic adulation' is utterly unfair and utterly absurd. We may now think it not a good change, but that is another matter. To understand the situation you must realise that in the early years of the eighteenth century England was divided into two great parties, one of which, the Jacobites, favoured the restoration of the exiled Stuarts, the other who stood by the Hanoverian kings. Beside the question of the personality of the rival claimants to the English throne, there were some very big principles involved. The return of the Stuarts would have meant (or was believed to have meant) the establishment of personal autocratic government by the Sovereign, the favouring of Roman Catholicism, and the lapse of England to a position of dependence on France. The other side stood for Parliamentary Government, the Protestant religion (which meant the religion of the Church of England) and personal liberty. No doubt in practice it did not work out quite like that, but that was how it appeared to the majority of Englishmen at that time. In 1745 Charles Edward Stuart landed in Scotland, raised an army of Highlanders, defeated an English army at Prestonpans, and invaded England. He reached Derby, but receiving no support from any English rising, retreated to Scotland, where his hopes and those of his cause were finally crushed at the battle of Culloden Moor by an army commanded by the Duke of Cumberland, second son of George II. All this time England was at war with France, and as London was solid for the Hanoverians and the Protestant Succession, you can understand the panic when the Highlanders were in full march on the city, and the relief and joy when they were finally defeated. When the Duke returned to London he was received by everyone as the deliverer from a national catastrophe, and why should the London Scholars be blamed because they shared the general feeling? In later years the Duke became very unpopular, mainly for political reasons, and hard things were said about the cruelty and brutality with which the Northern rising was suppressed. There was cruelty, and there was brutality, but of that no one, least of all the London Scholars, knew at the time. There was no more 'sycophantic adulation' in the London Scholars welcoming the patronage of their king's son than there would be if a modern society welcomed the patronage of the present Duke of York.

If one had time and space there are quite a number of questions that one would like to ask Mr. Drake, and among them would be: Does he seriously say that Double Norwich has shortened 'dodging'? When have I made any 'strictures' on him, and where? What grounds are there for saying that belfries in olden times were noisier than they are now? Or that coarse and offensive names would have appealed to the old conductors? Or that I and others have not read the report of his committee?

## COVENTRY BELLS.

## RECASTING SCHEME TO BE OPPOSED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you be good enough to state, in regard to the action of the Central Council taken to help save these bells, that I am notified by the registrar that the hearing of the petition is down for January 4th, 1926, at Palace Yard, Coventry.

In view of the hope which you recently expressed, viz., that the original proposal would be modified, you will regret to observe that the application still reads thus:—

'For the recasting of the existing peal of bells on the five-tone principle with the addition of four bells, thus completing a chime of twelve bells and a carillon of fourteen, and providing a new electrically-driven machine in connection therewith.'

A caveat having been entered against this by Mr. R. Caldicott, of 29, High Street, Coventry; those who desire to help in any way, and are in a position to do so, should communicate with that gentleman.

The Exercise will be interested and grateful to know that Ald. J. S. Pritchett has kindly offered to act as counsel at the hearing, and also to do so without fee.—Yours faithfully,

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Central Council.

## SHILLINGTON BELLS RESTORED.

The bells at Shillington, Beds, have been overhauled and rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and the 'go' of them is perfect. The first quarter-peal was rung on them on Saturday, Nov. 21st, when 1,263 Grandsire Doubles was brought round in 47 minutes: W. G. Church 1, H. L. Harlow (conductor) 2, J. W. Stock 3, J. Church 4, H. Stapleton 5. Tenor 20 cwt.

One hundred and ninety years ago next Tuesday, the College Youths rang a peal of 8,008 Grandsire Cinques at Southwark. This peal was called by Benjamin Annable, and for over a hundred and fifty years remained the record length in the method. It was beaten in 1887 by the 9,020 conducted by Mr. John Buffery, who has recently passed to his rest.

**MUFFLED TOUCHES FOR QUEEN ALEXANDRA**

The following were among the touches rung with muffled bells on the death of Queen Alexandra:—

**HILLINGDON WEST.**—On Sunday, Nov. 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: H. Lucas 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, J. H. Lucas 3, Miss P. Moss (conductor) 4, P. Jones 5, R. Carter 6, F. Corke 7, C. Nicholls (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Nov. 28th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: A. Smith 1, H. H. Chandler 2, Miss P. Moss 3, J. J. Pratt 4, J. Bacon 5, W. Honor 6, F. Corke (conductor) 7, F. Smith 8.

**BROOMFIELD, ESSEX.**—On Saturday, Nov. 28th, with bells half-muffled, a half-peal of Minor (2,520 changes), being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Double Court, and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob: L. Ainger 1, W. Bradley 2, H. Warn 3, E. Clark 4, H. Devonish 5, H. Bradley (conductor) 6. Longest length by ringers of treble and second.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', on Saturday, Nov. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: A. Racher 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, H. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, W. Dickinson 5, C. Button (conductor) 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Patmore 8.

**BRIDGEND, GLAM.**—On Saturday, Nov. 28th, at St. Iltyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. James 1, T. Petty (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, A. Talbot 3, A. C. Jones 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, R. Evans 6, E. Stitch 7, H. Wright 8. Rung half-muffled, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

**BECCLES.**—At St. Michael's Church, on Nov. 27th, with the bells deeply muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,316 changes): R. Warman 1, T. Kerridge 2, C. Rush 3, G. Baxter 4, R. J. Goate 5, C. F. Sayer 6, E. R. Goate (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8; and a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Rush 1, R. Warman 2, T. Kerridge 3, G. Baxter 4, R. J. Goate 5, C. F. Sayer 6, F. A. Finch 7, E. R. Goate (conductor) 8.

**DUNSTABLE, BEDS.**—On Saturday, Nov. 28th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, C. Rollings 2, G. Heley 3, A. V. Good 4, C. E. King 5, F. Ramsay 6, A. G. Matthews 7, C. T. King 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled.

**BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.**—On Friday, Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), rung half-muffled: J. Culley (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, J. Mead 4, H. Morris 5, W. Sear 6, F. Whitehead 7, H. V. Sear 8.

**WALTHAMSTOW.**—At St. Mary's, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, 1,344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. H. Chapman 1, I. G. Shade 2, W. H. Wood 3, J. C. Adams 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, F. C. Maynard 6, H. Rumens 7, G. H. Daynes 8. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob Royal.

**CAERPHILLY.**—On Saturday, Nov. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, half-muffled, in 50 mins.: S. Addicott 1, E. Dare 2, W. Pike 3, P. Jones 4, H. Broughton 5, G. Cooke 6, A. Addicott (conductor) 7, D. Dare 8.

**STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, for morning and evening services, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, with the bells half muffled.—On Friday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells fully muffled, excepting the tenor, which was half-muffled. The following ringers took part: T. Sparrow, W. E. Tydeman, C. Alderton, A. Grimwood, W. Souter (conductor), S. Sparrow, F. Allard, H. Copeland, E. E. Draper, E. Pealing (first quarter-peal).

**DERBY.**—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 29th, 1,394 Stedman Caters: A. Braines 1, J. Pagett 2, H. Ince 3, C. Draper 4, W. Wallace 5, S. Maskrey 6, A. H. Ward 7, J. F. Smallwood (conductor) 8, G. H. Robinson (longest length) 9, E. Clarke 10. Rung with muffled bells.

**MERTHYR TYDFIL, GLAM.**—At the Parish Church, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Jones 1, W. Fisher 2, F. Sharp 3, F. Chave 4, E. Thomas 5, P. C. J. Coles 6, H. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, F. Stirk 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled.

**BRADWELL, BUCKS.**—At St. Lawrence's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Walters 1, E. Whitlock (conductor) 2, W. French 3, Eric Whitlock 4, C. Alderman 5, A. Coley 6.

**HAYES, KENT.**—On Nov. 28th, with the bells fully muffled, 2,160 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 1 hr. 30 mins. (from the Rev. E. Banks James' composition): J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Saturday, Nov. 28th at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), composed by R. F. Deal: F. W. Bond 1, F. Edwards 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. C. Cuss 6, H. C. Bond 7, G. Dore 8, W. H. Hayward 9, J. Hayward 10.

**CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.**—On Friday, Nov. 27th, after the funeral service for Queen Alexandra, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes), in 63 mins.: S. White 1, A. Heath 2, G. Stone 3, W. Stone 4, Mrs. L. Williams 5, G. Scrang 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. Wooff 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, B. Kerley 10.

**BREWOOD, STAFFORD.**—On Tuesday, Nov. 24th, on the bells of the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: J. Walford 1, J. W. Perry 2, F. Birks 3, P. Bill 4, H. E. Booth 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, W. J. Baston 8.—On Friday, Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 54 mins.: J. Walford 1, J. W. Perry 2, F. R. Blewitt 3, G. Warner 4, F. Birks 5, T. Perry 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, A. G. Hunt 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**IPSWICH.**—On Friday, Nov. 27th, at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, deeply muffled, touches of Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire were rung at intervals throughout the day by C. A. Catchpole, J. Durrant, R. H. Brundle, G. Fleming, A. Fleming, P. May, H. C. Gillingham, C. J. Sedgley, H. Shemming, H. E. Smith, G. E. Symonds.

**PORTISHEAD.**—On Friday, Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, at St. Peter's Church, Portishead: Mrs. Edwards 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, J. Nisbett 3, Mrs. Briggs 4, E. Goldstone 5, Miss Orchard 6, W. Gillingham 7, J. Thomas (first quarter-peal) 8.

**EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.**—On Friday evening, Nov. 27th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled: A. Stevens 1, Elizabeth E. Emm 2, W. Osment (conductor) 3, H. Sanger 4, W. Tucker 5, R. Whitehead 6, F. Reakes 7, A. White 8.

**GLOSSOP.**—At the Church of St. James, Whitfield, for evensong, on Sunday, Nov. 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: James Buckley 1, J. Marsden 2, T. Jackson 3, F. Garside 4, B. Bradley 5, E. Garside 6, H. Bradley (conductor) 7, H. Bradshaw (first quarter-peal in any method) 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.****WINCHESTER DISTRICT AT ROMSEY ABBEY.**

The annual meeting of the Winchester District was held at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 7th, when the Abbey bells were kept going during the afternoon to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major. The Guild form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. B. Corban). Tea and the business meeting were held in the Church Hall, presided over by the Vicar, supported by the district chairman (the Rev. Canon Braithwaite), the hon. treasurer (the Rev. N. C. Woods), Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from Bournemouth, Stockbridge, Fareham, Southampton, North Stoneham, Ringwood, Romsey, and Winchester. The balance sheet for the year ending October 31st showed receipts £12 11s. 10d.; expenditure, £4 16s. 1d.; balance paid to treasurer, £7; balance in hand, 15s. 9d.—The balance sheet was considered satisfactory, and passed.

All the officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, the Rev. Canon Braithwaite; district secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; auditor, Mr. G. Smith; and Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. J. W. Faithfull, representatives on the Central Committee.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Southampton on November 6th, 1926, when it is hoped St. Michael's bells will be available. Quarterly meetings were fixed for Bishopstoke first Saturday in February; Fawley and Dibden first Saturday in May; Hursley last Saturday in August.

On the proposition of Mr. G. Williams, seconded by Mr. W. T. Tucker, the Vicar was elected an hon. member of the Guild.—Mr. Williams also moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells, conducting the service, and for presiding, to which the Vicar replied. Further ringing then took place on the Abbey bells.

**YORKTOWN DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Yorktown on Nov. 14th, when the attendance was the smallest experienced for a few years. Bagshot, Chertsey, Egham and Yorktown were the only district towers represented. The presence of the esteemed Ringing Master, Mr. G. Williams, from North Stoneham, and Mr. T. Fairey, of Camberley, was appreciated. The ringing was not very encouraging for such an occasion, Grandsire Doubles on the back five of eight being all that could be done to start with. It is hoped that members will make an endeavour to attend their meetings.

A shortened service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. M. Curwen), who also presided over the business meeting held in the Church Hall.

The membership for the past year has increased, and the balance sheet showed receipts £12 5s. 3d., and expenditure £4 18s. 11d.

The officers for 1926 were elected as follows: Hon. secretary, Mr. J. B. Hessey; Ringing Master, Mr. S. G. Armstrong; representatives on Central Committee, Mr. J. Smith and Mr. S. G. Armstrong; auditor, Mr. J. A. Crocker. The meetings for 1926 will be at Bagshot, February; Horsell, May; Yateley, August; Chertsey, November, annual.—Votes of thanks were given to Mr. H. J. Chaffey for his past valued services, also to the Vicar for readily granting permission for the meeting, and also for presiding.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.****NEW DISTRICT FORMED IN NORTHERN BRANCH.**

A general meeting was held at Sleaford on Saturday, Nov. 28th, with the object of attempting to form a district of the Northern Branch, with Sleaford as headquarters. A fairly good number was present from various towers in the Northern Branch, also Mr. J. Phillips (hon. secretary and treasurer of the Eastern Branch).

A service, consisting of shortened evensong, was held in the side chapel of St. Denys' Church, conducted by the Rev. — Chambers (curate-in-charge), who also gave an inspiring address. Mr. N. E. Snow presided at the organ, and the very hearty way in which those present joined in the singing of the hymns and the Magnificat was most impressive.

Tea was provided in the Churchroom, to which 38 ringers and friends sat down, including the preacher and Mr. W. W. Foster (churchwarden). The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch) presided, and explained the object of the meeting. Apologies of absence were announced from the Dean of Lincoln, Canon Hicks, Messingham; the Rev. C. H. Mylne, Burton Stather; and Mr. C. W. Taylor, Grimsby, who, owing to illness, was unable to be present. It was agreed that the secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Taylor, expressing the sympathy of the members.

The first item on the agenda was as follows: 'That a district of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers be formed, with Sleaford as headquarters, and that the neighbouring towers of the Northern Branch be invited to join the district.'—This was proposed by Mr. G. Chester, and seconded by Mr. C. W. P. Clifton.—In response to an invitation, from the president, for discussion on the matter, Mr. F. W. Stokes (Guild secretary) inquired where the boundary line would be drawn between the Lincoln and newly proposed district.—After some comment, as to whether the members at Timberland would care to remain in the Lincoln district or become attached to the Sleaford district, it was finally agreed to leave the arrangements in the hands of those two districts.

Mr. F. Linley proposed, and Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden seconded, that Mr. N. E. Snow be invited to become president of the new district.—This was carried, and Mr. Snow kindly accepted the office.—Mr. Linley then vacated the chair, and the president of the new district presided over the remainder of the business.

The meeting then proceeded to elect (pro tem.) a secretary, a Ringing Master, and a representative to serve on the Northern Branch Committee, and the following were appointed: Hon. secretary and Ringing Master, Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden; representative to serve on the Northern Branch Committee, Mr. W. H. Woods. Saturday, January 16th, was fixed as the date for the first annual meeting of the new district, the place chosen for the purpose being Sleaford.

It was suggested that the under-mentioned towers be invited to become affiliated with this district: Sleaford, Ewerby, Heckington, Great Hale, Ruskington, Ashby-de-la-Loude, Ancaster and Helpringham.—The President expressed a hope that these towers, and others if possible, would be well represented at the annual meeting.

It was reported that, from a ringers' point of view, Heckington bells are at the present moment in a very unsatisfactory condition.

Mr. Snow made reference to the recent death of Canon Langford (Vicar of Sleaford), and, as a token of respect, the members present stood in silence.

One honorary member and ten performing members were elected.

Votes of thanks were passed to the church authorities for the use of the bells; the Rev. — Chambers for conducting the service and for his excellent address; Mr. N. E. Snow for presiding at the organ; and the caterers for the capital tea provided.—These were duly responded to and concluded the business.

The best thanks of the members are also due to Flight-Sergt. Holden for the admirable way in which he made the necessary arrangements.

The bells of St. Denys' were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going in various methods, including London and Cambridge Surprise Major. As a token of respect to the late Canon Langford and Queen Alexandra, the touches during the afternoon were rung with the bells half-muffled.

**RINGER OFF TO INDIA.**

At Ellesmere, Salop, on November 30th (St. Andrew's Day), a quarter-pearl of Stedman Triples, composed by J. W. Washbrook (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: R. Biggs 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, sen. (conductor), 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, sen., 8. Also on October 19th, a quarter-pearl of Stedman Triples, composed by James Paget, conducted by T. Butler, sen., in 51 mins., with J. F. Sharp taking the place of W. S. Higginson. Rung as a farewell touch to Mr. J. F. Sharp, who has since left to take up an appointment for five years in India, and whose departure is very much regretted by all the band.

**NOTICES.**

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on December 29th, St. Magnus' on the 24th, \*St. Mary-le-Bow on the 15th, all at 7.30; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 17th, at 8 p.m.; St. Michael's, Cornhill, for service, on the 20th, at 6 p.m. \*Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on financial matters, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frod-ingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells will be available from 2 p.m. Tea at a charge of 1s. 3d. per head. — F. Hutchinson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Weetwood Lane, Headingley, Leeds.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Preston Branch.—The fifth annual social of the above branch will be held at Leyland St. James on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Will those who intend going please write for tickets, and state number they require as early as possible, to Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall?—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.**—Western District.—The meeting at East Molesey has been postponed to Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Hampton Court nearest station, 10 minutes' walk. It is hoped as many as possible will attend this meeting.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

**LADIES' GUILD.**—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Gentlemen specially invited.—Mrs. F. I. Hairs, 17, North Side, Clapham Common, S.W.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherfield on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (being provided by the kindness of the Rector). Meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea 4.30.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.30. Tea at 5. Business meeting follows tea. All ringers welcome. — F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.



**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.** — North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Gillingham on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher, Rev. R. E. G. Newman (Vicar). Tea at 5 (6d. for members). Business meeting to follow. Towers available: Gillingham (8), Mere (8), Bourton (6), Buckhorn Weston (6), Kington Magna (5).—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec., Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton.

**BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Tea at 5, in St. Peter's Hall. The secretary regrets to announce his resignation, owing to working duties.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Blackburn Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Phillip's, Nelson, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Second anniversary of the opening of the bells.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

**DEVON GUILD.** — North-Eastern Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, 1s. each.—M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Bulwell on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open 4 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

**NOTTINGHAM SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS** (Established 1672).—A meeting will be held jointly with the M.C.A. at Bulwell on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Business meeting will be held after ringing concludes. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**SURREY ASSOCIATION.** — Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill (8 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Tower open 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

**LADIES' GUILD.** — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Phillip's, Bristol, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. — N. G. Williams, Weston House, Weston, Bath.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION** (Southern Division) **AND BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**—A joint meeting of the above-named associations will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells ready early at St. Mary's, Barnsley, and Monk Bretton. Tea 1s. each. A hearty welcome is offered to all ringers.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., Southern Division, C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec., Barnsley and District Association.

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**—North-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Ardleigh, Essex, on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Short service at 4.30 p.m., and tea at the Parish Hall at 5.15 (1s. a head).—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.** — A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, Dec. 12th. The bells of St. Peter's (6) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 2.30. Tea at the Co-operative Cafe at 5.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

**HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Broxbourne on Dec. 12th, when the bells will be ready at 3. A short service in church. Tea at the Welcome. Business meeting after. All will be heartily welcomed, members or otherwise.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers heartily welcome.—W. Cope, Local Sec., Wigston Parva, Hinckley.

**HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., at Beales and Son, The Cross. All will be welcomed.—E. W. Day, Hon. Dis. Sec., 117, Nightingale Road, Hitchin.

**SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.** — Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Morriston on Saturday, December 12th. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., St. Mary's Lodge, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.** — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Business important. Reports to hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.**—The next meeting will be held at Great Chart on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—C. W. Franklin, Hon. Sec., 18, Kingsnorth Road, Ashford.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.** — South District.—A business meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea. Tower open from 4 to 8. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. Business after. Everyone invited. Will those coming to tea let me know before the 16th?—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

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He was laid to rest near the tower he loved so well on Monday, Oct. 26th, the service being conducted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), assisted by the Rev. E. M. Thorpe, Vicar of the parish, and although rain was falling heavily, a great number of friends and sympathisers from far and near bore testimony to the great respect in which he was held. At the service, the choir sang 'On the Resurrection Morning,' and afterwards touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung with the bells half-muffled. These were his favourite methods, among the several in which he was efficient. One touch of Stedman contained one change for each year of his life, namely, 75. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows, on Sunday evening, Nov. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, S. W. Crabb 2, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 3, H. W. H. Strickland 4, E. A. Hull 5, C. Bolton 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

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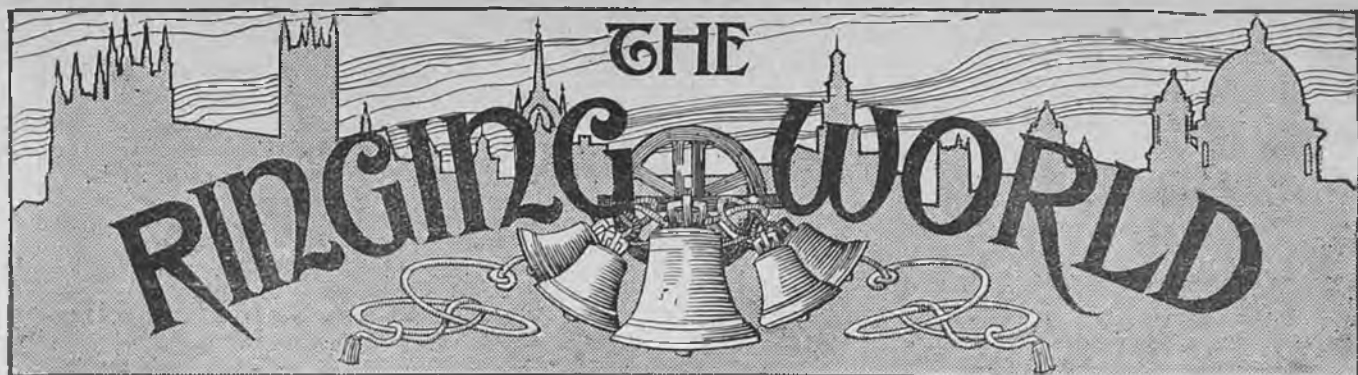
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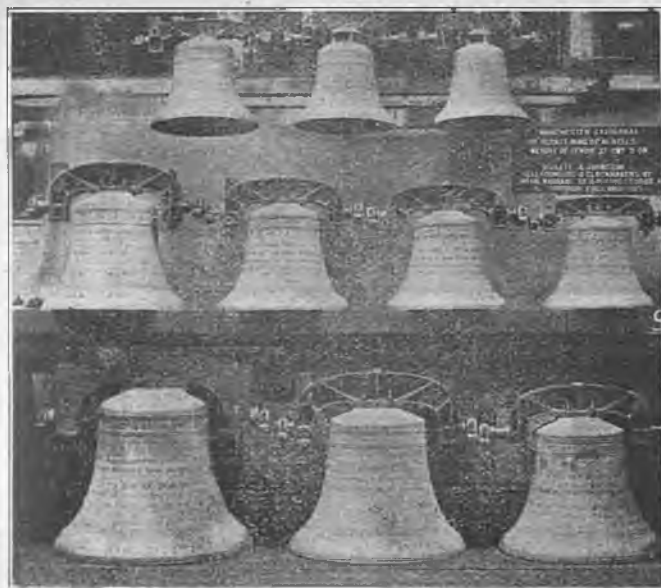
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## BRIGHTER DISTRICT MEETINGS!

'Do we make our district meetings interesting enough?' That is a question which most associations might well ask themselves. Often the district meetings are really dull affairs, out of which members get but a small proportion of their time occupied with anything of a really educational nature. This may seem a sweeping statement, but if it be analysed it will be found to contain much truth. A man may put in six hours at a ringing meeting, and, on an average, is likely to get less than an hour's actual ringing; the remainder of the time will be spent in listening while others ring; attending service and tea and sitting through a meeting at which the business is largely a formality. It may be pleasant, but it cannot be said that it is always profitable.

The limited period of actual ringing practice cannot be avoided, because for every one who exceeds his fair share of actual bellfry work, someone else has to go short. Again, the service is a very appropriate recognition of the ringer's intimate association with the work of the Church, but the average address given on such occasions is on lines which tend to become monotonous in their reiteration. Unless there are special circumstances, we see no real reason why, ringers having joined in an act of corporate worship, the sermon on these occasions could not be cut out without any loss to the dignity of the service or detriment to the future of the congregation.

But a great deal more might be done with these gatherings to make them interesting and educative, if discussions on subjects relating to ringing and ringing affairs could be introduced at the meetings. Many matters about which ringers, both young and old, could enlarge their ideas by hearing the views of others, could be discussed, and those of our readers who perused the report, in our last issue, of the meeting of the Stockport Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild must have been struck with the fact that several subjects of real importance and general interest were forthcoming for debate. The work of the associations themselves could be made more efficient, if 'domestic' affairs were more generally discussed at district meetings. Valuable suggestions, which would merit the attention of the Central Council, might spring from informal debates at these local gatherings, and the idea might even be extended to the reading of short papers on suitable subjects relating to ringing. This is a field in which there is much room for progress, and it might be utilised with excellent results. Advancement in the art does not depend entirely on practice in the bellfry. A ringer's education can be promoted outside as well as inside the ringing chamber, and we should like to see a

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more general effort made to introduce topics of general interest to ringers at these district gatherings. We believe that much good would eventually come of it.

## TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;  
Tenor 34½ cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| *EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... 7        |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2       | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 8      |
| CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 3        | JAMES E. DAVIS ... 9          |
| *ARTHUR J. NEALE ... 4½         | HAROLD W. CLARK ... 10        |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... 5             | WILLIAM PYE ... 11            |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... 6          | FREDERICK J. TILLET ... Tenor |

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

\* First peal in the method.

## TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| REV. R. H. WHITFORD ... Treble | ARTHUR PRINCE ... 6      |
| MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 2   | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 7     |
| WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 3          | CHARLES W. BELL ... 8    |
| HENRY PRING ... 4              | ALFRED E. REEVES ... 9   |
| CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 5      | E. GEORGE TREW ... Tenor |

Composed by G. R. FARDON.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

## EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1925, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 lb.

|                               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| *SINCLAIR ADDICOTT ... Treble | HARRY BROUGHTON ... 5 |
| EDWARD DARE ... 2             | GEORGE COOKE ... 6    |
| WILLIAM PIKE ... 3            | ALBERT ADDICOTT ... 7 |
| PERCY JONES ... 4             | THOMAS LOVE ... Tenor |

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

Rung as a wedding peal to the conductor. \* First peal of Stedman.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 3, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                    |                         |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... Treble | JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5  |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2               | GEORGE MORRAD ... 6     |
| HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3           | JAMES GORGE ... 7       |
| EDWARD J. BEER ... 4               | EDWARD HADLOW ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Treble | WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 5 |
| WILLIAM COLEY ... 2        | ALFRED HACKITT ... 6    |
| JOHN BASS ... 3            | SAMUEL GROVE ... 7      |
| VICTOR WHITE ... 4         | JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor  |

Conducted by S. GROVE.



BRENCHLEY, KENT.  
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| THOMAS E. SONR ... .. Treble | LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 5       |
| FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2 | REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6   |
| CHARLES H. SONE ... .. 3     | *JOHN WHEADON ... .. 7      |
| †HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 4    | PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* 150th peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Arranged for Mr. P. Hodgkin, of Headcorn, whose father was born in the above parish one hundred years ago.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| HENRY HEAD ... .. Treble   | JOHN WOOD ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 2   | LESLIE J. CLARK ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 3    | WILLIAM KERBLE ... .. 7  |
| EDWARD P. BOCKINGHAM ... 4 | ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Also by L. J. Clarke inside. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. G. M. Thompson), who is leaving to take up duties abroad.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| FRED HINDLE ... .. Treble  | ERNEST BIRCHALL ... .. 5  |
| JOHN BROWN ... .. 2        | JOHN WATSON ... .. 6      |
| FRED RIGBY ... .. 3        | ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 7 |
| JAMES WM. GROUNDS ... .. 4 | JOHN BOOTH ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

Ringers of treble, 6th and 7th hail from Blackburn; 3rd from Chorley; 2nd from Hoghton; 4th, 5th and tenor from Standish.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 6, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| PETER TYLER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM STANFORD ... .. 5    |
| BERNARD WELLS ... .. 2    | ALBERT ELLIS ... .. 6        |
| JAMES BURFIELD ... .. 3   | ALFRED J. BULL ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE ILLMAN ... .. 4    | OLIVER SIPPETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by the late H. DAINS.

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

\* First peal in the method.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 7, 1925, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| *CYRIL PORTER ... .. Treble | WILLIAM POYSER ... .. 5  |
| *JACK BAILEY ... .. 2       | HENRY FLETCHER ... .. 6  |
| CYRIL JENNINGS ... .. 3     | *ALFRED MOULD ... .. 7   |
| JOHN W. GLEW ... .. 4       | JOSEPH LORD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by G. THORN.

Conducted by J. LORD.

\* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Bishop of Southwell.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—On Wednesday, Nov. 18th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 50 mins.: G. Humphreys 1, D. Cooper 2, G. Hoad 3, J. Galyer 4, F. Darby 5, T. G. Bannister 6, W. Clayton 7, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| EDWARD LANKESTER ... .. Treble | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... .. 5    |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 2      | CECIL V. EBBERSON ... .. 6    |
| GEORGE M. KILBY ... .. 3       | *HARRY KILBY ... .. 7         |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 4         | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor |

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal in the method by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. \* 100th peal.

HOOK NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BANBURY AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 8, 1925, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *HERBERT IMPEY ... .. Treble | MAURICE SMITH ... .. 5      |
| RUPERT R. LEWIS ... .. 2     | FREDERICK SELWYN ... .. 6   |
| †WILLIAM TANDY ... .. 3      | JOHN SIMONS ... .. 7        |
| RICHARD W. BURROWS ... 4     | *ROBERT HIGHAM ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN SIMONS.

\* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal by Banbury branch. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at Banbury.

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

G. LINDOFF'S TWELVE-PART No. 8.

Tenor 17 cwt.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| MAURICE SWINFIELD ... .. Treble | JOHN H. SWINFIELD ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS MEREDITH ... .. 2        | JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6          |
| RICHARD C. BELTON ... .. 3      | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7         |
| CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 4         | THOMAS K. DEACON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

|                            |                             |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| EDWARD KEMP ... .. Treble  | FRANK CLAYDON ... .. 5      |
| EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 2 | WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 3   | ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... .. 7    |
| THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 4    | WILLIAM KERBLE ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KERBLE.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-DE-SEPULCHRE,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| GEORGE CLAXTON ... .. Treble | GEORGE H. CROSS ... .. 5       |
| WILLIAM CLOVER ... .. 2      | WILLIAM E. BASON ... .. 6      |
| WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... .. 3   | GEORGE MAYERS ... .. 7         |
| BERTIE BASSINGTHWAIGHTE 4    | FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Frederick Knight, on his 74th birthday.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| V. JARRETT, Mus., R.E. ... Treble | † PHILIP SPRINGHAM ... 5 |
| EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 2          | WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6  |
| SYDNEY JARRETT ... 3              | CHARLES WINNER ... 7     |
| THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 4             | WILLIAM HAIGH ... Tenor  |

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

\* First peal inside. † First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.  
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY ... 5          |
| WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 2 | GEORGE R. JONES ... 6         |
| JAMES H. RIDING ... 3      | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7        |
| THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... 4  | WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to the ringer of the second on his 21st birthday.

CORSTON, Near BRISTOL.  
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;**

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| * REGINALD C. GILBERT ... Treble | HENRY PRING ... 5         |
| EDWIN J. RIDLER ... 2            | WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6      |
| ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3           | * E. GEORGE TREW ... 7    |
| WILLIAM H. THOMAS ... 4          | WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor |

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

\* First peal in the method; also on the bells.

WITHYCOMBE, DEVON.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. | Tenor 18 cwt.            |
| EDWARD G. STOCKER ... Treble    | ROBERT G. C. MANBY ... 5 |
| EDWIN SHEPHERD ... 2            | JOHN M. SKINNER ... 6    |
| WILLIAM J. MANBY ... 3          | JOHN R. HAYMAN ... 7     |
| FRED DIMOND ... 4               | GEORGE RENDELL ... Tenor |

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.  
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

|  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| GROVES' TRANSCRIPTION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. | Tenor 20 cwt.            |
| * WILLIAM J. GREEDY ... Treble                 | WILLIAM H. COLES ... 5   |
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... 2                          | * WILLIAM H. BAKER ... 6 |
| * WILLIAM H. HARTNELL ... 3                    | JAMES HUNT ... 7         |
| PERCY MERSON ... 4                             | * SYDNEY FORZE ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. HUNT.

\* First peal on eight bells, and belong to local band. The remainder hail from Taunton.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCs.  
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

BANKS' No. 1.

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| JOSEPH HALL ... Treble | WALTER WOLSTENCROFT ... 5   |
| ALFRED FROST ... 2     | FRANK STONELEY ... 6        |
| ROBERT DAVIES ... 3    | ARTHUR RIDYARD ... 7        |
| JAMES H. COLLIER ... 4 | WILLIAM H. SHCKER ... Tenor |

Conducted by F. STONELEY.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last mark of respect to the late William Edward Ryder, 64 years a ringer at this church.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.  
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| JESSE J. MOSS ... Treble   | JOHN HOLMAN ... 5        |
| J. EDWARD CAWSE ... 2      | BERNARD DITCHER ... 6    |
| REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 3 | JOHN H. BROTHEWELL ... 7 |
| CHARLES MASON ... 4        | JOHN FLINT ... Tenor     |

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal in the method in the county.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, ½

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| GEORGE WIFFEN ... Treble   | WILLIAM SPICE ... 5           |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2       | C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 6 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3     | FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 7     |
| CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 4 | FRANK BELSEY ... Tenor        |

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Stedman Triples by Mr. G. Wiffen, for whom it was specially arranged whilst on a visit to Chatham. He is late of the Royal Marines, and a former member of this tower, and was elected a non-resident life member of the above association prior to starting.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.  
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;**

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb. in B.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| † LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble | THOMAS ATKINS ... 5        |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... 2       | * PERCIVAL A. ALDHAM ... 6 |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3     | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 7  |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4     | PERCIVAL PRICE ... Tenor   |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

\* First peal of Treble Bob, and first attempt. † First peal of Kent.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.  
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| * WALTER FENDALL ... Treble | WILLIAM GREEN ... 5      |
| JOHN PRICE ... 2            | * LEONARD JOHNSON ... 6  |
| * BERTRAM PRICE ... 3       | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7 |
| PERCY HACKETT ... 4         | GILBERT GUEST ... Tenor  |

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

\* First peal. It is upwards of 19 years since a peal was rung upon these bells. The ringers of the 7th and tenor belong to Dudley, and the rest are members of the local band.

PLYMPTON, DEVONSHIRE.  
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;**

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| * WILLIAM G. LAVERS ... Treble | † THOMAS M. KITCHEN ... 5      |
| WILLIAM A. WONNACOTT ... 2     | WARREN S. HORN BROOK ... 6     |
| † REGINALD J. BEER ... 3       | ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... 7       |
| WILLIAM B. RICHARDS ... 4      | * GEORGE R. MARSHALL ... Tenor |

Conducted by W. S. HORN BROOK.

\* First peal. † First peal with a 'bob' bell. ‡ First peal in the method. Ringer of 4th hails from Pudsey, Yorks, and of tenor from Sleaford, Lincs.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, for morning service, on Nov. 1st, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Sharp 1, J. W. Metherall 2, W. J. Dove 3, W. Gammage 4, J. Mackay 5, H. Marlow 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, A. Monk 8.

## HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

## THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN-THE-BAPTIST,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM COLEY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. WEBB ... .. 5   |
| THOMAS GREENHALL ... .. 2   | VICTOR WHITE ... .. 6      |
| ERIC FOREST ... .. 3        | ALFRED HACKETT ... .. 7    |
| ALBERT HARRIS ... .. 4      | WILLIAM BROWN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM COLEY.

All are members of the local band of service ringers.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

|                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| WILLIAM RICE ... .. Treble | JOHN WOOD ... .. 5               |
| ALFRED RICHELL ... .. 2    | † DR. SPENCER PHILLIPS ... .. 6  |
| * REGINALD THRIFT ... .. 3 | GEORGE GREEN ... .. 7            |
| ARTHUR HEAD ... .. 4       | † NORMAN BOUGHTWOOD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

\* First peal in the method. † First peal. Messrs. Wood, Head and Thrift hail from Chelmsford; the rest are local men.

## SIX BELL PEALS.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

|                            |                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| * W. COLLETT ... .. Treble | FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS ... .. 4   |
| HARRY TOLLEY ... .. 2      | FREDERICK CLINKARD ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM HARRIS ... .. 3    | WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

\* First peal; also the first peal on the bells.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

|                            |                            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| * JOHN STEED ... .. Treble | JOSEPH ELLIOTT ... .. 4    |
| WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 2    | WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... .. 5   |
| * LESLIE CLARK ... .. 3    | GORDON KEEBLE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

\* First peal and first attempt. This peal was rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Christine Renee Cotton Croft (daughter of the Vicar and Mrs. Croft) and Mr. William Albert Fairbairn, which took place at the church on the same day.

HOOLE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

## A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Cambridge Surprise, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor (approx.) 8½ cwt.

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... .. Treble | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 4    |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2      | JAMES MORGAN ... .. 5       |
| SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... .. 3   | HENRY W. WILDE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

EPSOM, SURREY. — On Wednesday, December 2nd, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins. (1,260 changes): W. Robinson 1, A. Harman 2, J. Crawford 3, G. Cook 4, C. H. Kippin 5, G. Marriner 6, T. G. Bannister (first quarter of Stedman as conductor) 7, G. Risbridger 8.

## WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

## THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, College Single, Single and Double Court, Single and Double Oxford. Tenor 10 cwt.

|                              |                            |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM TILLEY ... .. Treble | WILLIAM NEAL ... .. 4      |
| HORACE M. DAY ... .. 2       | JOHN H. RODEN ... .. 5     |
| * JOHN LUNN ... .. 3         | JOSEPH LONDON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

\* First peal in nine methods. H. M. Day has now called a peal from each bell in this tower.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,

## A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Surfleet, Beverley and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                                |                           |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| WILLIAM H. COLES ... .. Treble | GEORGE S. COLES ... .. 4  |
| ALFRED J. WYATT ... .. 2       | PERCY MERRISON ... .. 5   |
| ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... .. 3     | * JAMES HUNT ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. HUNT.

First peal in seven Surprise methods by the association, by all the band, and in the county. \* 450th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp. Diam. 22 ins.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 4    |
| J. FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 2   | WALTER WHITE ... .. 5      |
| GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... .. 3   | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The lightest tower bell peal yet rung, also the quickest. First peal of Cambridge Minor by the Association, and by all except the conductor.

TEMPSFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 5, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

## A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| HUBERT FOLBIGG ... .. Treble | MISS EVELYN STEEL ... .. 4     |
| TOM BARTRAM ... .. 2         | WILLIAM HOLDEN ... .. 5        |
| HERBERT L. HARLOW ... .. 3   | WILLIAM STAPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 9, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHARLES JENNINGS ... .. Treble | ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... .. 4  |
| MISS KITTY WILLERS ... .. 2    | EDWARD H. FINCH ... .. 5   |
| WILLIAM A. TACK ... .. 3       | ROBERT HOWARD ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal of London Surprise Minor by all the band, and believed to be the first by the association. The ringer of the 2nd is from Trumpington, Cambs; 3rd and 6th from Barley, Herts; 1st, 4th and 5th belong to the local band.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS. — On Saturday, Oct. 31, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. Wakeling 1, F. Ginn (first in method) 2, C. W. Woolley 3, F. G. Gleaves 4, C. W. Cook 5, F. Warrington (conductor) 6. Rung after peal attempt failed. The band thank Mr. Camps for having the bells in readiness.

**MEMORIAL PEALS.**

The following Memorial Peals were rung for the death and funeral of the beloved Queen-Mother.

**EIGHT BELL PEAL.**

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. DOWNES ... .. Treble | CHARLES EDWARDS ... .. 5    |
| WALTER S. EVANS ... .. 2        | GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... .. 6 |
| THOMAS H. TAYSON ... .. 3       | ARTHUR W. DAVIES ... .. 7   |
| WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... .. 4     | JOHN HUSBANDS ... .. Tenor  |

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.**

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ALBERT STUBBINGS ... .. Treble | *CHARLES INGRAM ... .. 3   |
| *DOUGLAS PANKHORST ... .. 2    | BERNARD PANKHORST ... .. 4 |
| PERCY DENTON ... .. Tenor      |                            |

Conducted by PERCY DENTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal on the bells by a local band. \* First peal, and first attempt.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MINOR;**

Being seven 720's each called differently.

|                                 |                              |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CLIFFORD CHAMBERS ... .. Treble | HARRY GAYTON ... .. 4        |
| WILFRED SHEARPE ... .. 2        | PEARL INSKIP ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM STOCK ... .. 3          | HENRY STAPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

Rung fully muffled. First peal of Double Oxford by all the band, and in the county.

WOLVEY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Friday, November 27, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                          |                         |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| *A. THORPE ... .. Treble | W. THORPE ... .. 4      |
| J. UPTON ... .. 2        | J. H. BEALE ... .. 5    |
| *J. TAYLOR ... .. 3      | *BERT POND ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. BEALE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. \* First peal and first attempt. First peal by an entirely local band at this tower since the bells were rehung in 1912.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 1, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter.

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 42 six-scores with ten varied callings.

|                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| LESLIE HADFIELD ... .. Treble | JAMES CLAYTON ... .. 4     |
| *WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2     | WILLIAM HAWKE ... .. 5     |
| EDWIN JOHNSON ... .. 3        | FRED ROBINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Rung with the bells muffled. First peal by all except the conductor. \* First peal of Doubles.

ACCRINGTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 28, 1925, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

|                             |                                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *ALBERT YATES ... .. Treble | *JOHN HIRST ... .. 4           |
| *ROLAND HALL ... .. 2       | ARTHUR INGHAM ... .. 5         |
| *FRED READ ... .. 3         | LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor |

Conducted by LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS.

Rung with bells fully muffled. \* First peal. A. Ingham belongs to Accrington; remainder to Rishton.

**HANDBELL PEAL.**

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 10, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At 19, DENEHOLM,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5043 CHANGES;**

Tenor, size 17 in A.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES E. GOFTON ... .. 1-2    | WILLIAM H. BARBER ... .. 5-6 |
| THOMAS T. GOFTON ... .. 3-4   | R. ALDER GOFTON ... .. 7-8   |
| WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... .. 9-10 |                              |

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

**IMPORTANT TO CORRESPONDENTS.**

Owing to the Christmas holidays, 'The Ringing World' will be published next week on Thursday. All matter intended for insertion in that issue must therefore reach 'The Ringing World' Office not later than Monday.

Conductors of peals rung on Saturday next are particularly requested to post reports the same night. Publication of those that do not reach us by Monday may be postponed in the event of congestion of our columns from Christmas and New Year ringing.

**NEW RING OF SIX IN CHESHIRE.**

On Sunday afternoon, December 6th, a new ring of six bells was dedicated at Astbury Parish Church, Cheshire, the Rector performing the ceremony. The new bells, installed in new frames, were made from the old four by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The total weight of these was about 39 cwt., the tenor being about 14 cwt. The weight of the new tenor is about 13½ cwt. The four old bells were recast by Paul Hutton, of Congleton, the treble in 1629, 2nd and 3rd 1638, and tenor 1647. The date of their original casting is not known by Astbury people.

As it took two men to ring one or two of the old bells, it was decided to ask Mr. Rigby, of Lawton, to take a band of ringers for the opening service, a request which was gladly accepted. During the service, 120 Bob Doubles was rung; after service, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 min.: J. Wildblood 1, J. Booth 2, E. Harper 3, W. Longman 4, G. Biddulph 5, W. Rigby (conductor) 6. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were also rung.

A splendid tea was provided for the ringers by the Astbury Parochial Church Council.

The tone and 'go' of the bells, which are hung on the latest principles, were all that could be desired, and several ringers expressed the opinion that they are the finest ring of six in Cheshire.

On Friday, December 11th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob was rung on the new bells, in 25 mins.: W. Longman 1, E. Harper 2, T. Arrowsmith 3, J. Booth 4, G. Biddulph 5, W. Rigby (conductor) 6, being the first 720 of Kent on the bells.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX. — On November 1st, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett (first in the method) 3, R. Stredwick 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6. Also 288 Woodbine, with V. Goacher taking part.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX. — On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: Miss Grace Church (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Peace 2, G. Maxim 3, A. Radley 4, G. Thurgood (conductor) 5, F. Perrin 6, G. Radley 7, G. Cole 8.



## GREETINGS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

BY IRENEUS PISTOR.

[A Chinese Scribe's complete outfit, purchased by 'Uncle Joe' during his wanderings in the Far East, has reached our correspondent, Ireneus Pistor, who sends his thanks and greetings.]

By all the tangible signs, I know that 'Uncle Joe' is again at home! Ah! 'Home, home, name how endearing!' Eh, Joey, we all look forward to being at home for Christmas. To home, the stranger in a strange land turns his thoughts at Christmastide, and to most of us this season, above all others, is bitter sweet! When we in the home circle enter, as it were, the unseen, and memories stir of Christmas past, the acute loss of some dear material presence is revived, and as the phantasmagoria passes, we realise the time is not far distant when we shall all have finished with school-days in this world, and when we shall again join our own in the 'Great Home Festival,' and be filled with a fuller knowledge of its meaning in the wonderful and Glorious Homeland of God! And as we muse, something within seems to say, 'Cast care aside, 'tis Christmas.' They who have preceded us into that 'Great Homeland,' would not have us grieve, but rejoice, and be happy, and right glad this Christmas.

So 'look to, here's gone,' Mr. Editor. Let's be 'Giddy-little-gay-young Curates.' For once in a way, let us play—I was going to suggest tennis, but that's unseasonable. Let's consider. 'Gifts'!

Ha! Ha! To-buy? or not-to-buy? To buy! for it's a joyous task. Still, it's not untingled with doubt, and agony. Nevertheless we 'flatter' among those who come under the prosaic name of Christmas shop window gazers. There in the 'Far East' we 'spot' Uncle Joe, with ink, pen, pencil and seal. Ah, he was out there present buying, and with tact he selected that which he knew the recipient would like. For Uncle Joe alone was master of the 'Wee Wee Chinese Cityvation.' No, he fears not, for his selection will not clash by some unhappy chance with that of a similar article, and one can imagine the delicious spirit behind the desire of 'Old Uncle Joe' to give a suitable present, which will intensify the asinine qualifications of I-re-n-e-us!

But Reader, 'Ye Pen' which writes these lines is most difficult to control, ye thing will insist on following ye laws of gravitation. Aye me, it writeth from 'Chief, to B-a-s-e'! Whereas, ye one we formerly wrote with ran from 'Dexter, toward a point sinister.' This 'Sing Lee Wee pen' persists in bringing me to the 'point of honour,' and that's just ye spot wherein I must offer 'Uncle Joe' my

heartfelt appreciation, for this, his gift—which I shall cherish—even if it hath a tinge of a 'Yaller Peril' about it. Zooks! it strikes a keynote of real joy! and for the first time in my life, I write with a pen, which, if 'Grandsire'—who-was-my-pedagogue!—saw, he would unquestionably say that civilisation had not made very rapid progress, and he would prefer to go back to —.

But Dear Uncle Joe, many thanks for the Sing Ling Wee Wee outfit. Have no fears, for 'ye pen of my fathers' is in no wise enfeebled, it hath a 'real sturdy constitution,' and its 'temper' is very even, like unto 'laskit,' which has not yet reached ye modulus of 'laskitercy.' No, it's not taken a permanent set, and, 'D.V.,' it will keep spittin', and spurtin', blottin', and squirtin' in a vain endeavour to keep ye heart young, to triumph over ye insidious fiend, Time. May ye Happiness which my Writing Outfit gives me permeate ye whole Exorcise at this season. 'An-heres-to-hall-on-ye (ne-an-hall)' a Merry, Merry Christmas! and I do hope ye culmination of ye festivities will not synchronise! with ye Advent-of-ye-Pleece.—Yours merrily,  
IRENEUS.

## SUFFOLK GUILD.

A district meeting was held at Long Melford on Saturday, Dec. 5th, when members attended from Cavendish, Cowlinge, Glemsford, Lavenham, and the local company. In the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. R. S. Bree), the Rev. W. Gilbert, of Cowlinge, presided at the tea, which was followed by a short business meeting.

Five new members were elected, and a previous election of another confirmed.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Clare, in March, and a joint by-meeting at Stansted and Glemsford in January.

Mr. S. H. Symonds, assistant secretary, again voiced the opinion that each district secretary should try to arrange at least one meeting per year in his respective district. Mr. Symonds also welcomed the young hand from Cowlinge, and urged them to aim at higher methods in the future.

Mr. A. Symonds, district secretary, suggested that a ringing anniversary be held at Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford, on the Saturday previous to Trinity Sunday.—Mr. C. Bixby, captain of the local band, replied that he would approach the Rector on the subject.

Votes of thanks were then accorded the Rev. R. S. Bree for the use of the bells; the Rev. W. Gilbert for kindly taking the chair; and also Host Bixby for the excellent tea provided. Touches on the handbells followed. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford were rung.

# John Taylor & Co.

## LOUGHBOROUGH.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

The old-established firm of J. B. Joyce and Co., Church, Turret and House Clock Manufacturers, of Whitchurch, Salop, who have secured the contract for the clock at Nodbury Church, Cheshire (where Messrs. Taylor and Co. have just installed a new peal of eight bells), are erecting a new clock and bells at Cowling Church, Yorkshire. The clock will have four dials of six feet diameter, and will strike the hours and Westminster chimes.

Last week's sensational announcement in connection with the financial arrangements of the great firm of Vickers recalls the fact that this firm was started in Sheffield about sixty years ago for the purpose of making steel bells. Those ringers who have had experience of these 'instruments' know how unsuccessful, musically, they were. There are very few rings of steel bells left.

Ben Annable's peal of Bob Triples, a masterpiece of symmetrical composition, was rung for the first time, and conducted by the composer at Southwark on December 18th, 1730.

The first peal of Stedman Triples rung 'on handbells retained in hand' was accomplished at the 'Three Kings,' Clerkenwell, London, by the Royal Cumberlands on December 19th, 1853. The ringers were John Cox (conductor), Thomas Powell, Henry Haley and Thomas Brittan. The peal was rung in the presence of nineteen members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies.

A peal of Stedman Caters on the bells of St. Saviour's, Southwark, was rung for the first time on December 20th, 1836. This was by the Junior College Society, and John Cox was the conductor of this also.

On December 17th, 1810, a peal of 8,448 Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Richmond, Surrey, in 5 hrs. 1 min.

The first peal by the Lancashire Association (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Bolton on December 22nd, 1877.

## CHRISTMAS BELLS.

FROM 'THE LITTLE COMPANY,' by ARMEL O'CONNOR.

I hear them chime—  
The joy-bells swinging, saying:  
'Come, busy world, start singing, praying,  
'Tis Christmas time!'

The belfries sway;  
Tower and steeple quiver  
With joy. Why do the people shiver,  
Heart-cold to-day?

Have they not heard  
The fairest truthful story  
Of earth's unending, youthful glory—  
God's human word?

For long, this morn,  
Dear bells, keep swinging, playing . . .  
And start a sad world singing, praying . . .  
For Christ is born.

## NOISY BELLS AND FAST RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Personally I am very pleased 'The Ringing World' has called attention to another 'nail in the coffin' of the Exercise. What with 'tubes' instead of a ring of bells, 'recasting' fine old peals, and mechanical devices to take the place of the older methods, and the serious depletion of our younger men owing to the recent war, it began to look as if campanology was soon to be—like myself—on its last legs.

I admit in all my public performances that the word and myself are old-fashioned.

Here's the attitude of many people to-day: A friend with an office in Fleet Street greeted me. 'Look here,' he said, 'you are a bell ringer, why on earth can't you go and stop that awful din?'

The 'din' in question was the bells of St. Bride's, Fleet Street! In vain I tried to explain the occasion demanded 'joy bells,' that St. Bride's had a very fine ring of bells, and the men engaged in ringing were the Society of College Youths, perhaps the very pick of campanologists! My final remark that they were trying for a peal, and would probably take some hours yet, if they were successful, brought such an outburst of language that compelled me to flee, forgetting the business that brought me there.

What can we do with such people? Educate them! But fast ringing won't do it.—Yours in the craft,

THE HANDRELL EXPERT.

'Brinsworth,' Twickenham.

## NOTES BY THE WAY. THE LITERATURE OF RINGING.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Henry Hubbard was a first-class ringer, a good composer, and a skilled composer, but it is not for these that he chiefly deserves to be remembered. He was the author of a book on ringing; and while good ringers, conductors and composers have been many, authors of ringing books are of necessity few.

The earliest of all was Fabian Stedman, who published his *Tintinnalogia* as long ago as 1668. Stedman had, perhaps, the finest intellect of any man who has written on ringing, and his book is in some respects the best we have; not from the present day practical point of view, of course, for it deals largely with Plain Changes, which have long since been superseded and survive only in a debased form as 'Stoney'; and where it does deal with. Cross peals goes no further than a 720 of Bob Minor. It is the way in which those things are described and explained that is the excellence of the book, and it is here that the most modern writers can learn of Stedman and look up to him as a master. He professes to give 'a full Discovery of the Mystery and Grounds of each Peal,' and he does make good his word. Of this book one copy only survived to recent times. It was in the possession of the Rev. C. W. Lukis, of Wath, in Yorkshire. I am not quite sure what has become of it, but I think it is in the British Museum. In 1895 a reprint of it was issued by 'The Bell News,' and it has thus been made accessible to a good many ringers. The Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to the late Mr. Harvey Reeves for this.

Ringing was developing rapidly in Stedman's time, and after a few years he found it necessary to publish a second book, which he called the 'Campanalogia.' In this was printed for the first time the method with which Stedman's name is so widely associated. He gives it on no higher number than five bells, and he designed it as a system which should be an entire change from the traditional composition by means of Hunts. The 'Campanalogia' became the standard book on ringing, and its prestige is acknowledged by the fact that for nearly two hundred years every book on ringing bore the same name.

A few copies of this book are still in existence. Inevitably there is the risk that, as years go on, the number should get smaller. Ringers do not seem to appreciate the value of it, and to other people naturally it has no value at all. It would be a good thing if steps were taken to find out how many copies still remain, and where they are, so that in case of the death of an old ringer his copy should not be destroyed. Efforts should be made by associations to acquire any copy of this or other old book. Especially it would be a gracious act for anyone who has a copy to give or bequeath it to his association or to the Central Council or to any public library, where for all time it might be available for future generations of ringers. Within the last few years the Hertford County Association was given a copy by an old ringer, and it now forms the most valuable item in the valuable library in St. Peter's belfry at St. Albans.

The next book published was the 'Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing,' by J. D. and C. M., issued in 1702, and dedicated to 'our honoured and esteem'd friends the Society of London Scholars.' 'J. D.' was Doleman, a noted ringer in the later part of the seventeenth and early part of the eighteenth centuries. He was the man, you will remember, who was bracketed with Stedman by Thos. Melchior as an authority on Stedman Doubles. The book follows Stedman's work closely. Two other editions of it were issued, and it remained the only text book on ringing for eighty years. Long before that time, however, it was hopelessly out of date. The first quarter of the eighteenth century saw ringing developed to its present form, and to men like Annable or Holt or Melchior, and their bands, the J. D. and C. M. book was as little good as it would be to us. Annable intended to write a book, but unfortunately it came to nothing, and it was not till 1788, one hundred and twenty years after Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia' that with the *Clavis Campanalogia* we have the earliest book that deals with ringing as we now practise it.

This justly famous book was the work of three London ringers—Jones, Reeves and Blakemore—and it is interesting to speculate on the share each had in it. John Reeves we know was a first-class ringer and composer, and to him has always been given the credit of all the compositions in the book. All that is, with such obvious exceptions as Holt's peals. Yet it should be remembered that no such claim is made in the book itself. The authors do say with no little pride that *Superlative Surprise* is 'our own,' but they are silent about the other methods and peals. It would be strange if no use at all were made of the work of other men, and there is one instance of a peal which since it is in 'The Clavis' is always given as Reeves', that in the Cumberland's peal book is said to be the composition of George Gross. Anyway, Reeves was a very clever composer, and the great majority of 'The Clavis' peals are certainly his.

Thomas Blakemore was also a good ringer. He called the first peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung. He was the man who visited Norwich in search of material, and is supposed to have taken Lindsay's notes. Perhaps his share was the collecting of methods and peals from different parts of the country.

I do not remember Jones as a composer or conductor. But his name stands first of the three on the title page, and he undoubtedly was the man who made the book out of the material the others supplied. He wrote the letterpress and descriptions which show very considerable literary ability.

Shipway's 'Campanalogia' appeared in 1816. This book is inferior to 'The Clavis' in some respects, but much superior in general arrangement and usefulness. I hope to say something about it at a future time.

Then in 1845 came Hubbard's 'Campanalogia,' of which more presently.

The next two books were written in Yorkshire. The first of them was by Benjamin Thackeray, and copies of it are very scarce. It is not a good book, though it contains several interesting things. Thackeray points out how, by making what he calls a Single in Cambridge Surprise, a good deal of its falseness may be done away with. This fact was rediscovered in later times, and the method so altered is rung as New Cambridge. What is called a peal of Superlative Surprise appears in the book. The calling is 1 M, 1 W, 3 R, 1 W, 3 R, 1 W; twice repeated. This, of course, is only twenty-one courses, but if you add 3 R in any one part you have a 5152, and if you add them in every part you have a 6048. This is the peal that is usually printed over John Cox's name. Now, Cox had a copy of Thackeray's book, and made a pencil note that the peal was incomplete. Cox was a perfectly honest and honourable man, and the incident only illustrates the fact that at that time the ideas of what constitutes an original composition were very different to what they are now. And likely enough in the future men will wonder how the composers of to-day could consider many of the modern peals original compositions. We ought to remember this when we feel tempted to condemn men like Shipway and Hubbard and Harrison for varying other people's peals, and claiming them as their own. And the man most needing charity in this respect is William Sottanstill, the author of the second book published in the north. This appeared in 1867. Properly speaking, it is hardly a book at all. It is a big heap of material from which a good book could have been made. There would have had to be careful selection and ruthless rejection. Reduced to about half its size and properly arranged, it might have been a good work. Sottanstill was a painstaking, industrious man, and a composer of more than average ability, but it takes something more than that to write a book.

After Sottanstill appeared Banister's book, which is very much like Hubbard's work, and that was the last of a series. The authors of all these books had the same object in view, and that was to deal comprehensively with the whole of ringing. They tried to give a text book which should assist ringers from changes on three bells up to London Surprise, or whatever was the most difficult method at the time, and they included composition and conducting as well as actual ringing. It is safe to say that no other similar book will again be published. Ringing has got too complex, and has expanded too much to be dealt with in a book that one can slip into one's pocket. All later books deal with only a small part of the subject. Troyte's and Canon Wigram's books are purely elementary. Jasper Snowden set the fashion of taking a single method and dealing thoroughly with that, and this is the plan adopted by Sir Arthur Heywood in his 'Duffield,' and Mr. Davies' in his 'Stedman,' while the Central Council books are for the most part frankly collections of compositions or methods.

Besides the books I have mentioned there have from time to time appeared broadsheets and pamphlets. Holt published one containing his peals. J. P. Powell published one containing Stedman Triples; so did Shipway. Then there are Mr. Thompson's two pamphlets, one on the composition of Grandsire Triples, and the other on the composition of Union Triples; Carter's broadsheet of peals, and a few others. If a man possessed the whole of the books published on ringing, including a copy of each of different editions, they would occupy but a modest shelf. Such a collection would be a treasure indeed, but to make it it would need a man with plenty of patience, plenty of enthusiasm, and, I think I may add, plenty of money.

## MORE INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the remarks made by Mr. T. Wilde at the Stockport branch meeting, held at Hyde, I feel sure the Exercise would be interested to know what length of time Mr. Wilde considers should be occupied in ringing a peal of 5,040 changes, taking into consideration weight of bells, length of draft, nature, and condition of hangings, principle on which the bells have been tuned; and, further, Mr. Fidler's reasons for suggesting that a band who can ring Kent Treble Bob well, and who desire to make progress, should commence to practise Minor methods as a stepping-stone to higher things, and eventually Surprise Major methods.—Yours truly,

Frodsham.

W. BIBBY.

## FUNERAL OF MAJOR R. C. HUDSON.

### AN IMPRESSIVE SERVICE.

Public sympathy was strongly manifested on Monday, Nov. 30th, at the funeral of Major Robert Challis Hudson, O.B.E., who was people's warden and Master of the Bell Ringers' Guild at Bishopwearmouth Parish Church, Sunderland, and who died under tragic circumstances while muffling the bells for the memorial service for the late Queen-Mother.

Military honours were accorded, and a service was held in the church, which was filled to its capacity, many of the general public being unable to gain admission. The coffin, covered with the Union Jack, and with the dead Major's cap, sword and belt resting on the top, was carried direct from the residence near by to the church by warrant officers of the R.A.S.C. Immediately behind walked Col. Dent, O.C. Northumbrian Division Train, R.A.S.C., T.F., carrying the medals of the deceased officer.

The service was conducted by the Rev. Probendary Wynne Wilson, and the lesson read by the Rev. Chas. Hudson, Vicar of Sealswood, cousin of the Major. The Revs. F. J. Sinnamon and J. G. Nye, curates, assisted.

The principal mourners were Mr. Thos. Hudson (brother), Mr. Jas. Hudson (cousin), Mrs. J. and Mrs. C. Hudson, Mr. Wm. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Simpson, Mr. Albyn Coore (representing the Vicar of Scruton, Yorks, where the family had a residence), Rev. T. Rigby (Scruton), Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hudson and Dr. Robinson.

The coffin was borne to the cemetery on a gun carriage supplied by the 74th R.F.A., with warrant officers as drivers, and great crowds of sympathisers watched the procession, and bowed the head, as the procession passed through the streets. A large number of the officers attached to the R.A.S.C., or of neighbouring units, attended, besides a large contingent of members and ex-members of Major Hudson's No. 3 Company, Divisional Train, R.A.S.C. The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Ringers was represented by Mr. E. E. Ferry, hon. secretary, Messrs. C. L. Routledge, J. T. Gofton and R. A. Gofton; Messrs. J. W. Parker, R. L. Patterson, G. S. Taylor (treasurer of the Association), from St. Ignatius' Belfry, Sunderland, while his own belfry was represented by Messrs. R. W. Langton, R. Towie, R. W. Towie, J. Pickering, F. Lingwood and R. Pick.

Other bodies represented were the local Ironmongers' Association, of which the deceased was a past president and a committeeman; the National Protestant League, Bishopwearmouth Church Council, Bishopwearmouth contingent of the Girl Guides, the Sunderland Photographic Association, the Boy Scouts' Association, the Allotment Holders' Association, the Sunderland Branch of the British Legion, and the Church Institute.

After the committal service at the graveside, four members of the Durham and Newcastle Association rang the handbells over the open grave, into which the coffin of their dead comrade had just been lowered. It bore the simple inscription: 'Robert Challis Hudson, died November 26th, 1925, aged 49 years.' Then volleys were fired by a firing party, and the 'Last Post' sounded by buglers from the D.L.I.

In the evening a peal of Stedman Triples was attempted at St. Ignatius' Church, but failed, too late to start again. A well-struck quarter-peal was, however, brought round by the following: T. Stephenson 1, G. S. Taylor 2, M. F. Harrison 3, R. A. Towie 4, E. E. Ferry 5, J. W. Parker (conductor) 6, R. L. Paterson 7, R. Langton 8.

The Bishop of Durham, Dr. Hensley Henson, in sending his condolences to the bereaved family, said: 'I can well believe that this untoward event is not only a stroke of heavy bereavement to the family, but also a very serious blow to the church of which he was people's warden. I recall Major Hudson on many occasions when visiting the church, and I regard his death as a grave loss to this diocese.'

Major Hudson rang his first peal on February 2nd, 1899, a peal of 5.392 Bob Major, at St. John's, Newcastle, conducted by Mr. W. Storey, and followed that up by many notable performances in the two Northern dioceses, and also in other counties, to wit, peals of Treble Bob Maximus at Ipswich and Norwich; Royal at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, and at Newcastle Cathedral. In all he rang about 60 peals for the association, but since the outbreak of war had done no peal ringing whatsoever. The methods in which he rang his peals were Grandsire and Bob Triples, Bob Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major and Royal, Stedman Triples and Caters, Double Norwich Major, and Superlative Surprise Major.

It is easy to write an appreciation of one who led so simple a life—so straight, honest and God-fearing—it was so patent to all that the man was sweetness and earnestness itself; anything said beyond that would be redundant. To quote his own Rector, in his tribute on Sunday morning, the 29th ult.: 'Of Robert Challis Hudson it may truly be said that he was a beautiful example of that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, which leads a man to love his fellow-men and to keep himself unspotted from the world. We hear the echo of

his Saviour's welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."'

At St. John's Church, Darlington, on Nov. 29th, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Maj. R. C. Hudson, of Sunderland (an ex-vice-president of the Durham and Newcastle Association), who was accidentally killed on Nov. 26th: F. W. Johnson, jun. (longest length), 1, A. Coates 2, F. W. Johnson, sen., 3, W. D. Lister 4, W. Dowson 5, R. H. Johnson 6, H. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. Hunter 8.

### A SAFETY HINT.

#### To the Editor.

Sir,—The tragic death of Major R. C. Hudson, of Bishopwearmouth, is so distressing that it is impossible to express one's feelings of sympathy and regret at the loss of a life like his.

Everyone who has the care of bells in a tower must face the same dangers, and having spent a period of fifteen years as towerkeeper, it may not be out of place if I mention some of the guides I have used during that time. I first had the care of six in a timber frame, and afterwards of eight in a modern iron and steel frame. Soon after I commenced these duties, I had been adjusting a rope on one of the bells at rest, being on the top of the frame. The bell in the next pit was set—very lightly set, too, which I did not realise at the time—and I took hold of the wheel to pass to the next one, when I felt a slight movement, and the bell almost overbalanced. This startled me for a moment, and without finishing my task, I came down. I thought if that is the result of being in a hurry, I must contrive to find a remedy, so after some consideration I went up very carefully, took a short piece of stout bell rope, and lashed it around the beam of the cage and the spoke of the wheel, which runs along the side of this beam; the bell was then secure, and I could work with safety. This can be lashed on in a few moments, and may save a life. If a piece of rope of a suitable length be kept in a convenient place, on entering the cage it can be got at easily, and used when required. I still think this is the best remedy for a bell that is set while one is working among them. It is simple, always at hand, and is efficient. Try it, and do not enter among the bells in a hurry. Lastly, have a good and convenient light. It was thought somewhat of a luxury when we introduced electric light in the church to have a light among the bells, but it has been a great boon, and all bell chambers should be properly lighted.

St. Mary's, Godstone.

W. T. BEESON, Senr.

## DEATH OF MANCHESTER'S OLDEST RINGER

### A LIFE-LONG CONNECTION WITH BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME CHURCH.

The death occurred, on Saturday, Dec. 5th, of Mr. William Edward Ryder, in his 80th year. He had been connected with St. James' Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, all his life; in fact, he was the first male to be christened in the church, and he had been a ringer there for 64 years. He was looking forward to attending the opening of Manchester Cathedral bells, but unfortunately he had a fall the day before, from which he never recovered.

Not a great peal ringer, having rung only about a dozen, yet he liked to be amongst ringers whenever it was possible. He was well known and respected by all ringers in the Manchester area, and had been a member of the Lancashire Association for almost fifty years. He had regularly taken his place in the belfry he loved so well up to the Sunday before his accident. All ringers will sympathise with his family in their bereavement.

On Saturday a muffled peal was rung at St. James' Church.

## DEATH OF A STOURBRIDGE RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. J. H. Parsons, of Wollaston, Stourbridge, which sad event took place at his home, very suddenly, on Monday, December 7th.

Mr. Parsons was for many years a member of the Worcester and Districts Association, and started to ring about 50 years ago at St. Thomas' Church, Stourbridge. For nearly 40 years, however, he had been attached to St. James', and during the last 16 years or so had held the position of clerk and sexton. He was attending to his duties on the Sunday morning before his death, although he was not well. His end came as a great shock to everyone on the following day.

The interment took place on Friday last at St. James', where many of the congregation and friends of the deceased were present. The Rector of Oldswinford officiated in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Wollaston. Deceased's fellow ringers acted as bearers. The choir boys were also present. The 90th Psalm was sung, and the hymns, 'Nearer my God to Thee,' and 'Abide with me,' the organist also playing the 'Dead March.' After the committal, three of the local band, kindly assisted by Mr. G. H. Pagett, of Stourbridge, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. Muffled touches were afterwards rung on the tower bells, and a peal of Cambridge Minor on Saturday, which will be found recorded elsewhere.

Many beautiful tributes of flowers were received, amongst them being a magnificent cross from the Vicar and churchwardens, and a wreath from the ringers.



## YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND DONCASTER SOCIETY.

## JOINT MEETING AT PONTEFRAC.

A combined meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association and the Doncaster and District Society took place at Pontefract on Saturday, December 5th, and was attended by some 40 visitors from Ackworth, Badsworth, Doncaster, Hemingbrough, Howden, Hull, Ripon, Selby, Shedbourn-in-Elmet, Wakefield, Wortley, Wragby, and the local ringers. A short service was held in the Parish Church, where a very instructive address was delivered by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Young), and was followed by an excellent tea, which was served in the All Saints' Church House.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, the Vicar of All Saints.—Five new members were elected—Mr. W. Hobson (Holy Trinity), Hull; Mr. G. Eggleston (All Saints), Pontefract; Mr. W. Palmer, Ackworth, and Messrs. E. Bradley and H. Thornton, Sherburn-in-Elmet.

The annual meeting will be held at York (provided the new peal is ready), failing which, at Sherburn-in-Elmet.

An appeal made in August, 1924, at Eastrington for subscriptions from ringers towards the restoration of Thorne bells, resulted in a total of £11 15s. 6d. being subscribed, details of which are acknowledged in the Thorne Parish Magazine.

A movement has now been instituted for the restoration of the bells of St. Lawrence, Hatfield. The old peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.) are to be recast and rehung with entirely new fittings in a new iron frame. The total cost will be over £800, and over £150 has already been given. Contributions will be gratefully accepted and promptly acknowledged by Mr. H. Walker, 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

On the motion of Mr. J. H. Howell (Hull), and seconded by Mr. H. Walters (Pontefract), a unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the two respective Vicars for the use of the bells, service, and address, and to all who helped to make a successful meeting.

## ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held on Saturday, December 12th, at Barnsley, in conjunction with the Barnsley and District Society, and was very successful in every way, upwards of 40 members being present from Sheffield (the Cathedral, St. Marie's and All Saints'), Wakefield, Wath, Horbury, Ecclesfield, Hoylandswaine, Handsworth, Rotherham, Wortley, Bolsterstone, Earlsheaton, Arksey, Sandal, Shelley, Royston and Crofton. The bells at the Parish Church were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening; also a peal of six at Monk Bretton, which was placed at the disposal of the association, through the activities of Mr. Potter. A splendid tea at Whitham's Cafe, near to the church, was followed by the business meeting, Mr. F. Willey being in the chair.

Mr. Thickett, the president of the Barnsley and District Society, gave the association a very hearty welcome to Barnsley, and was supported by Mr. Potter, the secretary.

Mr. Willey moved that the congratulations of the Southern Division should be extended to the members of the Yorkshire Association who rang in the peal at Bradford on December 5th, and this was carried.

Six new members were elected, these being Miss Molly Davenport (Dore), Mr. M. Short (Totley), the Rev. W. P. Wright (Eyam), Mr. A. Smithson (All Saints' Sheffield), and Messrs. A. Haigh and F. Dyson (Bolsterstone).

Subject to the necessary permission being obtained, the annual meeting was arranged to be held at the Cathedral, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 13th, 1926. Messrs. G. Lewis, S. F. Palmer and F. Willey were selected to make the necessary arrangements for the annual dinner of the Yorkshire Association, to be held in Sheffield in September next, and were empowered to add to their number any member they thought desirable to make the gathering a successful one.

Mr. Willey proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Barnsley and District Society for the very kind way in which they had met the association that day, and Mr. G. Lewis, in seconding the resolution, said that seeing that the joint meeting had been such a successful one, he hoped that it would be possible next year to have a big meeting of all the societies in the Southern area, viz. the Sheffield and District, the Barnsley and District, the Doncaster and District, and the Southern Division of the Yorkshire Association.—This was supported by Mr. Palmer and Mr. Thickett, and the secretary was instructed to communicate with the various secretaries, and try to bring this about. It was suggested that the meeting be held in June if possible, and at some place which would be convenient for all.

This brought the meeting to a close, and the members dispersed, some to the church for more ringing; others, not so fortunate, to the train or bus.

**WINDSOR.**—On Sunday, Nov. 7th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Phipps 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, W. Henley 4, J. W. Croft 5, E. S. T. Farr (conductor) 6, L. Stilwell 7, J. H. Cropley 8.

## SHORTENED DODGING.

## AN APOLOGY, by the REV. H. DRAKE.

To begin with I must apologise fully to Mr. Trollope and your readers for the blunder in the sentence first quoted by him. How the sentence got into my letter, or what it meant, I cannot imagine. It may be that the right words in a sentence were crossed out in error, and only the wrong ones copied; at any rate the phrase 'before Stedman's time' has nothing to do with the argument. These words entirely misled Mr. Trollope, and he is quite justified in the capital he makes out of them.

For the rest, I am quite unrepentant. To take this argument first, and to put it in another way: If one looks at page 2 of *Standard Methods—Diagrams*, one sees the Plain Bob diagram, and on the next page the two methods, Double Court Bob and Double Oxford Bob. In the order in which they are there printed, it would appear that the methods progress in complication of dodging; and in order to ring them nowadays, this is the only order to place them. My theory (this is theory, and not history) is that as far as the names go, the more complicated came first. At any rate, we have the fact mentioned by Mr. Trollope himself, that 'bob' originally meant 'dodge'; also the fact that in Double Oxford there is plenty of dodging, so that it could be called a full Bob Method. We also know that the word 'Court,' as a description, meant Curt or Shortened; and we see that in Double Court, the amount of dodging is considerably shortened; while in 'Plain' Bob, the dodging is reduced to its plainest or simplest form. The same thing will be found on pages 26 and 27, with regard to Double Norwich and Double Oxford. It certainly seems a more sensible thing to connect the terms, Bob, Court Bob and Plain Bob, with dodging than with places.

I did not expect that with Mr. Trollope I should need to write 'This is a joke' after most of my sentences, but at any rate the sequipedalian nature of the phrase 'Act of sycophantic adulation,' might have warned him not to take it seriously.

When I said that it was 'unlikely' that Stedman developed Plain Changes, I was obviously not stating history, but my opinion, to which I am as much entitled as he is to his. How much the latter is worth may be deduced from the fact that he makes these statements: (a) That our earliest knowledge on these matters is dated 1668, and gives us both Plain Changes and Cross Peals; (b) that we may 'safely conclude' that Plain Changes were fully developed somewhere about 1680; and (c) that Plain Changes had scarcely been brought to perfection before they were superseded by Cross Peals. Of these three contradictory statements only one can be true. Of course, it is the last, and that is the very reason why it is so unlikely that Stedman had anything to do with developing Plain Changes.

There have been found, as I have already mentioned in your pages, inscribed on the tower of Buxhall Church in this county of Suffolk, a set of Plain Changes signed by one John Gooch, who, according to the antiquary who discovered them, died before Stedman was born, as far as can be ascertained. If this is so, Mr. Trollope is about 100 years out in his history, and his 'safe' conclusion.

Mr. Trollope seems to give the impression that Touches with Singles and Bobs were not rung much before 1700; if so, he is wrong, as Stedman tells us how to do this in 1667; only he calls Bobs 'Double Bobs,' and Singles 'Single Changes.' A 'Single Bob' is his name for a Plain Lead (i.e. of Grandsire).

Stedman is, in his 'Tintinnalogia,' so pre-occupied with Grandsire, on five bells; and with Grandsire Bob (our Plain Bob), on six bells, that we may (not 'safely conclude,' as Mr. Trollope would say, but) say that it is the most likely conclusion, that he simply recorded Plain Changes as he had been taught them, but gave his own researches into Grandsire Doubles; and also a number of suggestions about Plain Bob Minor.

The 'strictures' which Mr. Trollope queries are contained in the lines following my use of that word.

I did not say that he had not read our report, but he certainly does not give much evidence of having done so, in either of these long articles on it.

HERBERT DRAKE.

## GIRL OF 16 RINGS 19 cwt. TENOR.

At the Church of All Saints', Wootton Bassett, Wilts, a young lady of 16 years has rung the 19 cwt. bell to a quarter-peal. This was on Saturday, Nov. 28th, when 1,260 Grandsire Doubles was brought round, with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: E. Flewelling (aged 13), 1. J. Gibbs 2, L. Box 3, L. A. Wilson (conductor) 4, H. Flewelling 5, Nora Reeves (aged 16) 6. This is the first quarter by the treble, 2nd, 3rd and 6th ringers, and great praise is due to Miss Reeves for the way in which she handled the tenor, the striking being perfect.

**HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.**—For 11 a.m. service, on Nov. 24th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: K. Sewart (first of Treble Bob) 1, E. Smart 2, H. Saunders (conductor) 3, G. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5, F. Warrington 6.

## WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

The adjourned annual meeting was held at Brading on Saturday last, when a record gathering for the district attended. The bells were in use all the afternoon, touches being rung of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, and Grandsire Doubles for the beginners. A gathering, numbering 35, sat down to tea, and as only 20 had notified that they would be present, it somewhat taxed the local caterer's accommodation. However, the party made the best of the space and the food at their disposal, and proceeded to the business meeting, at which the Rev. H. E. H. Coombes (Rural Dean of West Wight, and Rector of Freshwater) was elected next year's president, in succession to the Rev. J. C. Orr (Whitwell); Mr. B. J. Snow, of Ryde, succeeded Mr. Upton, Newport, as district secretary, and Mr. H. Phillips was appointed auditor in succession to Mr. W. Johnson. The other officers remain at their posts.

A motion, moved by Mr. H. Barton, that the Central Council's action in the matter of Coventry's bells be supported, was carried unanimously.

The Rev. Coombes proposed the Guild's thanks to the Rector of Brading for kindly entertaining the members to tea, and also for conducting the service.—The Rev. Weekes, in reply, hoped that next year the ringers would honour him with another visit.—Mr. Barton proposed thanks to the outgoing officers (the Rev. J. C. Orr president, Mr. W. Upton, secretary, and Mr. W. Johnson, auditor).—Mr. Callaway seconded, and, Mr. Upton having replied, the meeting terminated.

Ringers were present from Carisbrooke, Curdridge, Freshwater, Godshill, Newport, Ryde, Whitwell, Fareham, North Stoneham and Portsmouth.

### GUILDFORD DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

Probably on account of the last minute change of day (caused by the death of Queen Alexandra) the attendance at the annual meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was not so largely attended as usual, but about 60 members and visitors were present, the affiliated towers represented being: Ash, Cranleigh, Clondon, Farnham, Guildford (Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas'), Godalming, Haslemere, Seale, Woking and Worplesdon. During the afternoon, ringing took place at both Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas' Churches, and the service, in which the Guild's form and special hymns were used, was held at the latter church, the Rev. J. Palliser David (Rector of Merrow) officiating, and giving an address.

The business meeting followed tea in S. Nicolas' Parish Hall, Admiral T. P. Walker, of Woking, who is learning to ring, taking the chair. He was supported by the Rev. J. Palliser David, Canon Kirwan, and the officials of the district.

The Chairman first expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of meeting so many ringers, and welcomed the visitors. He had only got as far as ringing call changes, he said, but he had already found out that ringers were a first-class set of men, very sympathetic, very kind, and very helpful. There was among them an excellent spirit of camaraderie, and a great sense of humour.

As the preacher had to leave early, Admiral Walker took the opportunity of thanking him for his excellent address.

### PROPOSED RECASTING OF A GUILDFORD PEAL.

Mr. R. Whittington said that a proposal was on foot to recast and relang the ten bells at S. Nicolas' Church. He was told that the ringers there had made themselves responsible for recasting the treble bell, which would cost something like £25. He thought it would be a brotherly sort of thing to 'go round with the hat' and hand it over to the S. Nicolas' ringers towards the cost of their bell.

A collection was accordingly made, and realised £1 14s. 4d.

Apologies for absence were received from Canon Coleridge, Mr. G. Pullinger (Guild secretary), and Mr. Vincent.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. Raddon) reported that five meetings had been held during the year, and the balance sheet showed a sum of £7 5s. 8d. in hand. There were 143 full members, seven probationers, one unattached and four compounding members, the increase on the year being 18.—The report was adopted.

The Ringing Master reported that 22 tower bell peals had been rung during the year. Death had removed Mr. Lucas, of Shalford; Mr. Poyntz, of Godalming; and Mr. Boxall, of Dorking, the last named having been one of the pioneers of the Guild. He suggested that leaders of companies might advise the secretary of the death of any member so that it might be possible to send a wreath and representatives to the funeral, and even on occasion to provide a handbell party. The report continued that, while there was much for satisfaction in the present progress that was being made, there was also something to lament in the decay that was sometimes to be observed—decay by which bells were allowed to fall into neglect and ruin. He thought this was due to a wrong mental attitude towards ringing by ringers in the past, and, to some extent, to-day. He urged ringers to make ringing what it was already supposed to be—a definitely sacred art. This could not be done by merely printing the name of the

Bishop and Dean on the front of their report. What they wanted was to change the atmosphere in which the art was often pursued. The report added that the committee had considered the possibility of arranging a series of combined practices for the benefit of outlying towers, which in the ordinary way could not be visited very often. They hoped, perhaps, to have a whole day tour on Whit Monday. Their experience in the past in this direction had not been very encouraging, but they hoped the members would rally to the support of the scheme when it was inaugurated.

The report was accepted, and thanks tendered to the Master.

### A RULE THAT RULES OUT MEMBERS' VIEWS.

A number of new members and probationers were elected, and Mr. E. Raddon was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. C. Hazelden Ringing Master. Messrs. Whittington and Jones were reappointed to represent the district on the Guild Committee.

The District Committee recommended that meetings be held during the coming year at Farnham, Dunsfold, Witley, Woking and Ewhurst.—It was suggested that a meeting should be held at Seale, where a new band is making progress, but it was pointed out that, under the rules, that meeting had no power to interfere with the decision of the District Committee, the only over-riding authority being the Guild Committee.

A resolution was passed, recommending the Guild Committee to take steps so to amend the rule that members in annual district meeting assembled could decide the places of meeting for themselves.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, preacher, organist and choir, and a smoking concert was then held.

### PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S PROGRESSIVE YEAR.

The annual meeting was held at Alverstoke on Saturday week, when the musical ring of eight at St. Mary's were available during the afternoon and evening. Owing to the death of Queen Alexandra the bells were rung with half-muffled clappers throughout the day. Members and visitors, numbering 40, were present from Alverstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde (I.O.W.), Swanmore and Wickham. The visitors included Mr. G. Williams (Master) and R. J. Hasted (Farnham).

An enjoyable service was held in the church, at which the Rector (Canon G. Landon, R.D.), officiated, assisted by Mr. E. Douglas, F.R.C.O., at the organ. In the course of a few remarks, the Rector said how pleased they always were to welcome the Guild to Alverstoke, and how appropriate it was for them to be there that day in a period of national mourning to take part in half-muffled ringing. In conclusion, he thought that one of the chief aims of membership of the Diocesan Guild should be to ensure a good standard of change ringing, and also of members attached to the various towers.

The members adjourned to the Broderick Hall, where tea awaited them, after which the business meeting was held, the Rector taking the chair. The balance sheet, which was presented by the district auditor, showed receipts amounting to £13 3s., and expenditure to £5 19s. 5½d., leaving a balance to the general treasurer of £7 3s. 6½d.—Seven full members and ten probationers were elected, nine of the latter being from Gosport.

Mr. H. J. Smith (Wickham) asked that he should be excused re-election as a Central Committee representative, as he found, owing to ill-health, it was increasingly difficult to get about. Mr. F. A. Burnett (Portsmouth) was duly elected to serve on that body. All the other officers were re-elected, viz.: Chairman, Mr. R. J. Stone; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; Central Committee, Messrs. C. J. Fray and F. A. Burnett; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wickham on Saturday, February 13th, 1926, and that application should be made for use of the peals of six at Shedfield and Swanmore.

On the proposition of the district chairman, votes of thanks were accorded the Rector of Alverstoke for the use of the bells and the hall, and also the organist, to which Canon Landon suitably replied.

This concluded the business, after which the members returned to the tower, the ringing during the day ranging from 'rounds' to Superlative Surprise Major.

A resume of the past year shows that meetings have been held at Portsmouth, Petersfield, Netley and Fareham, the average attendance being 26. The ringing, which had been quite up to standard, had included the standard methods, also Cambridge, Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise Major. There was an increase in full, probationary, compounding and honorary members, and also one affiliated tower, Hambledon being rejoined the Guild. It is hoped that the coming year will be an equally, if not, more progressive one than the past.

### W. R. SMALL'S MEMORIAL FUND.

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## NEW PEAL FOR BELPER.

### EIGHT LOUGHBOROUGH BELLS REPLACE SIX STEEL ONES.

Belper is one of the most historical towns in Derbyshire, with upwards of 12,000 inhabitants. At one time its staple trade was nail-making. It also possessed a cotton spinning mill early in the eighteenth century, which stood on St. John's Road, owned by a Mr. Robinson. It must have been very ancient, as it was worked by horses. In 1745 the Strutts built another mill on the banks of the River Derwent (the remains of which still stand). At that time the inhabitants numbered 541; ten years after the population had grown 5,000. This mill has been enlarged several times, and now employs over 1,300 hands. It is amalgamated with the English Cotton Co. In 1832, the Duchess of Kent and Princess Victoria stayed at Belper with the Strutt family. The land for miles round belonged to the de Ferrers during the two centuries succeeding the Conquest. Robert de Ferrers, who died in 1139, granted land at Heage for service in driving wolves out of the Lordship of Belper. They were a powerful and restless family, who held a Castle at Duffield and the Manor at Belper, but in the year 1266 the seventh Earl Robert rebelled against the king, Henry III., and at the battle of Evesham found himself on the losing side. He fled to Chesterfield, and hid himself among the bags of wool stored in the nave of the church for the Whitsuntide Fair. Being discovered, he was conveyed to Windsor in chains, and his land confiscated by the Crown. Duffield Castle was destroyed, and the estates of the de Ferrers were given to the King's second son, Edmund Crouchback, Earl of Lancaster.

About this date a chapel was built in the forest as a wayside place of worship for the keepers of the Duffield Forest, wayfarers, and the small isolated population, whose parish church lay several miles away across wild country at Duffield. In the official records of the Honour of Tutbury, which was the headquarters of the Duchy of Lancaster in these parts, in the year 1314, there is a charge of sixteen shillings for glazing the windows, and in 1398 we read that the honey and wax from wild bees in Duffield Ward were appropriated to the chapel. It was licensed for marriages, for in the year 1420 Sir Sampson Neverill, of Tideswell, was married to Isabella, daughter of Sir Roger Leche, Lord High Treasurer of England, who had a house at Belper. The chapel was disendowed, and had to depend upon an uncertain service from Duffield, and within a century of its disendowment it fell into dilapidation. In 1834 there are records of repairs, and so it went on until about 1870, when the Rev. F. A. Friend started an undertaking for the restoration which was carried out, and the church is now thoroughly restored and used for service. The present Church of St. Peter was built in 1822-24, and only had one bell, which was given by Mr. Strutt, but in 1861 a peal of six steel bells were installed, made by a Sheffield firm, and hung by a local carpenter. After sixty years' constant service they were found to be unsafe, and were only chimed.

Many meetings of the Church Council discussed the question of a new peal, and at length decided to have the bells restored and rehung in a new frame, leaving room for two trebles to be added. They were taken away to Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s Loughborough foundry. Messrs. Taylor then reported that, whatever was spent, it would be unsatisfactory. After the wardens and several members of the committee had heard a peal tapped at the foundry, the Council met to further discuss the matter, when a letter was received from Mr. G. H. Strutt offering to provide the largest bell. Mr. J. Hunter and Mrs. Hunter also promised two bells, and the Council, therefore, decided to go forward with the big scheme of eight new bells.

A subscription list was opened, and other bells promised by Mr. Sanders, Mr. Jackson, the Hey and Haynes families, leaving only two to be provided. The subscriptions rolled in so fast that in less than three months the amount required was raised. The eight new bells arrived on October 26th, and on November 5th the work was completed. The inscriptions are as follows:—

- Treble.—Venite. The gift of A. M. and E. Sanders.
  - 2nd.—Jubilate. Francis J. Jackson, 1854; Francis E. Jackson, 1858; Helen F. Jackson, 1898.
  - 3rd.—In Excelsis Gloria. In Memoriam. Robert Hey, Vicar, 1845—1885, and Maria Jane, his wife.
  - 4th.—Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam. From the Haynes family. In memory of our father and mother, J. Haynes, E. A. Haynes.
  - 5th.—Gloria in Excelsis Deo et in Terra Pax Homini-bus Bonae Voluntatis. Vicars, M. Tunstall, R. Hay, F. A. Friend, S. H. Clark, J. A. Cooper, 1925.
  - 5th.—Gloria in Excelsis Deo et in Terra Pax Homini-bus Bonae Vicar: H. Mellor, E. Gee, Churchwardens.
  - 7th.—Te Deum Laudamus. Given in memory of John Hunter, 1811—1886, and his wife, Margaret Hunter, 1820—1908, by their six children.
  - Tenor.—Laus Deo. Presented by George Herber Strutt, 1925.
- The dedication service was held on Saturday, November 28th, and there was a representative attendance, the church being crowded. After the hymn, 'O God, our help,' and the anthem, 'Send out Thy

light,' the Bishop of Derby, accompanied by the warden, chaplain and Vicar, passed down the church to the tower, where the Vicar recounted the gifts offered, and asked the Bishop to dedicate them. The Bishop blessed the bells, with special prayers, and as the procession returned, the St. Andrew's (Derby) ringers rang the bells half-muffled, after which the Bishop gave a short address. The closing hymn was 'We love the place, O God,' and as the congregation left the church the bells rang out, open, to a touch of Stedman, followed by another of Duffield Major.

The bells are hung in a steel frame on ball bearings, and go like the proverbial 'fiddles.' Everybody was pleased with the work, and spoke of the excellent tone and easy 'go' of the bells.

A tea was provided for the St. Andrew's and local ringers, with the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Cooper, R.D.), Mr. H. Mellor, Mr. E. Gee (churchwardens), Mr. J. Hunter, and others.

The Vicar said how pleased he was with the bells, and the way the work had been carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and thanked the St. Andrew's ringers for their service during the afternoon. Other speakers also supported his remarks, and Messrs. C. E. Hart (churchwarden and captain of St. Andrew's) and C. Draper responded. The ringers then returned to the belfry, and, with a few visitors, kept the bells going until eight o'clock.

## LAMBERHURST BELLS RESTORED.

There was a crowded congregation at the Parish Church, Lamberhurst, Kent, on Wednesday, December 2nd, when the bells, which had been silent for over four years, were dedicated, after restoration, by the Archdeacon of Tonbridge. Other clergy present were Canon Champneys, the Rev. E. Owen (Pembury), and the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Jose).

The Archdeacon, in the course of his address, said he supposed it was not known exactly when the bells were first given, but they had been associated with their beautiful church for many years. He quoted instances to show how the bells entered into the lives, both religious and secular, of the people, and added that it was difficult to say when they were first introduced into the Christian Church. Might they who lived there this Christmas, and, indeed, through the successive seasons of the Christian year, never fail to listen to the message taught them by the bells. After the service, the bells were rung by the local ringers. The third bell has been recast, and the peal rehung with all new fittings in a new steel-frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The tower was open on Saturday, December 5th, when ringers came from Tunbridge Wells, Kildown and Horsmonden to try the bells. At five o'clock the ringers were met by the Vicar and churchwardens, and all were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. Beach.

After tea the ringers went back to the tower and rang further touches, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise. All present were agreed that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have splendidly carried out the work, the 'go' of the bells being perfect.

## OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

### NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.—SUGGESTED INTER-TOWER MEETINGS.

A successful quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Buckingham on Saturday, December 5th, when about 35 attended, representing the following towers in the branch: Bletchley, Beachampton, Fenny Stratford, Maids Moreton, Newport Pagnell, Padbury, Stony Stratford, Twyford, and Buckingham. The bells were ringing from 2.30 until 3.30 p.m., when service was conducted by the Rev. C. C. T. Naters, this being the first time he had been able to officiate at a Guild meeting. His address, though brief, was very interesting, and appreciated by the members. After service tea was served at the 'Bakery,' where a room had been set apart for the occasion. The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) announced to the meeting that no special business had to be transacted, but he was very pleased to see such a nice gathering, which certainly showed that there was real life in the branch. He said that he had been asked to accept Shalstone tower in the branch for next year (1926), and he was sure they would all be pleased to welcome the band. The Twyford tower was once more in union, having rejoined this year. The secretary also said that it would be serviceable if several towers could meet and assist each other. The Buckingham tower was practically at a stand, and it seemed, with the grand peal of eight which it possessed, that it was a pity more advantage could not be taken of them.

Thanks were expressed to the Rev. C. C. T. Naters, Vicar of Buckingham, for entertaining the branch, for making the necessary arrangements for tea, and for conducting the service.—This was suitably responded to, and reference was made to the death of Mr. Robinson, of Buckingham, who for many years was the leader of the tower, and who was missed that day.

The members then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, the methods during the afternoon ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.



## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter-peal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.

**FARNHAM, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Parker's 12-part, in 49 mins.: H. Prior 1, J. Read 2, C. Wells 3, S. Meadows 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Kemp 8.

**WALTHAM ABBEY.**—At the Abbey Church, on Sunday, December 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: Miss H. Church (first quarter) 1, G. Peace 2, W. Ellis (conductor) 3, E. Adams 4, W. Dickinson 5, G. Thurgood 6, H. Ellis 7, G. Cole 8.

**IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, at the Parish Church of St. Peter, for evensong, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major, in 44 mins.: A. Bellamy 1, H. Chambers 2, J. Mawby 3, J. Ward 4, A. Perkins 5, A. Bingley 6, A. Y. Tyler 7, W. Perkins (conductor) 8.

**BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.**—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,277 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Stallham 1, G. H. Shuker 2, H. Rann 3, G. Aides 4, F. Tindall 5, R. J. Dawe 6, F. Bennett 7, J. C. Jay 8, G. Smart (conductor) 9, P. A. Coard 10. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

**OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, R. T. Evans (conductor) 4, R. Kynaston 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung in honour of the first birthday of Miss D. M. Kynaston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kynaston.

**PORTMADOC.**—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, November 29th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: R. Macmillan 1, H. Roberts 2, H. Macmillan 3, J. V. Humphreys 4, P. Roberts 5, J. Owen (conductor) 6, H. Jones 8.

**EALING, MIDDLESEX.**—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 29th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), from 'Thurstans', in 44 mins., for evensong: Miss G. Baker (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. M. Stacey 3, P. E. Clark 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, W. A. Hunnisett 8.

**LONDON, S.W.**—On Sunday, Nov. 22nd, at the Church of St. Leonard, Streatham, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: Miss E. E. Hardcastle 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, J. W. Chapman 4, J. L. Watkin 5, T. Welbourne 6, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 7, S. Gardner 8.

**KILBURN, LONDON.**—At St. Augustine's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 22nd, before the thanksgiving service, at the conclusion of the parish mission, 1,260 Bob Triples, in 42 mins.: W. S. Ball 1, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 2, Rev. M. C. Edgar 3, F. G. Saxby 4, A. Gardiner 5, W. T. Wilson 6, J. B. Williamson 7, W. Ware 8.

**SELBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE.**—On Sunday, Nov. 8th, for evensong, in memory of those killed in the Great War, a quarter-peal (1,259 changes) of Grandsire Caters, with the bells half-muffled: J. W. Hall 1, R. Fenton 2, F. W. Hinton 3, T. Morgan 4, H. S. Morley 5, E. Storr 6, F. Cryer 7, G. W. P. Fenton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, T. Strudwick 10. The bells were also rung half-muffled on Nov. 11th in Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

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**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested. Business important. Reports to hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells), on Saturday, Dec. 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 320, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

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**BROMLEY PARISH CHURCH.**—The work of restoration on the tower of this Church being now completed, ringing will re-commence on December 22nd. All visiting ringers will be welcomed on practice nights, Tuesdays, 7.30 until 9, and on Sundays, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos', the pro-Cathedral, Newport, on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in Waters Lane Mission Room. Bells available before and after the meeting, and also the bells of All Saints.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—A representative gathering of the branch is requested for the meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Boxing Day. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

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Anything which will encourage progress in the art of ringing deserves the warmest support, and we anticipate that the Exercise will welcome the new text-book on spliced-method ringing which will be published from 'The Ringing World' Office next week. It covers the subject most exhaustively, and deals with an entirely new phase of ringing. 'Splicing' is a modern development which was never anticipated by past authors, but it is unquestionably the direction in which six-bell ringing will now expand. The full scope of legitimate Minor methods has been explored, and there is, probably, nothing worth having in this category which is not already known. Ringers whose practice is limited to six bells would, therefore, be at the end of their resources if it were not for the introduction of the splicing system. Obviously, however, this new plan of ringing extends the field of practice to a remarkable degree, and opens up an entirely new interest.

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### TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON, E.C.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Five Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 7392 CHANCES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

|                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... .. Treble | HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7   |
| ALBERT W. COLES ... .. 2       | JAMES E. DAVIS ... .. 8    |
| CHARLES T. COLES ... .. 3      | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9 |
| JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... .. 4      | HAROLD W. CLARK ... .. 10  |
| GEORGE R. PYE ... .. 5         | REUBEN SANDERS ... .. 11   |
| WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... .. 6     | WILLIAM PYE ... .. Tenor   |

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 10, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| † HENRY C. MOLFORD ... .. Treble | RICHARD G. RICE ... .. 5    |
| THOMAS EAST ... .. 2             | ALFRED H. WEBB ... .. 6     |
| G. FREDERICK JAMES ... .. 3      | ALFRED T. BOSBY ... .. 7    |
| CHARLES E. GREGORY ... .. 4      | HARRY APPLETON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by G. FREDERICK JAMES.

\* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor.

BALDERSTONE, ROCHDALE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| TOM CLEGG ... .. Treble   | JAMES H. KERSHAW ... .. 5    |
| SIMEON K. TAYLOR ... .. 2 | JAMES H. LEES ... .. 6       |
| JOHN GRIFFITHS ... .. 3   | JAMES JONES ... .. 7         |
| * WALTER STAFF ... .. 4   | EDMUND CHADWICK ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

Rung immediately after the wedding of Mr. Clifford Horsfall, one of the local ringers; also to commemorate the 25th anniversary to the priesthood of the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Thomas. \* First peal in the method.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 13, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5632 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                                   |                              |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| * ERNEST A. BULLOCK ... .. Treble | JAMES H. RAPER ... .. 5      |
| ALFRED E. BACON ... .. 2          | WALTER N. ASHBY ... .. 6     |
| ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... .. 3      | WILLIAM J. ELDRED ... .. 7   |
| * JOHN W. T. WRIGHT ... .. 4      | JOSEPH E. SYKES ... .. Tenor |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 242). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition is now rung for the first time. \* First peal of Treble Bob Major.



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

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,  
At CHRIST CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;**  
Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARTHUR CRAVEN ... .. Treble | JAMES EVINSON ... .. 5    |
| NORMAN SHORY ... .. 2       | REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... 6   |
| JOHN W. SYKES ... .. 3      | MAURICE WILSON ... .. 7   |
| J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 4    | FRANCIS WARD ... .. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Rung with fully muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the late Bishop of the Diocese, the Rt. Rev. Sir Edwyn Hoskyns, Bart., D.D., for 21 years Bishop of Southwell, who, on New Year's Day, 1909, dedicated the above peal of bells. The composition, which was rung for the first time, contains the whole extent of the 7485's, 7486's, 7584's, 7586's, 7684's, and 7685's, with the fewest number of calls possible for the above length. \* First peal. Ringers of 1st, 7th and 8th belong to Sheffield Cathedral; 5th to St. Marie's; 2nd, 3rd and 4th to Dore; and 6th to Eyam.

CHERITON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 14, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

PIRSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 7½ cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| CHARLES TURNER ... .. Treble | WALTER FARLEY ... .. 5         |
| STEPHEN A. BAKER ... .. 2    | CHARLES R. MILLWAY ... 6       |
| STEPHEN BINFIELD ... .. 3    | CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 7    |
| RICHARD H. STEVENS ... 4     | FRANK A. SLINGSBY ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Walter Farley on his leaving Folkestone.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 15, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARTHUR LEEDER ... .. Treble | TOM FORD ... .. 5         |
| ALBERT C. HARRISON ... .. 2 | WILLIAM STEGGALL ... .. 6 |
| WILLIAM IRELAND ... .. 3    | GEORGE ARCHER ... .. 7    |
| CLEMENT J. MORE ... .. 4    | JOHN SOUTER ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, Chesterfield (formerly of Diss).

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON  
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 16, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;**

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY ... Treble | WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 5     |
| WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... .. 2     | ARTHUR HARDING ... .. 6      |
| MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH ... 3    | J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7    |
| ROBERT A. FARDON ... .. 4     | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor |

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Ringing Master (Mr. R. E. Holloway), and Mr. R. A. Fardon. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

CLEVEDON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.  
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On Thursday, December 17, 1925, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,  
At THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| MISS GLADYS BROAD ... Treble | REGINALD G. WILLIAMS ... 5     |
| MISS ALICE STOKES ... .. 2   | JAMES NISBET ... .. 6          |
| MRS. WILLIAM EDWARDS ... 3   | WILLIAM GILLINGHAM ... 7       |
| ERNEST J. GOLDSTONE ... 4    | ALBERT E. COLBURN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by MISS ALICE STOKES.

The first peal on the bells.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. (approx.)

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| WILLIAM E. WILSON ... Treble | FRED HINDLE ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM BRIGGS ... .. 2      | JOHN WATSON ... .. 6        |
| ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... .. 3    | THOMAS WILSON ... .. 7      |
| JOHN BROWN ... .. 4          | JAMES HARRISON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by THOMAS WILSON.

First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt. The ringers of 4th and tenor hail from Hoghton; 3rd from St. Michael's, Blackburn; the remainder are of the local company.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT  
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,  
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;**

|                               |                             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| FREDERICK CARDWELL ... Treble | JOE GARTH ... .. 5          |
| WILLIAM H. TAYLOR ... .. 2    | J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... .. 6 |
| MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3     | HENRY WILSON ... .. 7       |
| HAROLD TAYLOR ... .. 4        | FRED WATKINSON ... .. Tenor |

Composed by E. C. GOBEY.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

First peal of Spliced Treble Bob by all the band. First peal of Treble Bob by all except ringers of 6th and tenor. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

GREENWICH.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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At THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;**

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

|                             |                             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| HARRY WARKNETT ... Treble   | ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 5     |
| CHARLES H. WALKER ... .. 2  | WILLIAM H. DAYNES ... .. 6  |
| EDWARD E. RICHARDS ... .. 3 | FREDERICK W. THORNTON ... 7 |
| JOHN JAMES LAMB ... .. 4    | THOMAS JAKEMAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM THORNTON.

Rung to celebrate the 'coming-of-age' of Miss Josie Jakeman, fifth daughter of the ringer of the tenor, and the first birthday anniversary of Miss Barley, grand-daughter of the ringer of the treble.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

**A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;**

Tenor 19½ cwt.

|                              |                               |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| THOMAS BLACKBOURN ... Treble | HARRY WOOD ... .. 5           |
| ALFRED KING ... .. 2         | FREDERICK HUNT ... .. 6       |
| BERT WILSON ... .. 3         | THOMAS KENDALL ... .. 7       |
| ARTHUR J. SMITH ... .. 4     | LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor |

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## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                               |                              |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|
| CHARLES H. SONE ... .. Treble | THOMAS E. SONE ... .. 5      |
| SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... .. 2     | HENRY C. CASTLE ... .. 6     |
| ARCHIBALD C. KAY ... .. 3     | FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... 7 |
| LEWIS NEWMAN ... .. 4         | PHILIP HODGKIN ... .. Tenor  |

Composed by N. J. PISTROW. Conducted by THOMAS E. SONE.

\* First peal of Treble Bob with an inside bell.

## CRAYFORD, KENT.

## THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble | ISAAC EMERY ... .. 5           |
| EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2      | EDWIN F. PIKE ... .. 6         |
| C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... 3   | GEORGE H. DAYNES ... .. 7      |
| ISAAC G. SHADE ... .. 4        | FREDERICK J. CULUM, JUN. Tenor |

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

## ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

## THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

## A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 1058 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MISS KITTY MOORE ... Treble    | HARRY BAXTER ... .. 5        |
| † CYRIL D. NICHOLS ... .. 2    | JOHN KING ... .. 6           |
| * MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD ... 3 | C. ARTHUR MANNING ... .. 7   |
| MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... .. 4     | ROBERT G. BLACK ... .. Tenor |

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD (No. 115 C.C.C. Sec. 2).

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

\* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

## REDENHALL, NORFOLK.

## THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ERNEST WHITING ... Treble | GEORGE GOWER ... .. 5       |
| GEORGE HOWLETT ... .. 2   | CHARLES CLARKE ... .. 6     |
| WALTER MOSES ... .. 3     | RUSSELL RICHES ... .. 7     |
| * LEWIS LOVE ... .. 4     | WALTER BARRETT ... .. Tenor |

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING

\* First peal.

## DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

## THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

|                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| HARRY HALL ... Treble   | LESLIE G. BRETT ... .. 5     |
| DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ... 2 | WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... .. 6   |
| GEORGE PRYKE ... .. 3   | THOMAS W. LAST ... .. 7      |
| GEORGE BENNETT ... .. 4 | LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor |

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY

70th peal by the ringer of the 5th.

## BOREHAM, ESSEX.

## THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

## A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 19 lb. in F.

|                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| HIRZELL EDWARDS ... Treble | WILLIAM LINCOLN ... .. 5 |
| THOMAS LINCOLN ... .. 2    | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... .. 6  |
| WALTER ARNOLD ... .. 3     | JOHN WOOD ... .. 7       |
| EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 4 | ARTHUR HEAD ... .. Tenor |

Composed by C. J. SEDLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

The 60th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal in the method.

## OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART, No 1.

Tenor 10 cwt.

|                             |                              |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble | CHARLES DRAPER ... .. 5      |
| ALBERT H. WARD ... .. 2     | JOHN CURTIS ... .. 6         |
| MAURICE SWINFELD ... .. 3   | JAMES GEORGE ... .. 7        |
| ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 4   | WILLIAM BROOKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Lichfield.

## BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

## \* THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

## A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble | JAMES SWINDLEY ... .. 5        |
| GEORGE R. JONES ... .. 2   | THOMAS R. BUTLER ... .. 6      |
| THOMAS CATHRALL ... .. 3   | JAMES H. RIDING ... .. 7       |
| WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON ... 4 | WILLIAM HIGGINSON ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

## LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

## THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

## A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 13 b. in B

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble | EPHRAIM W. RANDE ... .. 5   |
| WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2       | FREDERICK MILNER ... .. 6   |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 3      | EDWARD C. GOBEY ... .. 7    |
| EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4       | PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

This peal was a compliment to the conductor on the eve of his 18th birthday, and also his 100th for the M.C.A.

## EXETER, DEVON.

## THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

|                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| EDWIN SHEPHERD ... Treble | WILLIAM HOWE ... .. 5        |
| WILLIAM WAKLEY ... .. 2   | EDMUND SARGENT ... .. 6      |
| TOM G. BARTLETT ... .. 3  | FRANK MURPHY ... .. 7        |
| WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 4  | ALFRED G. BETTS ... .. Tenor |

Composed by H. HALEY.

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

First peal of Kent Treble Bob by all except Mr. Wakley.

## ELLAND, YORKSHIRE.

## THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Three Hours & Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

## A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

|                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| JAMES BARRACLOUGH ... Treble | JAMES COTTERELL ... .. 5     |
| HARRY T. RICHARDS ... .. 2   | JOSEPH BROADLEY ... .. 6     |
| HARRY ARMITAGE ... .. 3      | WILLIAM B. FRITH ... .. 7    |
| ALBERT ARMITAGE ... .. 4     | JAMES E. CARTER ... .. Tenor |

Composed by CHAS. HY. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

This peal is the treble ringer's reputed last peal, and rung for his 78th birthday (which occurred on December 5th). The ringers congratulated him on attaining his great age, and on the masterly way in which he rang his bell from the first to the last change of the peal.

HASTINGS. — At Christ Church, Blacklands, on Nov. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Parkin 1, Miss G. Chitt 2, S. Driver 3, J. Lavermore 4, J. Downing 5, G. Piper 6, A. Levitt (conductor) 7, D. Ruse 8. Ringers of 2nd, 6th and 7th are from All Saints', Hastings.

**SIX BELL PEALS.**

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Tuesday, November 24, 1925, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being 720 of Single Court, 1,440 each of Oxford Treble, Bob Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| HENRY F. CLULOW ... .. Treble | ARTHUR J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 4   |
| GEORGE E. PADGETT ... .. 2    | WALTER WHITE ... .. 5         |
| WILLIAM E. WHITE ... .. 3     | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... Tenor |

Conducted by J. F. MILNER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. First peal as conductor.

HARTFORD, CHESHIRE.

**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Tuesday, December 8, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

|                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| * THOMAS WILMOT ... .. Treble | HARRY EYRES ... .. 4      |
| HARRY W. HOWARD ... .. 2      | ALBERT BOOTH ... .. 5     |
| JOHN S. ROYLE ... .. 3        | HARRY PARKER ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by H. PARKER.

\* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung to welcome the Rev. E. S. Oliver as Vicar. He was inducted on Saturday, December 5th, by the Bishop of Chester.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

**THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, December 9, 1925, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

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

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ARTHUR WALLER ... .. Treble | ALFRED DOLLIN ... .. 4    |
| NOEL WILES ... .. 2         | HAROLD H. BEARD ... .. 5  |
| GEORGE HUTCHINGS ... .. 3   | PEARL INSKIP ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

**THE NORFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Faith,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| * CREAK SHIPP ... .. Treble | TOM GREENACRE ... .. 4    |
| ROLAND NEWSON ... .. 2      | ROBERT GREENACRE ... .. 5 |
| * EDWARD GREENACRE ... .. 3 | GEO. HAWES ... .. Tenor   |

Conducted by TOM GREENACRE.

First peal of Kent as conductor. \* First peal of Kent.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 12, 1925, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

|                                 |                            |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * WILLIAM BEDDARD ... .. Treble | WILLIAM H. COOPER ... .. 4 |
| JOHN BASS ... .. 2              | HAROLD V. COOPER ... .. 5  |
| ROBERT MATTHEWS ... .. 3        | WILLIAM GIBBS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

\* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. J. H. Parsons, for nearly 40 years a ringer at this church, and for the last 16 years clerk and sexton.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

**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.

|                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| CHRIS. BOWERS ... .. Treble | WILLIAM RANFORD ... .. 4   |
| WILLIAM NIBLETT ... .. 2    | DAVID HORNE ... .. 5       |
| ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... .. 3  | GEORGE JORDAN ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by DAVID HORNE.

A birthday peal for George Jordan.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

**A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Being four extents of Kent and three of Oxford.

Tenor 2 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lb. in F sharp.

|                               |                               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| { LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble | * EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4   |
| E. HARRY STONELEY ... .. 2    | J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 5     |
| { WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3   | * PERCIVAL PRICE ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

\* First peal of Minor in two methods. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung to celebrate the wedding of G. R. Newton, of Earl Shilton, and after meeting short for Stedman Triples. This is the quickest peal yet rung on tower bells.

THURLESTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, December 19, 1925, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

**A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;**

Bring seven different 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

|                                  |                            |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| * GEORGE WRIGHT, JUN. ... Treble | J. WILLIAM REYNOLDS ... 4  |
| CHARLES ALLSOP ... .. 2          | T. HARRY WRIGHT ... .. 5   |
| C. HARRY WEBB ... .. 3           | ERNEST MORRIS ... .. Tenor |

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

\* First peal of Minor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Gladys Sanders and Mr. George Newton, a ringer at Earl Shilton, which took place at Shilton on this day.

**A LECTURE ON BELLS.**

On the afternoon of Sunday, November 29th, members of St. James's Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, Manchester, had a new world of experience and interest opened up for them by the Rev. F. P. Cheetham, Principal of Egerton Hall, Manchester, and a member of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers, who gave a lecture on 'Bells and Bell Ringing.' There is at Birch a fine ring of eight bells, but few except the ringers had any conception of the scientific skill and knowledge necessary before the bells could be rightly used.

The lecturer began by giving a short history of the origin and development of bells and their uses, showing how intimately connected they have always been with religious worship. He then explained the theory of change ringing, aided by photographs and a model swinging bell, kindly lent by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The value of this able lecture was considerably enhanced by illustrations of change ringing, rung by a band of handbell ringers, under the leadership of Mr. H. Chapman (Messrs. D. Brown, H. Jackson, A. Barnes, A. Bailey, and F. Page). They gave leads of Bob Minor, Bob Major, and Bob Royal, following up with a plain course of Grand-sire Caters, and a plain course of Stedman Caters. Those who faced inclement weather to attend the lecture were more than repaid for their trouble, and it is hoped that the present band of change ringers at Birch (most of whom have served for many years in the belfry) will be reinforced by younger men, who, having caught something of the fascination of change ringing from this lecture, are willing to give time to the mastery of this difficult art.

No account of ringing activities at Birch at this date can be allowed to close without mention of the death of Mr. William Ryder on Saturday, December 5th, at the age of 79 years, and to which reference was made last week. He had been a ringer at Birch for over 61 years, holding the position of conductor for many years past. The writer was privileged to see him a few hours before he lost consciousness, and his last desire was to hear some account of the Rev. F. P. Cheetham's lecture. He will always be remembered for his faithful service in the belfry, a service no less valuable because rendered week by week, unseen by the majority of worshippers.

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## SALOP RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

### SHERIFFHALES PARISHIONERS' GIFTS.

We recently recorded a peal rung at Sheriffhales, Salop, in honour of Mr. John Lovekin, for 60 years a chorister, 50 years a bell ringer, and 40 years parish clerk. On November 21st the parishioners made an acknowledgment of this long and devoted service to the church, the proceedings being in the nature of a parochial festival. They began with a service in the afternoon. The Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Giles) officiated, assisted by the Rev. T. H. Rabone (Rector of Weston-under-Lizard). The first part of the service was a short but impressive commemoration of her late Majesty, Queen Alexandra. Then the Vicar dedicated a handsome bronze tablet recording the peal, which was carried in procession to the belfry, it being formally placed in the tower by Mr. Lovekin himself. It is later to be placed in an oak frame and fixed in the tower.

At the conclusion of the service, the 'Te Deum' was sung as an act of praise and thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr. Lovekin.

The bells were then rung while the parishioners proceeded to the Church Hall, where tea was provided. The Vicar, who presided, afterwards read letters of congratulation and good wishes to Mr. Lovekin from the Bishop of Lichfield, the Archdeacon of Salop, and others, and proceeded to pay a warm tribute to the simple goodness, honesty, integrity and courtesy of Mr. Lovekin, who, he said, had lived to serve God and the district in which he lived.

The Vicar then presented to Mr. Lovekin a beautifully illuminated address, handsomely framed. It was worded: 'Parish of St. Mary, Sheriffhales-cum-St. Peter, Woodcote. Mr. John Lovekin, of Sheriffhales. We, the Vicar and churchwardens, and past and present parishioners of Sheriffhales wish to express to you our sense of the great services you have rendered to the church in this parish. You have been a chorister for 60 years, a bell ringer for 50 years, and parish clerk for 40 years. In these offices you have served with unflinching fidelity and cheerfulness. We ask your acceptance of the clock which accompanies this address, and in thanking you for all you have done for the church in this parish, we hope that the Eternal Father will give you strength of mind and body for your remaining days on earth.' The address was signed by the Bishop of Lichfield, and was to be signed also by the Vicar and churchwardens, being dated Nov. 21st, 1925.

The Vicar next proceeded to present to Mr. Lovekin a very handsome large eight-day clock, equipped with beautiful chimes, a gift of the parishioners past and present. This was also suitably inscribed.

In making the presentation to Mr. Lovekin, the Vicar remarked that they only offered him what they thought was his due. They offered it, not because it expressed what they thought of him from the standpoint of value in pounds, shillings and pence—that could not be done—but because it did express their very best wishes for himself, his wife, and the whole of his family (applause).

The Rector of Weston-under-Lizard, and other speakers, including Mr. W. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, added their tribute to the life-long services of Mr. Lovekin, who was enthusiastically received when he rose to respond. He said he felt at a loss for words in which to express himself, and to return thanks for the way in which they had received him and treated him that evening. During his time there had been eleven organists, five vicars, and eleven curates. He thought that during his time he had been present at nearly 400 funerals, and over 500 baptisms, and 121 weddings. He had been trying the previous night to count up the ringers whom he had known and rung with. He thought there were over 50, many of whom he had broken in. He could only say that he was very grateful for the way in which the parishioners and friends had treated him, and for the beautiful gifts towards which they had subscribed (applause).

The remainder of the evening was devoted to a social, the proceedings being of a most happy and enjoyable character throughout.

The bells of the church were again rung, and performances given on the handbells.

All the arrangements had been made by the parishioners, headed by the Vicar.

## BELLS FROM BRASS CANNON.

It is an old expedient in time of war to use church bells for munitions, but it is rarer for bells thus utilised to be replaced by others cast in their turn from guns. Such a curious sequence of events has occurred (according to the Danish Foreign Office 'Journal,' quoted by the 'Birmingham Daily Post') at Smith's Iron Foundries and Machine Works, Ltd., of Aalborg, North Jutland. The firm received an order for forty-four bells to be installed in churches in South Jutland. During the war a large number of bells were removed from these churches by the German authorities, and melted down for the making of munitions. The new bells have been cast from the metal of sixty old brass cannon supplied to the Aalborg foundry by the Copenhagen Arsenal. Eight of these bells have been hung in different churches in various parts of the town of Hadersley, and have been so admirably cast that although they are distributed over a wide area they ring in perfect harmony with one another.

## ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

### MR. F. PITSTOW RESIGNS MASTERSHIP OF N.-W. DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the North-Western Division was held at Bishop's Stortford, on Saturday, Dec. 5th. A short service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Lane, who welcomed the ringers, and expressed regret that, owing to other arrangements, he was unable to accompany them to their tea.

After tea, held in the Parish Room, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. H. Howard, of Braintree.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Pitstow (Master of the Division), stating that he thought it best to resign from office, and wishing the division every success in the future.—The Chairman spoke warmly of the most valuable work that had been carried out by Mr. Pitstow in the past, and proposed that the secretary should convey to him a most hearty and sincere vote of thanks from the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. William Prior, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Smale proposed that Mr. H. Dew be elected Master of the Division.—Mr. Morris seconded, and the motion was carried.—Mr. Dew, amid applause, thanked the company.

Upon the proposition of Mr. Dew, and seconded by Mr. Hobbs, the secretary was re-elected.

Mr. W. Lawrence, on behalf of the Herts County Association, proposed that a joint meeting be held in the near future.—The matter was discussed, and eventually the meeting agreed that a joint meeting should be held, and that the arrangements be left to the two secretaries concerned.

Thaxted was decided upon for the next meeting-place. Various matters closely connected with bell ringing were then discussed.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. Canon Lane, the steeplekeeper, and the organist.

Touchees of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major were rung during the day.

## A JOINT MEETING AT EVESHAM.

A most successful and well-attended joint meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association and the All Saints' and St. Lawrence Guild, Evesham, was held at Evesham on Saturday, Dec. 12th, when nearly 80 members, representing every tower in the Southern Branch, with one exception, attended, together with seven visitors from the Western Branch. On account of the many six-bell beginners in the branch, rounds and Grandsire Triples figured largely in the ringing, but two well-struck touchees of Stedman Caters and a course of Cambridge Major were successfully brought round.

A fully choral service was held in the Church of St. Lawrence, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. O. Burbidge) gave an appropriate and interesting address from the words: 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep' (Romans xii., 15). The Rev. G. W. Webb, of Beddons Norton, read the special lesson, and a collection, taken on behalf of Offenham Bell Restoration Fund, realised £1.

Tea followed in the Church House, and at the subsequent business meetings, the Vicar presided, supported by the Revs. G. W. Webb and D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton). The business was chiefly routine in character, the retiring officers in both cases being re-elected for the ensuing year.

Blockley was chosen for the spring meeting of the branch, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Evesham, with Mr. J. Hemming as conductor.

A vote of thanks to all who contributed towards making the meeting such a success was proposed by Mr. C. A. Binyon, and carried with acclamation.

The Vicar, in a suitable reply, said it was a great pleasure to welcome them to Evesham.

Further ringing until 9 p.m. brought an enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

## A NOVEMBER CHARABANC EXCURSION.

The ringers of Farmborough Church, Somerset, had their annual outing on November 14th. The party, numbering 14, including the Rev. L. G. Ketchley, Mr. R. T. Clark (instructor), and friends from Camerton and Timsbury, left Farmborough by charabanc at 2 p.m., and called first at Dinder, where the bells were raised in peal, and touchees of Grandsire Doubles were rung. They then visited Croscombe, and Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung. At Shepton Mallet tea was provided at Moon's Restaurant, kindly arranged by Mr. Wm. Richards, captain of Shepton ringers. Afterwards the party visited the tower, where more Bob and Grandsire Doubles were brought round. The journey then took the party to Doulting, where they were met by Mr. H. E. Webb (captain), and, after ringing, went on to Leigh-on-Mendip, where they were provided with light refreshments, kindly arranged by the Rev. J. E. Honnywill (late President of the Association). No ringing was done at Leigh, owing to a death in the village. Farmborough was reached just after 10 o'clock. The ringers wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the respective Rectors for the use of the bells; also the towerkeeper for having everything in readiness, and the Rev. Honnywill for his kind hospitality.



**SPliced CATERS.**

A PEAL OF 5,073 ERIN, STEDMAN AND GRANDSIRE.

By A. J. PITMAN.

| ERIN.                         |   |   |   |   |    | GRANDSIRE.                      |        |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|---------------------------------|--------|
| 123456789                     | 1 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7  | 45237698                        |        |
| 563214978                     | — | 8 | — | — | —  | 35247689                        | 2—4—5  |
| 146352                        | — | — | — | — | —  | 5423                            | 9 in 2 |
| 625413                        | — | — | — | — | —  | 4253                            | 89     |
| 531264                        | — | — | — | — | —  | 2354                            | 9 in 2 |
| 213564                        | — | — | — | — | —  | 3452                            | 9 in 2 |
| 641325                        | — | — | — | — | —  | 4532                            | 89     |
| 152463                        | — | — | — | — | —  | 5234                            | 9 in 2 |
| Repeat calling of last three  |   |   |   |   |    | 2435                            | 9 in 2 |
| courses 8 times, calling last |   |   |   |   |    | 4325                            | 89     |
| course of fourth and ninth    |   |   |   |   |    | 3245                            | 89     |
| parts 4—5—6—7 produces,       |   |   |   |   |    | 2543                            | 9 in 2 |
| following course end:         |   |   |   |   |    | 5342                            | 9 in 2 |
| STEDMAN.                      |   |   |   |   |    | 23457698                        | 2—4—5  |
| 345162978                     | — | — | — | — | —  | 3542                            | 8 in 2 |
| 412635                        | 4 | — | — | 6 | 15 | 5243                            | 8 in 2 |
| 315642                        | 4 | 5 | — | — | —  | 2453                            | 98     |
| 512643                        | — | 5 | — | — | —  | 4352                            | 8 in 2 |
| 513642                        | S | — | 5 | — | —  | 3254                            | 8 in 2 |
| 412653                        | 4 | 5 | — | — | —  | This composition contains 1,674 |        |
| 213654                        | — | 5 | — | — | —  | changes of Erin, 1,690 of Sted- |        |
| 314062                        | — | 5 | — | — | —  | man, and 1,709 of Grandsire.    |        |
| 512634                        | 4 | 5 | — | — | —  | To reduce to 5,001, finish as   |        |
| 214635                        | — | 5 | — | — | —  | follows:—                       |        |
| 415632                        | — | 5 | — | — | —  | 53427689                        |        |
| 312645                        | 4 | 5 | — | — | —  | 42357698                        | 2—4    |
| 215643                        | — | 5 | — | — | —  | 2534                            | 8 in 2 |
| 413625                        | 4 | 5 | — | — | —  | 5432                            | 8 in 2 |
| 315624                        | — | 5 | — | — | —  | 4352                            | 98     |
| 514623                        | — | 5 | — | — | —  | 3254                            | 8 in 2 |
| 145237698 * 1—2—4—5—8—9—12    |   |   |   |   |    |                                 |        |
| * Fourth change of twelfth    |   |   |   |   |    |                                 |        |
| six to commence Grandsire     |   |   |   |   |    |                                 |        |
| as follows.                   |   |   |   |   |    |                                 |        |

**WALTER P. WHITEHEAD'S 100 PEALS.**

Mr. Walter P. Whitehead, better known in Leicestershire as 'Tich,' reached his century of peals by conducting, as already recorded, a peal of Bob Major on November 8th last. He has taken three years nine months to compile this hundred, having started peal ringing on Feb. 23rd, 1922, with Stedman Triples, in which he rang the treble. He is believed to be the youngest ringer to ring 'in hand' on 'inside pairs' peals of Stedman Doubles, Triples, Caters and Cinques, and to conduct a peal of Stedman Caters. This latter he did when only 16 years of age. It is probable also that he was the first to ring a peal of Superlative, Cambridge and London in his 14th year, and the youngest to call Holt's Original. Here is the list of his peals:—

|                            | Tower bells. |       | Handbells. |       |
|----------------------------|--------------|-------|------------|-------|
|                            | Rung.        | Cond. | Rung.      | Cond. |
| Doubles in three methods   | ...          | ...   | 1          | 1     |
| Grandsire Doubles          | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Grandsire Triples          | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Grandsire Caters           | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Grandsire Cinques          | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Stedman Doubles            | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Stedman Triples            | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Stedman Caters             | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Stedman Cinques            | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Bob Minor                  | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Bob Major                  | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Bob Royal                  | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Little Bob Major           | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Canterbury Pleasure Major  | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Double Norwich Major       | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Kent Treble Bob Major      | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Spliced Treble Bob Major   | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Superlative Surprise Major | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| London Surprise Major      | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Bristol Surprise Major     | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Cambridge Surprise Major   | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Cambridge Surprise Royal   | ...          | ...   | ...        | ...   |
| Totals                     | 84           | 34    | 16         | 6     |

Total, 100; conducted, 40; rung in 25 towers.

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## BELFRY GOSSIP.

To all our readers we extend the old, old wish of 'A Happy Christmas.'

On Christmas morning Bow Bells will be broadcast to the world at 10.15. Call changes will be rung by special request of the B.B.C., in order to illustrate the popular changes.

A sum of over £800 is to be spent on the restoration of the bells of Hatfield Church, near Doncaster. The ring of eight (tenor 18 cwt.) is to be recast and rehung with entirely new fittings, and in a new iron frame.

Those ringers who seek information of the happenings in the Exercise for the past forty years will be interested to know that Mr. Harry Mason, who has now settled into a permanent home, 'The Goodrest,' Hagley, Worcestershire, has kindly volunteered to look up anything in reason which appeared in 'The Bell News' from the first number in 1881, onwards.

'Great George,' the 9½ ton bell in the new buildings of the Bristol University will be on view, and may be rung by holders of tickets for the Bristol United Ringing Guild's fifth annual dinner. Here is a chance for the other great George.

There will be many congratulations to the band of St. Mary's Church, Luton, upon ringing the first peal of Bristol Surprise in Bedfordshire, the peal being the first in the method by all the band. Even in these days of advanced ringing there are comparatively few 'local' companies who can put up a Bristol Surprise peal band.

The greatest scientific performance ever achieved in change ringing was the description applied to the peal of 6,048 London Surprise Major rung on December 26th, 1871, by Squire Proctor and a band of village residents at Bennington.

Boxing Day can claim quite a number of noteworthy achievements in the past. In 1760, at Hackney, the first peal of College Exercise Major was rung; in 1782, 5,040 London Union Trebbles by the Society of London Youths, 'being the first of that method,' was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields.

In more recent times, among the long peals rung on this holiday were: 1885, 8,064 Double Norwich, at Leiston, by the College Youths; 1894, 9,312 Superlative Surprise, at Crawley, Sussex; 1895, 10,080 Bob Major, at Helmingham; 1901, 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham; and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Beeston, Notts; 1910, 9,728 Superlative Surprise at Clent, Worcestershire; 1923, 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, at Walthamslow. It was on December 26th also that the 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 1831, at Elland, Yorks.

It was on December 27th, 1904, that the 17,104 Double Norwich Major was rung at South Wigston, Leicestershire, and on the same day in 1909, the 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major, at Brierley Hill, Staffs.

The earliest peal of Treble Bob was rung on December 27th, 1718, a 5,040 Union Bob by the Union Scholars, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London. This method we now know as Oxford Treble Bob, and, in view of the desire which is being evinced in some quarters to retain old names, may we not ask who it was that changed the name, for it was this peal as much as any that established the right of ringers of the first peal to give the method the name they choose. In this case the ringers called it after their own society.

In 1738 (December 27th), 'the Friendly Society of Ringers,' the forerunners, as it were, of the St. James' Society, rang a peal of 6,160 Bob Major, at St. Andrew's, Holborn.

## COVENTRY BELLS.

We are asked to state that the printed leaflets relating to Coventry Bells received by the Secretaries of the Central Council's Affiliated Associations and Guilds are for their private information only, pending the hearing of the case on January 4th next.

## CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS RECORD.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION RING A LONG LENGTH AT BOW. There was a great achievement at Bow Church, Cheapside, on Saturday, when members of the Middlesex County Association brought round a peal of 7,392 Cambridge Surprise Maximus on this far-famed ring of bells. There was some excellent ringing—as was only to be expected of the band, and the occasion—and no serious trip occurred throughout the peal, which occupied 5 hours 38 minutes.

This is, of course, the first 'long' peal of Cambridge Maximus, and, as a 'single-handed' performance, ranks high among the great achievements in the history of ringing. Apart from the complexity of the method, Bow is not an easy belfry in which to ring, and we believe this is the longest peal of Maximus ever accomplished on bells with a tenor of over 50 cwt. Mr. William Pye has thus added another record to his many great successes, and to him and to the whole band the Exercise will extend congratulations. It was a great performance.

## WEDDING BELLS.

At Barrow-on-Humber, Lincs, on Wednesday, Oct. 28th, in honour of the wedding of Miss Elsie M. Mason and Mr. Roderick Marshall, at the Church of Holy Trinity, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Doubles: R. Pratt 1, J. Barrick 2, J. Atkinson 3, H. E. Dannatt 4, J. W. Crowder 5, J. Parkin 6.

## NOTES BY THE WAY.

## THE ORIGINS OF CHANGE RINGING.

By J. A. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

It is a fascinating amusement to speculate how such a thing as change ringing was ever invented. Bells have been in use for a thousand years and more, and by all civilised people. You will find them all over the world, in the old countries of the East, as well as in Christian Churches. But change ringing is little more than three hundred years old, and is practised only in England and by a few Englishmen who have gone out to the Colonies. The whole thing is illogical. A bell is a musical instrument, but music is one of the last things with which change ringing (as change ringing) concerns itself. The bells are hung in church towers, and are dedicated by special services; but change ringing in its beginning and throughout the greater part of its history was purely secular. You will find many records of money paid for ringing in the past for many reasons, national, social, political, but seldom or never ecclesiastical.

They tell us that bells were put in church towers for the church's services, and it is largely true, but not altogether true. True for the bells of the Middle Ages; true for the present time. But not true to any great degree for the seventeenth and eighteenth and parts of the sixteenth and nineteenth centuries. You have but to study the inscriptions on the bells to see how secular the associations with them were at one time. The 'Ave Maria Gratia Plena Dominus Tecum,' or 'Santa Fides Ora Pro Nobis' of the fifteenth century, gives way in the seventeenth and eighteenth to such things as 'Let us tune and sound together England's sweet Peace for ever,' or 'At proper times my voice I'll raise to sound to our benefactor's praise,' or even 'Hark do you hear, our clappers want beer.' And only in modern times has the old style been revived, as in the noble inscription on Great Paul, 'Vae mihi si non Evangelisavers.' It is not the question of taste that is most remarkable; it is the purely secular idea that is associated with bells and bell ringing. It is not as anything connected with church services or ritual that we must look for the beginnings of change ringing, but purely as a secular sport.

But if the causes that first produced change ringing are obscure, the time when it began and the class of men among whom it began are pretty certainly known. Change ringing began in the first few years of the seventeenth century, and among ordinary everyday kind of people. It was not the deliberate invention of some great brain. It arose naturally and spontaneously, and in country villages at the same time as in the larger towns. It is not really difficult to understand how it began, and, once the first beginnings were made, its rise and development can be clearly traced.

Fabian Stedman is our authority for the date of the beginning of change ringing, but now Mr. Drake produces evidence to show that its start was much earlier. 'There have been found, inscribed on the tower of Buxhall Church, in the county of Suffolk, a set of plain changes, signed by one John Gooch, who, according to the antiquary who discovered them, died before Stedman was born.' This leaves the date of these figures very vague, but Mr. Drake assumes them to be 'about one hundred years' before 1668.

In any case the discovery is a most interesting one, but, before we accept it as any proof that Stedman was wrong, we must know on what ground the antiquary based his conclusion that John Gooch died before Stedman was born, and what his qualifications are for arriving at such a conclusion. We must also have the figures. Stedman was born in 1631, and plain changes were certainly rung before then. And so, if these are of an early type, the antiquary may be right, although Mr. Drake's conjecture is almost certainly wrong. But if the figures represent the fully developed plain changes that Stedman describes, then we can safely say that they are not earlier than the middle of the seventeenth century, and must probably belong to the last part of that century, or the early part of the eighteenth.

This is what Stedman has to say about the beginnings of our art—

'It is an Ancient Proverb with us in England (that Rome was not built in a day) by which expression is declared that difficult things are not immediately done, or in a short time accomplished. But for the art of ringing it is admirable to conceive in how short a time it hath increased, that the very depth of its intricacy is found out; for within these fifty or sixty years last past changes were not known nor thought possible to be rung. Then were invented the Sixes, being the very ground of a Six-score. Then the Twenty and Twenty-four, with several other changes. But Cambridge Forty-eight for many years was the greatest Peal that was Rang or invented; but now neither Forty-eight nor a Hundred, nor Seven-hundred and twenty, nor any number can confine us for we can ring changes ad infinitum . . . that is infinite in respect of our apprehension.'

It is quite clear that Stedman is not writing haphazardly, but deliberately, of facts which he knew. The picture he draws is of a humble beginning somewhere about 1610, a slow growth at first; and

just before the publication of his book a rapid development. There was ringing before 1610, and long before 1610 there were even ringing societies, for the 'Scholars of Cheapside' was founded as far back as 1603. But Stedman was absolutely right when he places the beginning of change ringing at the 'invention of the Sixes.' For the invention of the Sixes was the first recognition that the production of changes is subject to strict law. He tells us how the Sixes were rung, and there you have the germ from which the whole of change ringing has developed, by a process or orderly evolution.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth bell ringing had come to be one of the English sports. The hanging of the bells was very rough and crude; there were no slays and slides; no sallies, and the ringing a single bell was a great test of physical strength. Shakespeare gives us a sketch of a country bell ringer drawn, no doubt, from his personal experience in the days when, a boy, he roamed among the villages of Warwickshire. The name he gave him—Peter Bullen—is enough to describe him, a lusty young fellow, strong of muscle, and not too intellectual, an ordinary healthy yokel.

The early ringing was necessarily round ringing. The bells were raised, rung and lowered, as was and is the custom in some West Country towers, and then naturally enough there came the time when one man said to another, 'Let's have some variety: let's have a fresh tune. Change places with me.' And when that was said and done, change ringing became possible.

'A Change,' says Stedman, 'is made between two Bells that strike next to each other, by removing into each others places.' At first, these changes were made at random, but the invention of the Sixes established ringing for all time as a science as well as an art. The Sixes are, of course, the changes on three bells. All the early ringing was done on small numbers of bells, and much of it on three and four bells. The reader will, I think, get a correct idea of what the earliest of all Change Ringing was if I quote Stedman at length.

'On three bells there are six several changes to be made: in ringing of which there is one bell to be observed, which is called the Hunt, and the other two are Extream Bells (but they cannot properly be so called because every bell hunts in the Six Changes); yet because 'tis commonly rung by observing a Hunt and two Extream Bells, I will, therefore, proceed in that course. The name of Hunt is properly given to it because of its continual motion up and down amongst the other bells, which motion is called Hunting; and the other two are called Extream Bells because, when the Hunt is either before or behind them, that is at the Extream or utmost place, there is a change then to be made between them called an Extream Change. There are two several ways to ring the six changes, one whereof is to make the Treble the Hunt, and the other way is to make the Tenor the Hunt. I will give an Example in hunting the Treble, the bells are supposed to stand thus:—

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| Now the Treble must first be hunted up over the Second      | 1 2 3 |
| and Third, which is to be done by making a change between   |       |
| the Treble and each of those two bells in order; therefore, |       |
| first I remove the Treble up over the Second into Second's  |       |
| place by making a Change between the Treble and Second      |       |
| thus: . . . . .   | 2 1 3 |
| The Treble being removed up over the Second it must next    |       |
| be removed up over the Third, as in this Change . . . . .   | 2 3 1 |

Always observe that when the Hunt moves from the foremost Bell towards the hindmost, then it hunts up, as in the Changes next before, but when it moves or hunts from the hindmost bell toward the bell that leads, then it hunts down, as appears by the Changes following.

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| The Treble being hunted up behind the Extream bell an    |       |
| Extream Change is next to be made between them . . . . . | 3 2 1 |

Here you may observe that if the Hunt had been hunted down without an Extream Change first made, these Changes in hunting it down would have been the same with those that were made in hunting it up.

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| The Extream Change being made, the Treble must be hunted |       |
| down again before the bells, thus: . . . . .             | 3 1 2 |
|  | 1 3 2 |

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| The Treble being now hunted down, the next is to be an |       |
| Extream Change. . . . .                                | 1 2 3 |
| which is the last Change of the six.'                  |       |

**HASTINGS.**—On Monday evening, Dec. 8th, at Christ Church, Blacklands, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: R. G. Bryant 1, J. A. Downing 2, F. J. Pont 3, S. C. Driver 4, J. Livermore 5, W. H. Ropley 6, A. Levett (conductor) 7, A. Reid 8. Ringers of 1st, 3rd, 6th and 8th are from St. Peter's, Bexhill; 7th from All Saints'; Hastings; the rest are Blacklands ringers.

**HARWICH.**—On December 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. H. Alderton 1, F. Ramplin 2, A. Alderton 3, E. Scarfe 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Scarfe 6, F. Chaplin 7, C. Knopp (first quarter-peal) 8.

## DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

## SATISFACTORY POSITION OF NORTH-EASTERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern branch was held at Tiverton on Saturday, December 12th. About 55 ringers were present, nine out of the ten towers in the branch being represented. The visitors included the president and general secretary of the Guild, and ringers from Chipstable, Talaton, Payhembury, Thorverton, etc. The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. E. Chapman).

It is hoped to hold the next meeting on Saturday, April 10th, at Silvertown, subject to the Rector's approval.

The report of the year's work was quite satisfactory. The membership had increased from 74 to 98, of whom all but seven are holding certificates. Eighteen certificates were awarded during the year. The financial position is also quite sound.

All standing officers were re-elected.

An excellent tea was arranged in the Church House by Mrs. Knowles and the wives of the local ringers.

## SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild was held at Gillingham on Saturday, December 12th, when 76 ringers were present, representing about 20 towers. At the service, an address was given by the Rev. N. E. G. Newman (the Vicar), after which the members had tea together in the Vicarage Schoolroom.

A business meeting followed, at which the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Master of the Diocesan Guild) was re-elected chairman, and the Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe secretary of the branch.

The ringers of the tower of Moro were elected members of the Guild, and two ringers from Croton were also elected.

Several of the neighbouring incumbents had given the ringers leave to use the bells of their churches, and during the evening, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

## LADIES' GUILD

## CENTRAL DISTRICT AT WILLESSEN.

The quarterly meeting of the Central District was held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, December 12th. Although the attendance of members was small (no doubt owing to the postponement of the date), with the help of the gentlemen who very kindly supported the ladies, the meeting was voted by everyone as very successful. All methods were rung from Grandsire to London, and also a course of Cambridge Surprise, with seven members, and a gentleman ringing the treble.

The service having been postponed, steps were taken to the hall at 5 p.m., where a good tea had been prepared by Mrs. Ebberson and Mrs. H. Kilby.

A short business meeting followed, Mrs. Deal being voted to the chair.—One new member was elected, viz.: Mrs. Burnett, of Southsea.

The next quarterly meeting was suggested to be held at Walthamstow, subject to the secretary obtaining the necessary permission.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Kilby and the ladies who so kindly made all arrangements, concluded the meeting.

Several touches on handbells were rung, and then a return was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 p.m.

## 'MISSION' RINGING AT DEPTFORD.

The following quarter-peals were rung for services during a mission held at St. John's Church, Deptford, Kent, on Wednesday, Nov. 11th: Grandsire Triples: F. Fraser 1, C. Walker 2, T. A. Easterby 3, H. James 4, J. Hurrell 5, H. Warnett, jun., 6, H. Warnett, sen., 7, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 8.—On Friday, Nov. 13th, Grandsire Triples: J. Dafters 1, F. Bacon 2, H. James 3, C. Walker 4, J. Hurrell 5, R. Wood 6, H. Warnett (conductor) 7, W. Norwood 8.—On Monday, Nov. 16th, Stedman Triples: F. Fraser 1, E. B. Crowder 2, H. James 3, W. Martin 4, J. Dafters 5, R. Wood 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Hurrell 8.—On Wednesday, Nov. 18th, Bob Major: F. Fraser 1, J. Dafters 2, H. James 3, W. Anderson 4, J. Hurrell 5, E. B. Crowder 6, H. Warnett (conductor) 7, W. J. Jeffries 8.

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of 150 years ago has been brought to light at such towns as Oldham, Hyde, Maidstone, Saffron Walden, Painswick, Abingdon, etc. Further light on the Norwich history could be obtained by a thorough search of the older newspapers. It requires a small energetic 'committee of investigation' to list up bellringing items on prepared sheets printed for the purpose. It would reveal, perhaps, the missing letter of the Crane controversy, the unknown conductors, and even the figures of some of the peals.

W. H. FUSSELL.

## MORTLAKE—1721?

## INTERESTING LIGHT ON EARLY PEALS.

With reference to the interesting note recently in 'Belfry Gossip,' relating to a peal of two centuries ago at Mortlake, there appears to be an error of date.

The first peal of Plain Bob Triples (see Snowden's 'Rope Sight,' p. 85) is recorded in the peal book of the Ancient Society of College Youths, No. 19, composed and conducted by Benjamin Annable, at St. Saviour's Church, Southwark, on Dec. 19th, 1730, wherein the footnote to the entry states: 'First that was rung.'

This composition was again rung by the same society at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, City, on August 21st, 1731, conducted by William Laughton. The Mortlake peal took place the following November, so that the year 1731 would appear to be more correct. All three were rung within a twelvemonth, and similar peals were rung later as follows: At Camberwell, by the Eastern Scholars, 1735; at Harrietsham, Kent, 1744, by the Leeds Youths; at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, by the Union Scholars, 1749; and at St. George's, Middlesex, 1753, by the London Youths.

The London societies were more correct in describing their performances in those early days of peal ringing, and this was mostly due to the professional peal writers employed. There are several instances of confusion in the use of the words 'Triples' and 'Trebles,' which was increased when the Treble Bob method (Oxford) came into popular vogue.

The outstanding feature of this first 'seven-bell' peal in the method is the fact that the time of the performance was minutely recorded in the peal book, although both Snowden and Banister, in their works on change ringing, have not mentioned it. Annable had conducted 16 of the 18 peals previously rung for the College Youths without giving the time, so that he was the first to include it in his records, viz., '3 hours and 25½ minutes.' Previous to 1730 the old peal boards gave the duration of a peal—one of which affords evidence of an isolated but early achievement—Grandsire Triples at Ellesmere, Salop, on Feb. 4th, 1730, in 3 hrs. 5 mins.

The misuse of words in describing methods was continued by our forefathers on the higher numbers of bells employed, and the following combination appears in the peal book of the Leeds (Kent) Society, 1751, describing Bob Caters:—

'Complete peal of Caters in the Method of Bob Major Triples in the Tittums.'

Mr. Walker's meaning in the 'N.B.' to his peal rung at Richmond is probably the 'first in the method composed and conducted by him.' It was not only the third time it had been rung; but he was the third man ever to have conducted such a performance. Henry Lyford, who rang the 5th bell at Mortlake, was a well known riverside ringer of his day, and the father or uncle of John Lyford, a keen College Youth, usually found at the back end of the octave.

The method known as Richmond Triples was much the same as Fulham Triples, the latter being practised by the Leeds and Lenham Youths, and a peal of it rung at Leeds in 1749, conducted by Barham.

A couple of years ago Mr. Tom Hensher very kindly sent me a MSS. pocket book, dated Lavenham, Bucks, 1734, in which are the figures of a number of five-bell methods employing an 'extreme,' which could very well extend to Triples, and when a 5040 was attempted successfully the name of the town or parish would be added to the title, especially so if it was the first performance in the district.

Mr. Trollope, in his valuable 'Notes by the Way,' refers to Bob Triples by the Norwich men in 1715 as the first peal ever rung. At the same time one must consider the opinion of Shipway, a famous composer and conductor of the Royal Cumberland Youths Society, whose version of the Norwich peal coincides with the College Youths' claim of first in this method.

There was much business intercourse between London and Norwich all the year round about this period of history, via the Thames, East Coast and the River Yare to Norwich, when the roads were impassable during winter months. The growth of coaching in the 18th century led to better road making, just as the motor to-day is vastly improving and rebuilding the older carriage routes through England. Therefore, whatever change ringing was practised in either city was very soon reported to the other.

We know now, at last, who the men 'J. D.' and 'C. M.' were—members of the London Scholars, who, in 1702, published a work on change ringing, and copies of that book were found in Norwich thirteen years before the 1715 performance. Melchior, of Norwich, Barham, of Leeds, and Lawrence, of Shifnal, all visited the City of London in their day, and, as practical 'country ringers,' no doubt took the opportunity of seeing and hearing what the Cockneys could accomplish in the art.

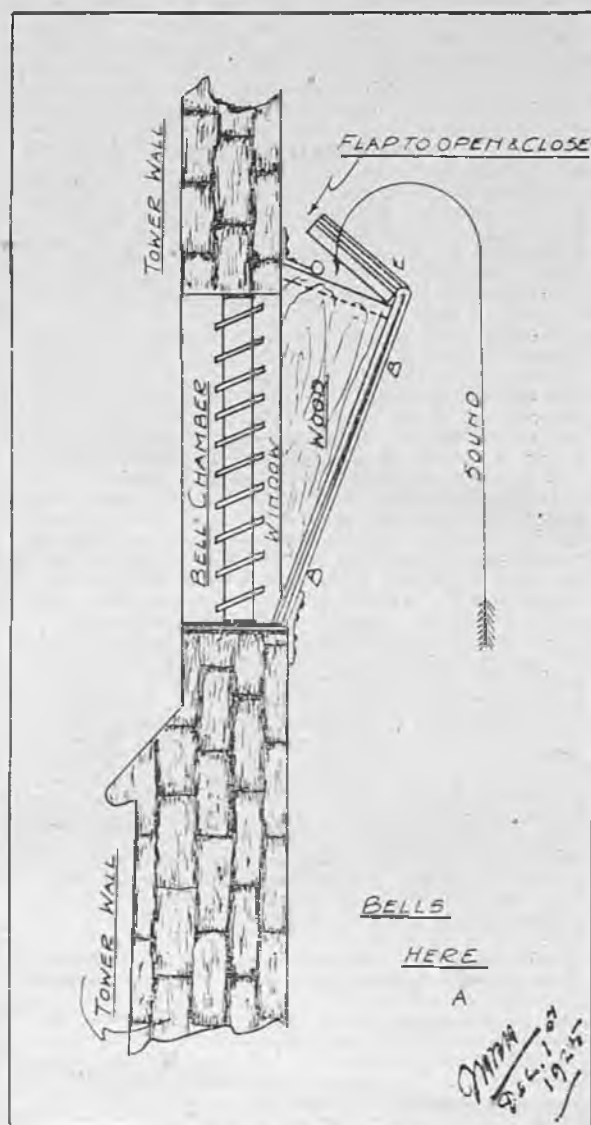
Of recent years it has been the custom of the editors of the provincial weekly journals to publish small paragraphs of local bellringing extracted from their issues of a century or more ago. In this way a curious confirmation of the peal at Windsor Castle was brought to my notice after an interval of 40 years, which I hope to report to you another day. By this means evidence of peal ringing

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**NOISY BELFRIES.****SIMPLE DEVICE FOR MODERATING SOUND.**

The question of reducing the amount of noise of bells in the streets surrounding the church is one of the matters which should receive more attention from authorities than it does. Below we illustrate a simple device, designed by Major J. H. B. Hesse, by which the sound outside the tower can be regulated.



The sketch shows a tower wall, with the window opening in it. The V shaped piece marked 'wood' is merely a side piece filling up the gap between the wood boarding, which is shown on the slant, namely, 'B B,' and the top of the window. It would be briefly described as a screen blocking the whole of the window opening, leaning inwards towards the bells, so that all water will drain outwards again through the window. The sound waves have to go down through the opening 'O,' and the screen can, if necessary, have the flap 'E' fitted, so that sound is again restricted. If bells are on a level with the windows the wood portion 'B B' and V shaped piece can be raised to sufficient height to be well above the bells when set on end.

**A DATE TOUCH.**

At Boxley, Kent, on Tuesday, November 10th, being the eve of Armistice Day, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1,925 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 1 hr. 16 mins., in memory of the 34 men of Boxley who gave their lives for their country in the war: D. Gower 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, R. Luckhurst 3, G. Voules 4, H. Fuller 5, E. Voules 6. First date touch by all except the 2nd.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.****EASTERN DIVISION MEETING AT ROTHERFIELD.**

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Rotherfield on Saturday, December 12th. Members attended from the following towers: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heathfield, Lewes, Mayfield, Pevensey, Tunbridge Wells and Waldron, together with the members of the local band.

The members were warmly welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. A. F. Thornhill, M.A.), who gave a most interesting address at the service. Excellent practice was had in methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise.

Through the kindness of the Rector, the company partook of a bountiful tea at the Parish Hall. Owing to an accident sustained by Mrs. Thornhill, the Rector was unable to be present at the tea. In his absence, Mr. G. Penfold presided at the tea, and also occupied the chair at the business meeting which followed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at All Saints', Eastbourne. —A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for providing such a splendid tea. Regret was also expressed with regard to the accident which had befallen the Rector's wife.

**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

Members turned up in large numbers at a district meeting of this association, at Jarrow on Saturday, December 12th, and the bells of Christ Church and St. Peter's were kept going all the afternoon and evening. An excellent tea was provided at the Co-operative Cafe, and a short meeting was held afterwards, presided over by Mr. R. L. Patterson, of Sunderland, supported by the President of the Association, the Rev. A. W. Lister, of South Shields.

At the outset, Mr. William Story moved, in very feeling terms, a vote of condolence with the relatives of the late Major Hudson, whose tragic death has so shocked the Exercise. Mr. Story had known Major Hudson from boyhood, had rung many peals with him, and had always had a very high regard for him.—The vote was passed in silence, the members standing for a few moments.

The Rev. A. W. Lister proposed a vote of thanks to the local clergy for the use of the bells.—The Rev. T. H. Lilburn, of St. Peter's, in responding, said it was a very interesting occasion to him, as there were present friends from his old parish (St. Ignatius', Sunderland), friends from his present parish, and also friends from his new parish of St. Oswald's, West Hartlepool.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Gateshead on January 30th, and the meeting concluded with the season's greetings from the chairman, with best wishes for many more successful meetings such as this in the New Year.

**DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**

A quarterly meeting of this Guild was held at St. Andrew's Church, Netherton, on Saturday, December 5th. The eight bells were available for the members during the afternoon, and the beautiful Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. A. Norris), who also gave a very helpful and inspiring address. After the service, an adjournment was made to Scrivens' Cafe, where tea was in readiness, about forty members sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. R. A. Norris presided, supported by Messrs. H. Mason, John Goodman, jun. (Ringing Master), and the secretary.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting, which is the annual one, at Dudley, and that the quarterly peal be attempted at Netherton, the arrangements to be left with the Ringing Master.

At the close of the meeting, on the proposition of Mr. Mason, seconded by Mr. S. J. Hughes, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Netherton for his kindness in granting permission to hold the meeting at Netherton, also for conducting the service, and for his address, for the use of the tower and bells, for his kind generosity for providing the tea, which was greatly appreciated by all present, and for presiding at the meeting.

The thanks of the Guild were also given to Mr. Albert Prestidge for making the necessary arrangements.

The Vicar replied, on behalf of all concerned, and closed the meeting, which was a most happy and successful one, with prayer.

**FIFTY-TWO YEARS A RINGER.**

At the Parish Church, Milnrow, Lancs, for evening service, on Dec. 6th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Staff 1, G. Staff (conductor) 2, J. Fitton 3, J. B. Shaw 4, S. Dunn 5, C. Bennett 6, A. Buckley 7, J. H. C. Massey 8.

Arranged to celebrate the birthday of Mr. J. Fitton, the ringer of the 3rd, who reached his 71st birthday on the above date, and who is still a regular ringer at both service and practice, and also has a record of 52 years as a ringer at this church.

## SYSTEMATIC INSTRUCTION.

By JOHN P. FIDLER.

One of the most outstanding features in connection with the art of campanology, is the absence of a definite course of instruction, a circumstance which bewilders the learner. In his own tower he is taught one way, whilst at another, which he may visit, a totally different system is in vogue, until 'he don't know where he are.' Some instructors bring their pupils up on a foundation which will afterwards carry them forward, without much trouble, to the most intricate systems of change ringing, but, unhappily, they are very few. More often than not, the student is taught by word of mouth only, and in a manner which makes it appear a most laborious undertaking. He is told to do this, that, or the other, but why he has to do it is very rarely mentioned. How often do we find a learner, who as soon as he can handle a bell, is put on the tenor to 'drum,' in order that the other seven may ring some good Triples, until the time arrives when he finds it a difficult task to manage a much lighter bell in the ring! Further, there is the great mistake of teaching a learner to handle a heavy bell before a light one. No doubt there is less risk of over-pulling the heavier metal, and consequently less risk of breaking a stay, but there is more to be said for the lighter bell; the knack of handling is more easily and quickly acquired, which is the fundamental. Should there be any risk of a stay going, take it off, then if the bell is over-pulled, there is nothing to break, and does not entail any expense to put things right. Moreover, a light bell can readily be lowered or raised when the student has finished. Thus we come to the first stage of a student's tuition, which is the best way for him to handle a bell? Opinions will differ, and no doubt will be aired, to the ultimate benefit of the Exercise.

The next step should be striking in rounds and call changes, with plenty of stress on the striking. Too often is the beginner put into ringing changes before he can strike correctly, with the result that he is always a bad striker. On the advertisement pages of the 'Ringing World' are advertised two books, 'Rope Sight,' by Snowden, and 'Change Ringing,' by Troyste, so whilst the student is becoming master of his bell, he ought to be in possession of one of these books, studying the opening chapters and so preparing himself for his first lesson in change ringing. The next point to decide is, which is the first lesson?

In my opinion, it is Bob Minor and on the Treble until capable of ringing the extent without prompting, after which, an inside bell could be taken. The main object will be frustrated if force is used, no matter the number of bells in the tower. Teach your man by easy stages, and he will be all the better for it, and certainly will be a more capable ringer. If yours is an eight bell tower, I think you will find much better Bob Major will eventually be rung if a thorough knowledge of Bob Minor has been obtained, and the same can be said with ten and twelve. No doubt some will say, what about the odd methods? Grandsire should present no difficulties, but if you want Stedman, the pace is being forced, which a proper course of instruction will not permit.

After Plain Bob has been mastered, go back again to Minor to master the Treble Bob principle, or if it is desired to ring a number of Plain Major methods, much good will come of a thorough study and practise of the Plain in Minor methods which appear in the Central Council's 'Collection of Methods.' The different kinds of work will be more readily learned, and more easily seen on six than on eight or more. The same also applies to the more difficult Treble Bob and Surprise methods.

When a person commences to learn an instrument, he knows full well that success cannot be accomplished without hard practice, and going slow but sure. Does he attempt to execute the work of masters before he has done his finger exercises? Certainly not, yet ringers want to do so. Are not exercises the mainstay of our present musicians? And so it ought to be with our craft. How often do we find ringers on the higher numbers scoffing at six-bell ringing! It is, however, done without thought or of the knowledge of the benefits offered by the Minor methods. In this branch of the art there is an open field for development, and a host of difficult 'passages,' which if thoroughly mastered would aid the aspirant to the more difficult methods on the higher numbers.

At the College Youths' dinner, Canon G. F. Coleridge paid me a very great compliment, for which I thank him, but I wonder what was at the back of his mind when he said 'it will be of vast interest and vast use to six-bell ringers, and perhaps eight-bell ringers as well.' Those eight-bell ringers who have attained the Treble Bob standard and aspire to ring the higher methods, will find the new book, 'Method Splicing,' a good stepping-stone. Why? In the methods detailed therein, there is a large variety of work and hints on mastering new methods, which, on being thoroughly learned, will be found beneficial when it comes to tackling Major methods.

Campanology is an interesting craft, but keeps its attractiveness very much in the background. For many, much tedious work has to be undertaken before the enjoyment comes. How many learners have given up when on the point of deriving some benefit from their labour! Chiefly, no doubt, because they thought there was nothing

more in it than hunting and dodging. Or again, there are towers where no variety is introduced, the same method being rung year in and year out, with the result that the young ones get 'fed up' and leave. Can anyone wonder? The heads of our calling and those responsible for training young ringers must make it attractive, and let the student see that change ringing is much more absorbing than at first appears. The present-day ringer calls for something better than that which suited his grandfather, but the trouble is to get hold of that something. I commend this problem to the members of the Central Council for their careful consideration, with a view to ultimately drafting a 'Course of Training' which will bring out the best with the minimum of effort, instead of the present happy-go-lucky methods which prevail, and the attendant waste of time as a result.

[Mr. Fidler's reply to Mr. Bibby's letter of last week reached us too late for insertion in this issue.—Ed. 'R.W.']

## OXFORD GUILD.

### TWO HUNDRED YEARS OLD AND STILL PROGRESSING.

The annual general meeting of the Oxford Society was held at the society's headquarters, Holywell, Oxford, recently, when a large number of members were present. The Master (Mr. W. Harris) presided, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Tolley), the hon. treasurer (Mr. V. Bennett), and the steward (Mr. S. Hounslow). The accounts for the year were passed as satisfactory, and show a balance of £3 13s. 6d. in hand.

After various sums of money due for ringing at All Saints' and Christ Church Cathedral had been paid out to the members concerned, Councillor C. H. Brown, on behalf of the society, presented a handsome clock to the Master on the occasion of his marriage. Councillor Brown said he had just left the Trades Exhibition, where he had been in company of the Mayor, whom he had almost persuaded to join him in coming to that meeting. He had acquainted him as far as he was able with the records and performances of the society during its 200 years' connection with the various towers, and said he was sure the Mayor would welcome the opportunity of being present at gatherings such as that. He expressed a desire that the society would extend an invitation to the Mayor to be present at the next meeting, when he himself would also be pleased to attend. He had been approached, he added, with regard to the new dance hall at Carfax, as the weekly practice in the tower on Saturday evenings somewhat interfered with the dance. This was rather a delicate point to settle, as, of course, the ringing had the prior claim, but there was no objection to the practice taking place a little earlier in order to accommodate the officials of the Carfax Assembly Room. He thought the society would be pleased to meet them, and so prevent any friction. In making the presentation, he said he felt it a very great honour to do so, especially as it was to one of the youngest Masters the society had ever had, and one who, he knew, had the society's welfare always at heart. It was his special pleasure to present the clock, on behalf of himself and his colleagues, with their best wishes for his future health and happiness.

Mr. Harris, in thanking Councillor Brown and the members, said he had been very happy in doing all he could for the society during his year of office, but had no idea that it was going to terminate with such a pleasant surprise. He hoped the new Master would be as lucky.

Mr. W. H. B. Wilkins was selected as Master, and Messrs. H. Tolley, V. Bennett and S. Hounslow were re-elected as secretary, treasurer, steward, respectively.

In reply to a question re the Washbrook Memorial, Mr. Wilkins stated that the dedication of St. Ebbe's bells would take place on Saturday, December 5th, at 3 o'clock. He had that day been to view the ringing chamber, and reported that five of the bells were already hung, and were awaiting the arrival of the other three from White-chapel.

Some discussion then took place with regard to the irregularity of payments made from time to time, and the consequent confusion which had resulted, and it was proposed by Mr. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. V. Bennett, that the society's rule on the subject should be strictly adhered to, Mr. Bennett adding a suggestion that all money received other than the regular annual amounts should be paid out on the society's quarterly nights.—This was carried. A few words by Mr. F. Payne on the advisability of pressing for the restoration of the bells at St. Peter's-in-the-East brought the meeting to a close.

Councillor Brown, before leaving, presented Mr. H. Tolley with a sum of money, on behalf of the members, as a mark of their appreciation for his untiring efforts as their secretary.

## WEDDING BELLS.

At Oswestry, Shropshire, on Tuesday, Nov. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Evans (conductor) 2, J. Hughes 3, H. Hughes 4, H. Jarman 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, E. Jones 7, R. Edwards 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of P.C. Fred Gehlert (Manchester City Police) and Miss M. Evans, of Oswestry.

## SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

We regret that, owing to the demands upon the space available for Sunday Service Touches, we are unable to undertake to insert anything less than a quarter-peal on eight bells and upwards, and 720 of Doubles or Minor. Many correspondents send us quite short touches for publication and they must not be disappointed if we are unable to find room for them.

**EGHAM.**—On Sunday, Dec. 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Peck 1, J. B. Hessey 2, H. Worsfold 3, A. Hiscock 4, E. Burley 5, H. J. Chaffey 6, S. G. Armstrong (conductor) 7, W. Perrey 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1 and 5.

**OXHEY.**—On Sunday morning, Dec. 13th, at St. Matthew's Church, a 720 Bob Minor: \*R. French 1, \*T. Norris 2, C. Leman 3, \*P. Bishop 4, H. Hodgkiss 5, F. W. Brinklow (conductor) 6. \*First 720 Bob Minor.

**HILLINGDON WEST, UXBRIDGE.**—On Sunday, Dec. 13th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: Miss P. M. Moss 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, P. E. Jones 3, E. Hancox (conductor) 4, J. H. Lucas 5, F. Corke 6, R. Carter 7, C. Nicholls 8. First attempt at quarter-peal in method by 5 and 6.

**HILLINGDON WEST.**—On Sunday, Dec. 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: Miss P. Moss 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, P. Jones 3, E. Hancox (conductor) 4, \*J. Lucas 5, \*F. Corke 6, R. Carter 7, \*C. Nicholls 8. \*First quarter-peal in this method.

**BRISTOL.**—On Sunday, Dec. 13th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, for evensong, 1,152 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. J. Brown (conductor) 1, Miss A. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, F. E. Tyler 4, P. C. Williams 5, R. C. Seager 6, H. T. Howell 7, I. Long 8.

**WESTMINSTER.**—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: F. I. Hairs 1, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 2, J. A. Trollope 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, W. J. Nudds 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, A. W. Coles 8, R. F. Deal 9, J. E. Davis 10. First quarter-peal of Norwich Royal by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.**—On Sunday, Dec. 6th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): \*F. Jennings 1, \*L. A. Bance 2, E. Talbot 3, A. Arnold 4, \*G. Jennings 5, \*J. Galyer 6, A. Trappitt 7, E. O. Denham 8, T. G. Bannister (conductor) 9, \*J. Avery 10. \*First quarter-peal of Caters.

**CIRENCESTER, GLOS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 29th, for morning service at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. G. Cook 4, G. Dore 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, J. Roberts (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 8.

**ST. ALBANS, HERTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 29th, at St. Michael's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 22 mins.: H. W. Bedford (longest length) 1, B. H. Swinson 2, B. Halsey 3, L. Turner 4, F. J. Spicer 5, Francis Kirk (conductor) 6. The average age of the ringers is 19 years.

**ERITH, KENT.**—On Sunday, Nov. 28th, for confirmation service, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: F. Stagg (longest touch) 1, F. J. Cullum, sen. 2, W. Axtell 3, L. J. Cullum 4, E. J. Petti 5, F. J. Cullum, jun. (conductor) 6, J. S. Morton 7, O. Robinson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Queen Alexandra.

**WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.**—Rung on the eve of Armistice Day, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the men of the parish who lost their lives in the Great War, 1914-1918, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins.: A. Furborough (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Thorpe (first quarter inside) 2, J. Taylor 3, J. H. Beale (conductor) 4, W. Thorpe 5, R. Pond 6.

**LAWTON, CHESHIRE.**—On Sunday evening, Nov. 8th, for the Armistice service, and in memory of D. Booth and T. Rigby, late members of the above tower, killed in the war, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260) in 44 mins.: G. Biddulph 1, E. Harper 2, W. Rigby 3, T. Arrowsmith 4, W. Longman 5, J. Wildblood 6, J. Booth (conductor) 7, R. Arrowsmith 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman inside for 1, 4, 5 and 7, and longest length conducted by 7th in any method. All are members of the above tower.

**ECTON, NORTHANTS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: A. Johnson 1, F. Pinney 2, C. Tebby 3, H. Tebby 4, A. W. Robinson (conductor) 5, F. Harbutt 6. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. F. Robinson, churchwarden.

**GRAVESEND.**—At St. George's Church, for Divine service and the eve of the Rector's 42nd birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Avis 1, S. Sandford 2, G. Ambrose 3, W. J. Beer, sen. 4, E. J. Beer, jun. (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, G. Morrad 6, R. Smith 7, E. Hadlow 8. Great credit is due to the conductor, who has only been a ringer a little over 12 months, and has already rung eight peals.

**READING, BERKS.**—On Sunday, Nov. 1st, for evensong, at St. Giles' Church, Reading, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: H. Osborne 1, L. T. Osborne 2, A. Evans 3, E. Humfrey 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, A. Jeffery 7, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Oxford by all.

**ELTHAM, KENT.**—At the Parish Church of St. John the Baptist, for morning service and the anniversary of the opening of the bells, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes): F. Fraser 1, P. Spice 2, G. Durling 3, \*C. A. Bines 4, \*Capt. W. Anderson 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, \*J. Hurrell 7, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 8. \*First quarter-peal.

**WANTAGE, BERKS.**—On Sunday, December 13th, before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Gregory 1, H. C. Mulford (first on a bob bell) 2, A. Mayo 3, E. Hudson 4, E. A. Gregory 5, W. Seymour 6, R. G. Rice (conductor) 7, E. White 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 8th. With the exception of the conductor all are Sunday Service ringers at this church.

**BECKENHAM, KENT.**—On Sunday, December 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Parker's twelve-part): W. Smith (conductor) 1, H. Hawkes 2, W. Hollamby 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. King 5, G. Wickens 6, F. Terry 7, W. Meek 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector.

**TOTTENHAM.**—At All Hallows', for evensong, on Dec. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe 1, H. W. H. Strickland 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. J. Ellis 4, H. Ellis 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

## QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S DEATH.

**WINDSOR.**—On Saturday, November 28th, following Queen Alexandra's funeral at St. George's Chapel, Windsor, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: W. Phipps 1, W. P. Cross 2, H. F. Hunt 3, T. Farr 4, T. Smith 5, J. W. Croft 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, J. H. Copley 8.

**EDENBRIDGE, KENT.**—On November 28th, 1,740 of Stedman Triples, with bells fully muffled, for the death of the Queen-Mother: R. Jenner 1, E. Leigh 2, W. Leigh, sen. 3, E. Jenner (longest in method) 4, G. Malvan 5, E. Cullison 6, J. Hearnman (conductor) 7, W. Leigh, jun. (longest length) 8.

**CAERLEON.**—On November 27th, at the Church of St. Cadoc, on the occasion of the funeral of Queen Alexandra, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: \*A. Sparks 1, F. R. Bolton 2, \*T. Sargent 3, H. Shires 4, S. Jones 5, T. Lawes 6, P. H. Stafford (conductor) 7, G. Watts 8. \*First quarter-peal.

**SOUTHGATE.**—At Christ Church, on November 27th, after an unsuccessful attempt for Heywood's peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Armstrong (conductor) 1, A. R. Glascock 2, W. Pickworth 3, J. E. Miller 4, H. Miller 5, E. G. Tomlinson 6, N. Tomlinson 7, A. G. Crane 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Queen Alexandra.

## MUFFLED TOUCHES.

**CAERPHILLY, GLAM.**—On Saturday, November 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, rung half-muffled, in 45 mins., at St. Martin's Church: S. Addicot 1, W. Pike 2, E. Dare 3, P. Jones 4, H. Broughton 5, G. Cooke 6, A. Addicot 7, W. Dare 8.

**WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.**—On Friday, November 27th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled: Rev. F. R. Bonsey 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Bailey, sen. 3, C. Bailey 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, November 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. C. Bunn 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Charlton 3, Rev. F. R. Bonsey 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

**GODALMING, SURREY.**—At the Parish Church, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 48 mins., with the bells half-muffled: R. Pamment (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, C. Bish 2, W. Hooker 3, V. H. Smith 4, C. Childs 5, J. A. Cole (first quarter as conductor) 6, W. Moorey 7, W. G. Mills 8.

**PENDLETON.**—On Friday, Nov. 27th, at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Hollingworth (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Greenhalgh 2, S. Greenhalgh 3, A. Bailey 4, H. Chapman 5, H. Shuker 6, F. Page (conductor) 7, W. Howarth 8. Also on Saturday, Nov. 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Greenhalgh 1, S. James (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 2, A. Bailey 3, F. J. Steele 4, J. Ridyard 5, F. Page (conductor) 6, H. Chapman 7, H. Hollingworth 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

**LUTON, BEDS.**—At the Parish Church, on Saturday, Nov. 28th, with bells half-muffled, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: A. King 1, H. Walker 2, B. Wilson 3, A. Smith 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, T. Kendall 8.

**WRITTELE.**—On Saturday, November 28th, at All Saints' Church, with the bells half-muffled, 1,260 Stedman Triples: G. W. Sorrell 1, F. W. Edwards 2, H. Head 3, H. Edwards (first quarter of Stedman) 4, A. Head 5, F. G. Radley 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, T. Lincoln 8.



## NOTICES.

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**ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTH!** (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at \*St. Paul's Cathedral on December 29th, at 7.30; \*Business meeting afterwards. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not made 20 attendances in the past year to vote on financial matters, is now due.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frod-ingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

**LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**—The annual meeting will be held at St. Woolos', the pro-Cathedral, Newport, on Boxing Day, Dec. 26th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in Waters Lane Mission Room. Bells available before and after the meeting, and also the bells of All Saints.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Bolton Branch.—A representative gathering of the branch is requested for the meeting at Holy Trinity Church, Bolton, on Boxing Day. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec.

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**—A practice will be held at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Tuesday, Dec. 29th, at 8. Meetings for January: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 3rd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 4th, at 6.30, followed by the quarterly business meeting at 8.15, and the 18th, at 7.30; St. Mary's, Lambeth, Tuesday, the 26th, at 8. The annual general meeting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 13th. Full details later. Please reserve date.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

**SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Holt on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting to follow.—F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Tower open 2.30. Meeting 6 p.m. Nominations for officers will greatly oblige. Will members please make an effort to be present? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (NOTTINGHAM),** Established 1672.—The annual meeting for election of officers will be held on Saturday, Jan. 2nd. Ringing, St. Mary's, Nottingham, 2.30. Meeting 8 p.m. Amendments to Rules 3 and 12 will be proposed at this meeting. It is hoped members will be present. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—Loughborough District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Jan. 9th. The bells (10) of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry Campanile will be open from 3 o'clock onwards. The foundry will be open from 2 till 4.30 for visiting ringers to see the recast York Minster bells. Will all members try to attend (election of officers)? There will also be a short social evening. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge for those who notify me not later than Jan. 7th.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

**BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS.**—Fifth annual dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday, Jan. 9th. Tickets 5s. 6d. each. Peals arranged during afternoon. University Buildings and 'Great George Bell' (9½ tons) on view, and will be rung (ticket holders only). Tickets may now be obtained of tower secretaries, officials and stewards, or direct from E. Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Jan. 9th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. **SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE. REPORTS TO HAND.** All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

**MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.**—The third quarterly meeting will be held at Eastwood, Notts, on Saturday, Jan. 16th. Bells (8) open 2 to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at Sun Hotel 3.45 p.m. Meat tea (2s.) at Sun Hotel, 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. Members requiring tea please notify Mr. J. P. Pollard, 20, Addison Villas, Eastwood, Notts, not later than Jan. 14th. Trams leave Upper Parliament Street, Nottingham, every 15 minutes. Buses leave Hippodrome every few minutes. Will members in arrears please pay up on or before this date, either locally or direct to me, specially noting Rule 4 (a)?—Ernest Morris, Gen. Hon. Sec., 24, Coventry Street, Leicester.

**SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS (NOTTINGHAM),** Established 1672.—Preliminary Notice.—William Doubleday Crofts' Memorial Dinner will take place on Saturday, Jan. 30th, at the Welbeck Hotel, Milton Street. Tickets, 4s. each, can now be obtained from the hon. sec., F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

## PUBLICATIONS.

'HANDBELL MUSIC.'—Catalogues from W. Gordon, 37, Norwood Road, Great Moor, Stockport.

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

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**GREETINGS.**

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Christmas, 1925.—Will all members and ringing friends please accept our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. — Robert E. Holloway, Ringing Master; William H. Hollier, Hon. Sec.

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CHISLEHURST.—On Thursday evening, Oct. 15th, at the Parish Church, the eve of the dedication festival, 224 Bob Major; 504 Stedman Triples: T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 1, J. Ford 2, P. Spice 3, E. Mounter 4, C. Brett-Smith (first 504) 5, R. Brett-Smith 6, P. Brett-Smith (first 504) 7, H. Durling 8.—578 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. S. Goodchild 1, J. Ford 2, T. Groombridge, senr. (conductor), 3, E. Mounter 4, C. Brett-Smith 5, P. Spice 6, P. Brett-Smith 7, R. Brett-Smith 8. Messrs. Mounter and Spice are from Bromley; the rest belong to the local band.

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